



IN THE NEWS

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



Hansi and Robert Manuel (front row far right) singing in St Stephen's Anglican Church Men's Choir



Laura (on right) with Brian and Lynn at Shubenacadie Wildlife Park

In the Community

In collaboration with Robert Manuel, Board Member

It started with Hansi joining the St Stephen's Men's Choir a couple times a year. Now, he attends full choir rehearsals and sings every Sunday. Recently his brother Anton joined him.

Not only are they singing in the choir, they have become active members of the congregation, attending events such as pot luck suppers and the Men's Breakfast, where they were joined by Ronnie.

People have noticed and commented on how helpful they are. At a recent event no sooner had the meal ended than Hansi, Anton and Ronnie were wiping tables, folding chairs and putting everything away.

When one congregation member asked if she could hug them, they struck up a conversation about Circles, a class they have taken at Bonny Lea Farm that teaches about boundaries, personal space and healthy relationships.

Reverend Wissler commented that "We are happy to have them participate to the fullest of their ability."

The involvement of participants in the community brings what we do at Bonny Lea Farm to others who may not otherwise engage with participants, allowing them to experience the participants' abilities, as well as the sense of fulfilment they gain through these interactions.

Hansi, Anton and Ronnie's involvement is enabled by Robert and Bonny Lea Farm staff providing transportation.

Why do we raise money? (Part II)

In collaboration with Laura Glazier, Participant

Some of you may have read Laura's column last month about why we raise money, which included how some of the funds have recently been used. In this column she explains why we need to continue and shares what some of our current projects are.

The dishwasher in the Day Program kitchen has been broken for some time. So far we have purchased a new one, but there is significant work that needs to be done to replace the floor in that area and prepare for its installation.

In residence, new siding and a number of new windows were installed this summer. We will continue to make upgrades across the organization to improve participant comfort and energy efficiency and also decrease heating costs.

Fundraising continues for an automatic generator system for all of our homes so that when the power goes out the lights and basic services will not be interrupted, improving participant comfort and safety.

We are currently supporting our aging participants by offering semi-retirement and seniors programming for some older participants. This need will continue as half of all participants are over 50 years of age.

Work is underway to plan for a new home to be built here at Bonny Lea Farm that will offer specialized supports for participants as they age.

There is always lots going on! Call us to learn more.

Good Times Gallery



Trophy winners and Best Dressed (men), Team Black & MacDonald, shown with presenting sponsor Scotiabank, Jack Keith (on left) and Ocean Contractors, Scott Flemming (on right).

Annual Benefit Golf Tournament

On Sunday, September 9, 144 golfers from across Nova Scotia gathered at the Chester Golf Club to have fun and raise funds for Bonny Lea Farm.

We are so grateful for the many prize donors, hole sponsors and 36 teams who registered for the tournament, as well as the volunteers who helped to make the day go smoothly. With their generous support the event raised over \$32,000 to help us deliver our mission to empower adults with intellectual disabilities.

We were also happy to see the number of hands that went up when our emcee Jack Flemming asked how many were first-timers at the event. There were new faces on teams that have played for years and there were a few new teams as well!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this day a success!



TOP to BOTTOM: Special Olympic Golfers' Putting Challenge; Team Bonny Lea Farm with Nathan Hughes, Ira and Brenda Huskins and Ernie Blundell; Dan with Jodie Tanner our summer student; Tom, Ruth, Otto and Kathy hamming it up at our 45th Birthday Bash!

September was busy we can't begin to include even a sampling of our photos!

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