



IN THE NEWS

Empowering people with disabilities since 1973.

March 2020

We're All in this Together

We are in uncharted territory. The current pandemic precautions have reached further into our communities than any other event in recent history.

Bonny Lea Farm has been closed to visitors since March 16. At first participants remained busy working in our social enterprises - shredding confidential papers for clients, making wipers out of donated cotton jersey and flannel sheets, planting seeds and seedlings in our greenhouse, assembling planters in our workshop, cutting and bundling kindling, preparing meals in our kitchen and getting things ready for The Shop on Central's coming season.

However, as of March 20, consistent with guidance from the provincial government, we closed our Day Program entirely and participants are remaining in their homes. Our staff are making every effort to keep this time as routine, enjoyable and stress-free as possible for participants (more on page 2).

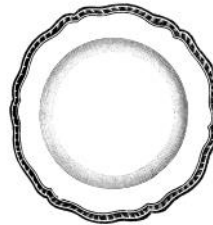
While we cannot accept visitors, we have set up a number of other options to keep in contact with families and the community:

- **Email** your messages for Participants to vsmith@bonnyleafarm.ca. We will print & distribute them daily.
- **Drop off** a gift, card, or letter to our Drop-off box (wooden planter) located by our Day Program Main Entrance Door.
- **Message** our Facebook page to schedule a FaceTime/Skype meeting.
- **Mail** something to Bonny Lea Farm at: PO Box 560, 5 Collicutt Road, Chester, NS BoJ 1J0
- **Check** our facebook often for updates on what we are up to on site here at Bonny Lea Farm.
- **Donate** via mail or online.

Thank you for thinking of us!

On the Lighter Side

We have a few comedians in our midst. Here are a few jokes that have been circulating:



What did one plate say to the other plate?

Don't worry, dinner's on me.
- Rose

What flies but doesn't have wings?

Time - Joanne



What goes up and never comes down?

Your age. - Kathy

What did one toilet say to the other toilet?

You look flushed. - Rose



How many times do you tickle an octopus?

Tentacles!

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This type of disruption to routine without a known “end date” is difficult.

Not being able to go to work, visit with family or go out in the community is as difficult for participants as it is for any one of us.

At home, participants have been keeping busy going for walks around Bonny Lea Farm’s property, doing yoga, playing UNO and more!

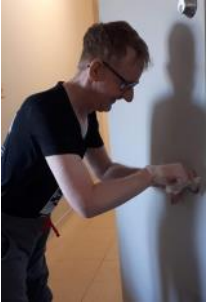
Many are also engaged in helping to keep up with stringent cleaning and disinfecting practices.

We have put in place measures to ensure our operations are sustainable and review new information daily.

We are grateful for the efforts of our staff to remain flexible in meeting the challenges each day brings.

For our customers, we apologize for any inconvenience in not being able to get our products or services to you.

We look forward to being able to return to our usual operations when permitted.



At Home

Morgan playing UNO and Larry disinfecting door handles.

BONNY LEA FARM UPDATED EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL 25

Juke Box Musical - POSTPONED

JUNE 6

Annual Plant Sale & Breakfast - TBC

JUNE 7

Team Bonny Lea Farm - Cut ‘n Run - TBC

Did you know?

- Bonny Lea Farm is lucky to have 776 supporters who have made at least one donation, supported an event or volunteered with us in the last 12 months.
- Our smallest individual donation this year was \$1.00, while our largest was \$20,000. Each gift helps.
- Leaving a gift to Bonny Lea Farm in your Will helps to ensure that we are able to continue to support people living with disabilities in the future. All you need is our charitable number CRA #119158459RR0001.

thank you!

Photo Gallery



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Spring is in the Air! Sue, Joanne and Debbie crafting; Jan lightening the mood with some funny faces; Laura crafting; Sonya, Laurie-Anne, Lynne and Haylee (HEART Instructor) crafting.