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In the News!

I Pads and the Benefits of their Use for People with Disabilities

The I Pad is a device that many enjoy recreationally, but many people with disabilities benefit from what it has to offer as a functional tool. Our participants can enhance and develop their communication skills, learn how to adapt to situations, and develop social skills. The “touch” feature of this device has made it exceptionally accessible. This is so important for people with fine motor challenges. There is no mouse, keyboard or pen to manipulate. As a form of communication I pads with one touch can give a person without a voice the ability to communicate a need or to express a feeling.

Susan has now expanded her usage of the I pad to include reading books, doing crossword puzzles and recently Sudoku! A great way to expand her mind. Susan is educating herself which fosters independence, self motivation and nurtures creativity in being able to try different activities.

When funding permits, we wish to provide more participants with these devices that will open up many functional activities thereby increasing independence at work, at home and in the community.

“If you are someone with a disability, having something that other people are using makes you feel like part of the in-crowd.”

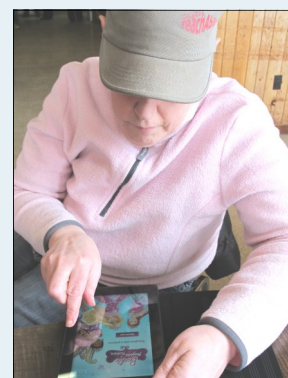
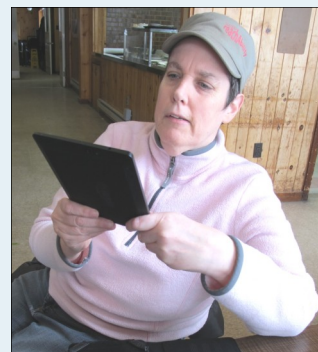
Michelle Diamant, Cofounder of Disability Scoop, a source for news relating to developmental disabilities.

Susan touching the I-pad Kindle screen to access the activity she wishes to use next.



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Donor Feature– Eve McDermott



Eve on a cold winter's day in Halifax.

Eve is a loyal donor who has supported Bonny Lea Farm since 1990. Eve has her Masters Degree in Education specializing in working with international student at St. Mary's University via the English as a Second Language Program. Working in the field of social services, the importance of the treating all people with dignity and respect was what initially intrigued her with our work. Having vacationed on the South Shore as a child, her parents would often talk about Bonny Lea. ***"Bonny Lea was an innovative model not an institution, but a community within a community. My observations today from visiting the Farm and meeting the participants, they feel valued. They are happy and productive. I feel drawn to the spirit of the place. You can see the positive impact immediately. The transparency of this organization is evident, and donations will continue to ensure its success."***

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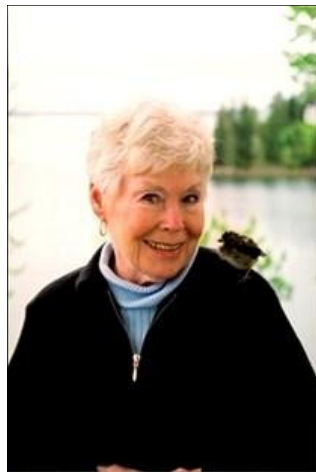
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Jason using the shredder.

In Loving Memory



Lynn Fiske



Dean Salsman

This year we lost a couple of very dear people to us. Their contributions to Bonny Lea Farm were invaluable and we wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of these special individuals.