



IN THE NEWS

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Lobster Lovers' Feast - Another Successful Year!

Sounds of singing. A gentle breeze. The smell of lobster and the sizzle of the bbq. The overwhelming support of family and friends. This is what we remember from our Lobster Lovers' Feast on July 31.

Because of you, we are to help ensure that the forty people who call Bonny Lea Farm home and the more than ten others who come for the day, have the opportunity to learn, grow and succeed - setting goals, making choices and engaging in their community in meaningful ways. We are grateful for your support.

Because of you, tickets for our largest fundraising event of the year sold out before the event even started.

FUN WITH NUMBERS

600 = the number of lobsters served

80 = the number of steaks served

more than 50 = the number of volunteers who gave of their time for the event

more than 50 = the number of lives touched by your support

HOLD THE DATE: Sunday, August 6, 2017 - Our next Lobster Lovers' Feast



TOP: Board Member Rachel Martin with Blair.
BOTTOM: Mary's family

Rachel's Experience

Rachel is a Board Member here at Bonny Lea Farm. She faithfully serves as treasurer and on a number of committees. As the Lobster Lovers' Feast approached she knew she wanted to try something different.

So, in addition to signing up for her volunteer job of ticket table attendant, she also sat down at her computer and invited 30 of her friends and neighbors to purchase a take-out dinner ticket and join her and her husband Donald at their cottage. She also included a link to our "This Little Light of Mine" video. Not one person said "No".

A few days before the dinner we provided her with a sign for the end of her driveway, a banner for her deck and a few brochures. The day of the dinner, she picked up 23 take out orders when she finished her shift at the ticket table and went home to greet her guests. Ten of her "guests" chose to come to Bonny Lea Farm to eat dinner so that they could see what we are all about with their own eyes. Here is what Rachel had to say:

"It was just so easy. And, we had a wonderful time. I would do it again."

Mary's Family's Experience

Mary was an intern here at Bonny Lea Farm a few years ago. When the Lobster Lovers' Feast approached she asked her family if they would like to come volunteer so that they could experience just a taste of what she had come to know about Bonny Lea Farm.

This year, Mary's family returned for their second year. Her Mom Dawn wrote to us. Here is what she had to say:

"It is always such an amazing and fun way to spend a great day. As busy as it gets there is always time to smile, laugh and get a few hugs in! We come home tired and hot but feeling really good having helped an amazing cause for such an amazing group of people."

As Mary says: "It is the happiest place you will ever be!" - and it definitely is."

Thank you to Dawn, Fred, Mary, Ryan and Anthony and all of our other volunteers for helping to make the event a fabulous success.

A Portrait of Quiet Determination

A beautiful smile, an easy going nature and a great sense of humour are among the first words people use when they describe Jan Elliott.

Jan is one of the original five participants of Bonny Lea Farm, living here for nearly 30 years and attending school here as a child before then.

Jan's Mom, Marci, explains that Jan is also a survivor. "Since birth she has overcome many health issues. Time and again she has proven everyone wrong and has surpassed everyone's expectations. She is very determined. She is a real joy."

When asked how Jan and her family feel about Bonny Lea Farm, her Mom says, "She loves it. Everyday. I don't know what we would ever do without Bonny Lea. Jan is happy. She is content.

She enjoys working and earning money and she sure likes to spend it."

Her vocational instructor in the kitchen, Darcy, says that Jan is a valuable team player who works hard and keeps everyone smiling. She also checks in on her co-workers with a "You okay?" every now and then.

Although Jan has been here at Bonny Lea Farm for most of the past 40 years, she is continuously growing and learning.

"Even now her ability to express herself, is improving. She is using sentences we've never heard before. It is wonderful to see," Marci comments.

We asked Jan how she feels about Bonny Lea Farm. She just smiles.



Jan Elliot is shown here participating in the Winter Carnival fashion show.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday, September 11

Annual Golf Tournament

Call Jane: 902-275-5622x224

Licensing Renewal an Annual Rite of Passage

We have just completed our annual scheduled licensing inspection from the Department of Community Services as required by the Nova Scotia Homes for Special Care Act. Although the scheduled visit happens only once a year there are also unscheduled visits, which occur unannounced and at any time during the year.

We would like to thank our staff for the work that you do all year round to ensure that Bonny Lea Farm not only is home but feels like home for our participants, while also meeting all of the licensing requirements of the province that ensure that our homes are safe, healthy and support the well being of those who live here.

We wouldn't be what we are without your constant commitment and dedication. Thank you.



Rose, at home doing laundry

Community is a SURE Thing - A Story of Corporate Sponsorship



Growing up Norman knew first hand the impact a family run business could have on a community. His parents owned and operated ME Countway & Sons - an established family enterprise. He learned that local businesses had a role to play in supporting community events, good work and important causes. We are grateful for this. Now as owner of SURE Courier, Norman is continuing this tradition as a strong supporter of the community and the work we do here at Bonny Lea Farm, as a corporate sponsor for our Lobster Lovers' Feast. Thank you Norman and the SURE Courier team.

We Can't Say Thank You Enough: Barb & Carla

We've said it before, but we're saying it again. It takes a lot of volunteers to pull off the Lobster Lovers' Feast. We'd like to recognize two more people who helped to make this year such a success. Board Member Barb Carthew committed to selling 20 tickets to the Lobster Lovers' Feast. She surpassed her goal! Thank you Barb. Carla Carver and the New Germany Lions Club recruited 13 volunteers. When asked how she does it, Carla simply says, "I just keep asking!"



Volunteers Juanita Holmes, Kevin Healy and Carla Carver.