



# IN THE NEWS

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## A Passion that Spans Generations

This month we want to begin introducing you to a few people who have made an impact at Bonny Lea Farm, not just over the course of a decade or two but also across generations within their families!

Meet Doug Morash. Doug first visited Bonny Lea Farm at his father's side. A second-generation master cabinet maker and machinist by trade, his father Doug Evert Morash was hired by the Bakers when Bonny Lea Farm was being built in 1973. He managed the physical assets of Bonny Lea Farm from that point on until his retirement in the early 1980s, shortly after the current day residence buildings were built. Son Doug says, "Dad could build anything."

Following in his father's footsteps, Doug Edward Morash has been our Facilities Manager for nearly 13 years. He came to Bonny Lea Farm after a 33 year career with Chester Plastics and its successor, the Aluminum Company of America designing and maintaining machines. He manages a team of three people who together ensure that the buildings, grounds, vehicles and equipment at Bonny Lea Farm are in good safe operating condition.



Doug Morash has been the Facilities Manager at Bonny Lea Farm for 13 years. His father Doug Morash held the same position when Bonny Lea Farm first began in 1973.

For him, his commitment to the wellbeing of the participants goes without saying and he prioritizes his work based on their needs. He can be found arriving by snowmobile in the middle of the night in a snow storm and power outage to make sure that the generators are running or just as easily pausing on a spring day to fix the chain on a participant's bike.

**"It is one of the most rewarding jobs I have ever had. You know you are directly impacting the participants' lives for the better."**

- Doug Morash, Facilities Manager

Known among staff for being able to build or fix anything out of seemingly nothing or to devise a jig for nearly any task that participants encounter in their work or at home, he is always putting the safety and comfort of the participants first and juggling many priorities. Thank you Doug.

## Winter Blahs? Try Spring Cleaning. Bring your shredding to us!



Jan, Floyd and Lacosta enjoy working on the shredding crew. Floyd is always ready to help carry and weigh the confidential papers.

Find yourself looking for something to do? Maybe it is time to clean out your home office, get rid of those stacks of old magazines and newspapers?

In addition to our 50¢/lb confidential shredding service, Bonny Lea Farm also offers shredding for your non-confidential papers. Although there is no fee for non-confidential shredding, donations help with maintaining the equipment, buying the plastic bags for the shredders and other costs of offering the program. An added bonus is that our non-confidential shredding is used by the Greyhound Rescue Society as bedding for dogs in their care.

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## Good Times Gallery



## Bonny Lea Farm Welcomes New Staff

Over the past couple of months we have had the pleasure of welcoming a few new staff members at residence and day program. Not only do these new colleagues help ensure participants are receiving excellent support but they each also bring valuable experience, which will be an asset to the organization as a whole. We look forward to introducing them to you over the next few months.



Andrew, Bonnie and Tom welcomed Anna to Bonny Lea Farm.

**"I am happy to be here." - Anna**

Anna Silverman, has been hired as reserve staff for our day program. Anna, who has lived in the area for the past four years, brings over 10 years of experience in the field, which has included working with young people on the autism spectrum as a autism specialist and special education technician with the western Quebec school board serving the Outaouais, Pontiac and Abitibi-Temiscamingue regions. Prior to her focus on autism, she worked in residential and camp programs for a number of years. The participants and staff extend a warm welcome to Anna.

Top to bottom:

Amanda and Laurie Anne sharing a moment

Nancy is sporting her new glasses with Adam.

Kathy is feeling good about her Individual Program Plan meeting.

With her are her friend Josh, Residential Program Manager Philippe, and her mentor Matt.

Duncan loves shooting hoops and he is good at it! Watch out Harlem Globetrotters! If you haven't seen his video on our facebook page, check it out!

## Tax Season - A Time for Giving

Did you know that if you make charitable donations adding up to more than \$200 you receive up to 50% back? That's right. You give \$250, claim it on your income tax and you get up to \$125 back from the government.

How? The federal charitable tax credit on gifts over \$200 is 29% + the provincial rate in NS is 21% = 50%.

The government actually wants you to support your favourite charities!

For more details visit [www.cra-arc.gc.ca](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca) or talk to your accountant! Plan now for your 2017 giving.

## Giving Made Easy

### Annual Fund Drive - Now!

Mail in your form, visit [www.bonnyleafarm.ca](http://www.bonnyleafarm.ca) to make a gift online or call us at 902-275-5622 ext.241.

### Memorial Gifts

Remember a loved one by making a gift in their memory.

### United Way Campaign Now!

Name South Shore Community Service Association (Bonny Lea Farm) as your charity of choice for your workplace United Way campaign.

Our charitable number is: BN# 11915 8459 RR0001

### Tribute Gifts

Have a special occasion approaching? Consider asking guests to make a tribute gift or give a tribute gift to someone who has "everything".

Visit [www.bonnyleafarm.ca](http://www.bonnyleafarm.ca) and go to 'Ways to Give' or call Liz at 902-275-5622 ext. 241.

## Mark Your Calendar!

### Upcoming Events

May 20 - Blue Nose Marathon

TBC - Plant Sale & Breakfast

August 6 - A Lobster Lover's Feast

September 10 - Benefit Golf Tournament