



IN THE NEWS

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Amanda working on Wipers



Ashley busy shredding



Duncan cleaning pots in the Greenhouse

After Ten Months Day Participants Are Back at Work!!

In addition to the 36 participants who live at Bonny Lea Farm, we host 10 day participants who work in our social enterprises.

These day participants returned to work at Bonny Lea Farm this week sporting masks and smiles, after being away for ten months due to COVID restrictions. Although things look a little different for them, the opportunity to come to work, if only one day a week, is something they have been looking forward to for a long time!

Participants who live at Bonny Lea Farm have returned to work with their house-mates, one day a week.

We are so proud of participants and staff as they continue to follow mask protocols, maintain social distancing, practicing hand hygiene and limiting exposure between homes and participants.

Thank you for your support, which has enabled us to keep our programs and buildings running during this time.

Confidential Shredding - We are accepting shredding by appointment only. No donations please. Call Alex at 902-275-5622 ext 231, to book your drop off time at least one week in advance. Please leave a message.

Busy Times With Lots Going On

Good-Byes & Hellos - Over the past few months two long-time participants moved to long-term care homes. This was a bittersweet time. For participants and staff, we said "see you around" to two very special people. As a result, a number of moves between homes took place, which brought some excitement. We also recently welcomed two new participants to our homes. Welcome Jillian and DJ!

Much Needed Upgrades - Fire Alarm System Upgrades at Residence are moving forward. The parking area at Residence has been expanded to allow for more space and easier movement. Day Program has a new storage shed to store wipers donations for a decontamination period before they are brought into the building, thanks to a grant from the United Way of Lunenburg County. Please no donation of items yet. We will let you know when we are ready!

We're Rolling Up Our Sleeves - Bonny Lea Farm is pleased to be in Phase I of the COVID-19 vaccine roll out. This means that over the coming weeks and months participants and staff will receive the vaccine. In fact, some already have.

Those who have received it are happy to report that the process is very well organized.

Christmas - Merry and Bright

For many, this Christmas was a lot different than what we are used to. We were overwhelmed with the number of people who reached out to us to ask if they could do something for participants at Christmas. We were shown too many kindnesses to list them all, but we would like to give you an idea of the wonderful surprises that came along with the Christmas season:

- Gifts from Santa and Mrs. Claus were delivered on doorsteps of our homes by staff, while Santa and Mrs Claus Zoomed with participants.
- Two wonderful elves, Karen McInnis-Nauss and Joanne Corbett, and their helpers ensured every participant received a gift bag filled with thoughtful items.
- The uncle of a former participant arranged for Tim Horton's treats for participants and staff.
- One staff member used her photography skills to take beautiful portraits of participants.



Doug Morash standing in front of our new Wipers storage shed

Retiring but Not Stopping

The Board of Directors has accepted, with regret, the resignation of two members of our Management Team. Sharon LeBlanc, Work Centre Manager for South Shore Work Activity Program, will leave her position in April after over five years of guiding the growth of that program. Doug Morash, long-time Manager of our Maintenance Department will retire in June. Doug's wealth of skill has been a tremendous benefit to our organization whether it has been creating jigs to help participants complete a job to ensuring our buildings and vehicles meet expectations for compliance and licensing.

* We are currently hiring for Doug's position: www.bonnyleafarm.ca/careers/

Both Sharon and Doug have made significant contributions to the success of South Shore Community Service Association. We know they will continue to share their talents and skills and have more time to enjoy some of their favourite activities. as they move onto the next stage of their life journey. Please join the Board of Directors in wishing them good health and much fun!

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We were not able to host our Annual Christmas Dinner for participants, staff, families and Board. Instead, we had a special lunch for participants and staff, two houses at a time. Bonnie and Hansi enjoy their Christmas lunch.

Lots of crafting activities took place. Sonya and Liz show their handiwork.

Larry kept a close watch on the parking lot expansion at Residence.

The management team at Residence got a little festive! Shown are Philippe, Joanne, Sheila, Karen George and Matt.