



# IN THE NEWS

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## Gathering for Good

Otto Van Barneveld and Ruth Duggan and their extended family believe in helping others and making the most of every day opportunities. So when they put the word out to family and friends about our recent Lobster Drive-Thru Trunk Sale the response was amazing.

“It was easy,” said Otto and Ruth. “We sent the word out and everyone responded. Some came here and some had their lobster at home.”

On the Sunday of the August long-weekend, Otto would typically spend a couple of hours as part of our Cracking Team, kibitzing with other team members as they pre-cracked 600 lobsters for our Lobster Lovers’ Feast.

When we needed to change our event this year to adhere to public health protocols, Otto and Ruth decided that they would host their own gathering. With the lobster from our event and tables scattered around their yard, family and friends enjoyed the tasty crustaceans and each other’s company - from a distance. Some of the guests even strung together a garland from the lobster bag tags made by participants.

“It was a great afternoon. When everyone finished and before they left, Otto thanked them for coming and told them how much we had raised for Bonny Lea Farm. They liked that.” shared Ruth.

Thank you Ruth and Otto and everyone else who supported our event this year. We couldn’t be more grateful.

## Lobster Fundraiser A Success

2020 has been a year of change. For us, we either needed to cancel our longstanding lobster fundraiser or find a new way of continuing on. We chose to find a new way, planned our first ever Drive-Thru Lobster Trunk Sale, and are thankful for your support.

**LOBSTERS SOLD** 385  
**AMOUNT RAISED** more than \$20,000



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## David, 52

David loves to socialize but he is also very conscientious and works hard. So it came as little surprise to some when he said Bonny Lea Farm means "Good Work" to him. David works in the Kindling Crew and the Greenhouse. Both areas offer a structured work environment where he is an important part of the team - getting the kindling ready to bundle; keeping the greenhouse clean and tidy and preparing paper for shredding. He was looking forward to planting in the spring, before COVID-19 interrupted those plans.

To finish reading about David and for other impact stories, facts and figures from 2019-2020 check out our Annual Report at [www.bonnyleafarm.ca](http://www.bonnyleafarm.ca) or call us at 902-275-5622 to receive a copy.

## ZOOMING Through our AGM

Last month we held our Annual General Meeting via Zoom for the members and Board of the South Shore Community Service Association.

Among the highlights were welcoming two new members: Catherine Collins and Doug Sharpham; expressions of gratitude by Board Chair, John Biebesheimer for the extraordinary efforts of management and front line staff to serve and protect participants during the pandemic; the presentation of the Annual Report and the election of the officers.

### Bonny Lea Farm Board of Directors

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### Life Members

Jack Flemming	Anne Flinn	Joe Stackhouse
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## Photo Gallery



### Top to Bottom (left to right)

When the need for self-isolation lifted we were happy to welcome Adam back to his home at Bonny Lea Farm; Toby and Skip wave the Newfoundland and Labrador flag with their winning "Morey's Dory" entry in the tin boat challenge; Tom puts his house's tin boat to the test and ties for first place; Laurie-Anne and Larry tie-die some pillowcases; Betsy Holt displays some of the masks she made and donated to Bonny Lea Farm; John is out for a drive.