



IN THE NEWS

November 2016



TOP: Team Bonny Lea Farm
BOTTOM left-right: Residence walkway before and after resurfacing.

Dignity + Respect = :)

We believe in making every day the best that it can be and promoting a safe and healthy workplace. This also means making sure that staff have the skills and resources to do their part.

That is why over the month of November many staff took a day- long Mandt refresher course to review and strengthen some of their skills.

The Mandt System, based on principles of dignity and respect, teaches how to build healthy relationships in human service settings to promote emotional, psychological and physical safety.

One of the many mantras in Mandt is: "In this place and with these people I feel safe."

Just looking at the smiles on the faces of participants lets us know that it works.

Smoothin' for Cruisin'

Update on our Blue Nose Marathon Project

Back in May, Team Bonny Lea Farm sought sponsors for the Scotiabank Blue Nose Marathon Charity Challenge. We set a goal of \$7500 to begin resurfacing walkways at residence. With your support we blew the lid off of our goal and raised nearly \$9500!

Earlier this month LaHave Paving arrived to do the job. Indeed, they not only did the job, they gave us a "discount" so that we could resurface all of the walkways at residence within the amount of funds we raised! Thank you LaHave Paving!

The participants and staff have commented that they knew the walkways needed work, but didn't realize how bad they were until they used the new, ultra-smooth and bump-free, walkways!

Stay posted for Team Bonny Lea Farm news. Our goal for next year will be to continue Smoothin' for Cruisin' all the way to Church House!



EVER WONDER IF YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
Personal Dignity & Worth through Productive Living

Annual Fund Drive

Our Annual Fund Drive kicks off next week! Check your mailbox & inbox for more details or go straight to www.bonnyleafarm.ca and click "Donate Now".



Staff Training

Staff from both residence and day program participated in a one-day Mandt System refresher. Shown left to right are Pat Bates, Broadening Options Instructor; Liz Finney, Fund Development Director; Justin Fraughton and Rose Corkum, Residential Counsellors.

Joanne's Wish - We're more than half way there!!

With a donation of \$3500 made by the New Germany and Area Lions we are more than half way to our goal of \$45,000-\$50,000 to purchase a wheel chair accessible van!

Not only did the Lions make a generous contribution to the van project, they also invited us to join them in celebrating a visit by Nova Scotia District Governor, Claire Burnell.

With Lions' Clubs from across Nova Scotia in attendance, the District Governor lauded the substantial contributions made by Lions everywhere, but paid particular tribute to the achievements of the New Germany and Area Club. Way to go Lions!

We are grateful for the support Joanne's Wish has garnered to date and look forward to making her dream a reality and being able to purchase the van in 2017.



Joanne holds up the cheque for \$3500 from the New Germany and Area Lions.
Liz presents King Lion, Donnie Fancy with a certificate of thanks.



Every Now and Then Miracles Happen

Catherine was born with down syndrome. Growing up an only child, her compassionate and caring nature brought great joy to her mother and me. As older parents we knew we would need to find a home for Catherine where she would continue doing the things she enjoys and be part of a community after we were gone.

We heard about Bonny Lea Farm and came for a tour. Everyone was so happy. Catherine loved it. Afterwards her mother and I looked at each other and said, "Are you thinking what I am thinking? We found the home for Catherine."

We wanted what was best for Catherine. With Bonny Lea Farm, we knew we found it. That was in 1988, and I feel the same way today. Every now and then miracles happen. For us, it's been Bonny Lea Farm. At my age it gives me great comfort to know that Catherine is happy and has a place she calls home. - *Tom, Catherine's father*

Giving Made Easy

Annual Fund Drive - Soon!

Mail in or visit www.bonnyleafarm.ca

United Way Campaign - Now!

Name South Shore Community Service Association (Bonny Lea Farm) as your charity of choice for your workplace United Way campaign. Our charitable number is: BN# 11915 8459 RR0001

Tribute Gifts - Anytime

This Christmas consider giving a tribute gift to someone who has "everything". Visit www.bonnyleafarm.ca and go to Ways to Give or call Liz at 902-275-5622 ext. 241.

HOLD THE DATE!

We have a few dates coming up for you to mark on your calendars!

November 23	Annual Fund Drive Kick-off, Coming to your mailbox or inbox
November 24-27	Victorian Christmas Market, Lordly House, Chester
November 26-27	Gourmet Food Market, Father Christmas Festival, Mahone Bay
November 30	Our Christmas Tree arrives!!
December 3-4	Gourmet Food Market, Father Christmas Festival, Mahone Bay
December 4	Christmas Farmers' & Artisan Market, Chester Legion
December 8	Participants' Christmas Party — Participants only
December 14	Christmas Dinner — For Participants and Families only
December 23	"Barely Making It At Christmas" - fundraiser for Bonny Lea Farm presented at Chester United Baptist Church—ages 12 and up
December 23-January 3	Day Program and Businesses closed for Christmas Holiday

Good Times Gallery



Liz taking attendance; Rose presenting a Thanks for Giving certificate to Kim Geldart of Chester Pharmasave; John, Dave and Ronnie meeting up with Jack at the Remembrance Day ceremony in Chester; Ben enjoying the yoga retreat; and fairy princess Holly at the Halloween dance.