



IN THE NEWS

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So Long but not Farewell

To say she's made a mark is an understatement. Over the years Jane Rafuse has contributed a great deal to the organization's success. She first came to Bonny Lea Farm to attend karate classes, which were held in the evenings in the gym. She met Trudi Curley who encouraged her to apply for a term position at Bonny Lea Farm's Thirsty Thinkers' Tea Room, which evolved into a career spanning almost 30 years.

"It has been a privilege and pleasure to work with the participants all of these years. It is not what we have given them but what they have given us," reflects Jane.

Over the years Jane has worn many hats, from vocational instructor to departmental manager and has appreciated the opportunities offered for professional development. She has embraced furthering the delivery of our participant centred approach and enjoyed the reality that no two days are the same.

"Working along side our founder, Dr. Alberta Pew Baker, on occasion was an honour. Her vision and passion were a huge motivator in the work I have done."

For nearly 30 years, she has guided the Individual Program Plan process for participants, and has been happy to see it evolve to where it is today - focussed on the participants and with them in the drivers' seat.

While she has served on several committees, she has also been the inaugural chair of both the Quality of Life and the Golf Tournament Committees.

With a growing role in Human Resources Jane has been involved in recruiting and training new employees and, has been a certified MANDT instructor for a number of years.

Being tasked with fundraising and public relations, Jane has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars towards supporting our enhanced programs—through the fund drive, grant writing, events and laying the ground work for gifts in wills.

Often the face of Bonny Lea Farm in the community, Jane built relationships with donors and supporters and other organizations, representing the organization by speaking at Lions' clubs and other events.

Jane's daily presence will be missed by participants and staff when she retires on December 1. But, we may be able to entice her to volunteer every now and then!

Mark Your Calendar

November 23-26	Victorian Christmas - Sales/Booth
November 25-26	Father Christmas Gourmet Food Market - Sales/Booth
November 28	Thanks for Giving Open House
November 30	Lunenburg Market - Info Table
December 2-3	Father Christmas - Sales/Booth
December 2	Hubbards Market - Info Table
December 3	Chester Market - Sales/Booth



Jane Rafuse is retiring as Association Support Coordinator on December 1, after nearly 30 years at Bonny Lea Farm.

You're Invited! Open House: November 28

If you volunteer or make donations to Bonny Lea Farm, or if you would like to learn more about what we do, you are invited to drop by our "Thanks for Giving Open House", on Tuesday, November 28 from 2:00-3:30pm.

Why November 28? Charities across North America have marked the Tuesday following "Black Friday", the largest retail sales day, as a day designated to celebrating giving to charities.

We decided that we will use this Giving Tuesday, to thank all of you who give to us and to share what we do with the community.

Come discover the joy that your support helps to create: #independence, #productivity, #dignity, #self-worth.

Have you Wondered What Makes Bonny Lea Farm Unique?

Founded in 1973, Bonny Lea Farm is Nova Scotia's first and only service provider offering a one-stop all-inclusive residential, vocational and therapeutic program for adults with disabilities, which takes an enhanced holistic and individualized approach for each of our 35 participants. We also have ten participants living in communities from New Germany to Halifax who come for our vocational program one or more days a week.

What does that mean?

It means that while other organizations do some of what we do, no other organization in Nova Scotia does all that we do.

If a client lives with us, they are guaranteed a job with us. But we don't stop there. We have a participant-centred approach based on the belief that each person should be supported to make their own decisions and to live as independently as possible.

Each year participants develop a plan. They review what they have accomplished and set goals for the coming year. Staff shape their individualized program to support them in reaching their goals through our enhanced supports such as speech and language therapy, HEART program (physical wellness & nutrition), spiritual development, communication and behavioural counselling, community volunteer and work-placements and more – built around the unique needs and goals of each participant.

If medical or eye appointments are required, we arrange them, transport and accompany the participant and schedule any required follow up.

At home participants plan and prepare meals, complete household chores, do their own banking and shopping and go on many outings to the best of their ability and corresponding to their preferences.

We do not fit the participants to our programs, we shape our programs to fit our participants focussing on providing the level of support each participant needs to reach their own potential.

Giving & Tax 101 by Darcy Bears at Scotia Wealth Management

Did you know that when you donate publicly traded shares to your favourite charity you are entitled to enhanced tax relief? Scour your investment portfolio for any investments which may have increased in value. By donating this security, you receive a donation tax credit for its value at the time of its donation. In addition, (and here is the good part), any capital gain on the security will be eliminated. The greater the capital gain on a security the better it is to donate. If you still like the shares, you can always buy more with the cash you may have otherwise donated to the charity.

How it works:

You own \$10,000 in public shares for which you paid only \$1000. If you donate the shares, rather than selling them and donating the cash, you receive a donation tax receipt for \$10,000 and eliminate a capital gain of \$9000.

You could be saving \$2450 by eliminating the gain and saving \$4500-5000 in taxes with the donation. A win-win for the donor and the charity!

A Photo Story

A spontaneous visit by the Million Dollar Bus team on November 4, gave the participants an opportunity to showcase Bonny Lea Farm. Rose delivered a great speech outlining our history & mission.



The participants explained their home life and the work they do in a mini-trade show & demonstrations we set up.



When they left there were hugs and this group photo.

