



IN THE NEWS

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Empowering people with disabilities since 1973.



Wacky Wednesday with Laura, Laurie-Anne, Larry and Morgan; Josh and the Gibson House bottle rocket; Joanne showing her tie-dyed t-shirt.

The Smiles Tell it All

While the world struggles through pandemic response and recovery, the staff at Bonny Lea Farm have been doing their utmost to support participants and engage them in light-hearted and fun activities.

Participants are looking forward to returning to work in our social enterprises and being able to visit with family and friends, but they have also been making the most of their time in lockdown.

Frequent walks and bike rides around our large property; online yoga with their beloved Didi; afternoon activities in the courtyard and tennis court house-by-house are just a few of many parts of their new routine. Some specific projects have been tie dying, bottle rocket competition, arts & crafts and planting garden planters.

Many of these activities would not be possible without the outpouring of support from the community and family members to help fund some of the additional costs for supplies. We would like to extend a particular thank you to those who “bought” Arts & Crafts Lover’s Kits and Garden Lover’s Kits for through our Facebook appeal. We share a few pictures in on page 2.

We are also grateful for the support of the 100 Bluenosers Who Care, who selected Bonny Lea Farm as their charity of choice at their May meeting. All proceeds raised will go towards ensuring that our elevator at Day Program receives it’s scheduled maintenance and is licensed and ready to go whenever we are able to welcome participants back to work in that building. We also look forward to the day when we are able to begin operating our Day Program and seeing our Day-only participants again.

We have a lot to smile about!



Operation Appreciation - Staff & Business Editions



These signs posted on the driveway at Residence together with some along Hwy 14, reading “Essential Workers Work Here: Honk for our Heroes”, as well as personalized Thank You notes for each staff member, were all part of *Operation Appreciation* for Bonny Lea Farm staff recognizing their incredible dedication and determination in keeping participants healthy and active over the last two months.

The past two months have presented new ways of doing things for all of us. Here at Bonny Lea Farm it has meant the introduction of many protocols designed to maintain the health and safety of participants and staff and keep Bonny Lea Farm Covid-free.

Changes have included: no work at day program for participants, reassignment of staff to cover days at home, stringent cleaning and hygiene routines, procuring and wearing personal protective equipment, receiving and delivering daily temperature checks, conceiving and offering new and interesting activities to engage participants in staying active, all while maintaining the balance that ensures all participants are still having the opportunity to learn and grow.

Recently each staff member received a personalized heartfelt thank you note from Board Members. We are also pleased that the province has recognized our frontline workers as essential staff, meaning that they are eligible for the same pandemic bonus as health care workers. Thank you to those family members who wrote letters to provincial representatives on our staff's behalf and Board Members who wrote notes for staff.



Ronnie, Bonnie, Bryan and Lynne joined in Operation Appreciation.

We are also publicly thanking local businesses who have helped to ensure we have the supplies we need, including: Chester Pharmasave, Chester Building Supplies, Chester Home Hardware, Spidle's Independent Grocer, Eastern Office Supplies, Cumings Fire & Safety, 3D Forge, Windsor Home Hardware and Spitfire Signs.



Top to Bottom

Tom with a bouquet of flowers for Bonita; Dan out for a ride; Hansi fixing his garden box to prepare for planting; Liz and Philippe, Catherine, Debbie and David planting our Garden Lover's Kits for each house; Steve Foran from Chester Building Supplies and Kim Geldart from Chester Pharmasave being thanked for their services during this time.

For more photos visit us on Facebook.

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