



IN THE NEWS

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We're 45!
Empowering people with disabilities since 1973.



Raising Spirits & Independence

If you've met Larry Tanner, you know his energy, work ethic, and sense of humour. If you have ever seen him heading home or to work here at Bonny Lea Farm, you have likely remarked at his speed. We would never want to slow him down, but we do try to help him stay safe.

That is why Larry is happy with the progress of our Smoothin' for Cruisin' project funded by donations to Team Bonny Lea Farm. The project has been resurfacing the route between home and work that participants use every day, making Larry's and the other participants' daily travels easier and safer.

Team Bonny Lea Farm raises awareness, self-esteem, physical wellness and funds to be used on projects identified by the participants.

Tom Clancey enjoys the personal challenge of raising funds with his sponsor sheets, walking the route, taking part in a community event, being cheered on from the side-lines and having his brother Liam take part.

Floyd Thompson no longer walks with Team Bonny Lea Farm, but has found his own way of participating in their events by being the official team cheerleader. Raising the spirits of everyone he meets.

With gifts ranging from \$1 to \$1500, you helped Team Bonny Lea Farm raise \$10,300.67 towards completing their paving project.

If you would like to make a donation to the Team or a team member give us a call at 902-275-5622 ext 241 or donate online at www.bonnyleafarm.ca. No gift too big, no gift too small.

Awesome Austins!!

Here at Bonny Lea Farm, Debbie often shares news of the newest members of the clan being born, or of the accomplishments of nieces and nephews, not to mention siblings' birthdays, and more. Her family is very important to her.

We want to give a special thank you to the Austin Clan for their tremendous outpouring of support for Debbie's participation on Team Bonny Lea Farm.

This year Debbie's friends and family from across North America - from Cape Breton to Vancouver and the USA too - showered Debbie and Team Bonny Lea Farm with their love and support, giving over \$1800. Debbie raised over \$50 with her pledge sheets too.

Coordinated by Debbie's sister Merlene, through emails sharing the link to Debbie's personal donation page, the clan pulled together.

At 65, Debbie was Team Bonny Lea Farm's oldest member to complete the 5km walk. (For more about Debbie check out page 4 of our Annual Report at www.bonnyleafarm.ca.)

“We are so proud of Debbie for walking 5K at age 65. She does all the hard work.

Our extended family and friends donate because Bonny Lea Farm is Debbie's safe haven in the world.

The Austin and Laidlaw families treasure Debbie and want to help to ensure Bonny Lea Farm continues to thrive for many years to come.”

- Merlene Austin



The Difference One Year Can Make

You may remember Laura from our Annual Fund Drive appeal letter. After a year of living and working at Bonny Lea Farm, Laura shared how she feels.

“ I am happy. I am where I want to be, doing what I want to do. The staff have taken the time to learn about me and my disability and have found ways to help me grow. That’s the first time that has happened for me. It has made a huge difference in my life. I feel like I am living again.” - Laura Glazier, Participant

Through giving to the fund drive, which raised nearly \$58,000, you are a part of changing lives like Laura’s. Thank you.



Teesa Dempsey (artist), Joe Stackhouse (Life Member) and Bonnie Baker (participant) are shown with the portrait of our Founder, Dr Alberta Pew Baker, unveiled at our Annual General Meeting on June 18. Anne Flinn was recognized as a Life Member for her many years of dedication and service to Bonny Lea Farm. We celebrated the year that was and spoke with anticipation of the year to come.

For more please read our Annual Report online at www.bonnyleafarm.ca.

Lobster Lovers' Feast - August 5

Tickets on sale now! 902-275-5622 ext 221

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Lobster Lovers' Feast

August 5

Annual Benefit Golf Tournament

September 9

Call today to purchase your tickets or register your team! 902-275-5622 ext 221



Debbie and Nancy enjoyed baking bread with Bonita on one of their “semi-retirement” days; a weekend visit to Hatfield Farm by Rose and Liz; Hansi started his garden at Hamilton House; Toby and Josh were pleased with their finish in the Chester Cut ‘n Run; the New Germany and Area Lions’ Club dropped by with a donation of \$2000 towards the Church House roof project; Chester Basin, New Ross, Chester Lions’ delivered their \$800 donation to Team Bonny Lea Farm’s paving project; thank you to Team RBC and all of our other Plant Sale & Breakfast volunteers!!