



# IN THE NEWS

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Empowering people with disabilities since 1973.



Lynne delivers a hand-crafted cedar planter to Starfish volunteer Cynthia Myers.



We're not sure who was more excited. Karen, working behind the counter at BLF staff member Jewel seeing Karen fulfil this dream!

## Starfish Partnership

When community members think beyond themselves and outside of the box, for the greater good, great things happen!!

Our friend, Cynthia Myers, contacted us about collaborating on an awareness and fundraising initiative between Bonny Lea Farm and local refugee resettlement organization, Starfish Reunites. She connected us with other volunteers who were organizing an online auction and dinner.

The idea was for cedar planters made by participants in our Workshop to be painted by local artists and then auctioned off. Proceeds were split between Bonny Lea Farm and Starfish Reunites'. Through this joint effort coupled with a Starfish fundraising dinner, several thousands of dollars were raised towards bringing more members of a local Syrian family to our community.

Participants were proud to be involved in helping others and thrilled to see the planters they made used as canvasses showcasing local artists.

## Smile Cookie Crazy!!

Given how much participants enjoy a trip to Tim Hortons, we thought it would be great to partner with a local Tim Hortons for Smile Cookie day. Over the past three years, we reached out to a few of the nearby locations to express our interest.

This year we were lucky to be chosen by the team at the Mahone Bay Tim Hortons and owner Mike Cook, as their charity partner. We are so grateful to Lisa for suggesting us!!

Seizing the opportunity and to help the community get to know who we are and what we do, between September 13-19, 21 participants and 11 staff took turns going to Mahone Bay to greet customers, serve cookies and say "Thank you" for supporting us. For some participants, "working at Tim's" was a dream come true!

We were blown away by how welcoming the staff and community were. More than 4500 cookies were purchased, with all proceeds to benefit participants at Bonny Lea Farm.

## Open for Business!

We are accepting orders and payment by phone, with curbside pick up for our products, following current public health guidelines. Cash payment may be made at office at time of pick up.

### Confidential Shredding

**Call Alex at 902-275-5622 ext. 231**

- Our confidential shredding service is accepting document deliveries by appointment only.

### Greenhouse & Garden

**Call Evelyn at 902-275-5622 ext. 227**

- Contact us to place an order for Hot Pepper Jelly, Dried Herb blends or to inquire about what other products may be available. If you do not get through try Sharon at extension 221.

### Handy Wipers

**Call Sarah at 902-275-5622 ext. 228**

- Our Handy Wipers crew have 5lb and 20lb bags of wipers ready to sell.

### Kuttin' Kindlin' Crew

**Call Wade at 902-275-5622 ext. 237**

- Please call to place your Kindling order.

### Workshop

**Call Kevin at 902-275-5622 ext. 229**

- Place an order for a hand-crafted cedar planter by email at [kwilson@bonnyleafarm.ca](mailto:kwilson@bonnyleafarm.ca)

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### Life Changer

Lisa's first visit to Bonny Lea Farm was serving at our Lobster Lover's Feast a few years ago as part of her workplace RBC Team Action Grant, where a group of employees give of their time matched by a donation from RBC. She was struck by the overwhelming sense of community. Here is her story, in her own words.

"I knew after my first visit, it would not be my last visit. It became a question of what can I do? I don't live in the community, so I couldn't be there to volunteer all the time, although, I have been back to volunteer at the Plant Sale & Breakfast. I knew I wanted to do something to make a difference. So, I began making monthly donations.

I knew my support would make a difference in the lives of people with a disability, fostering their independence, their wants, their being their true authentic self.

Bonny Lea Farm is an inclusive, safe and welcoming place. Participants are respected and placed in the center of everything. The focus is on their fulfilment. They have purpose. The people who work there genuinely care.

Sharing my story is one more thing I can do. If even one person decided they can commit to making a difference after reading my story, I will have accomplished something."

*"I knew after my first visit, it would not be my last visit. When you visit, you know that good things are happening there."*

*- Lisa Hurlburt  
Volunteer & Monthly Donor*

### Lobster Fundraiser & Annual Benefit Golf Tournament

With your tremendous support, both of our fundraising events this summer were a great success, raising more than \$55,000 combined.

More than 375 lobsters were purchased. Our largest order was from Otto Van Barneveld for 20 lobsters!!

The golf tournament had 144 golfers with 36 registered teams, 3 presenting sponsors, one hole in one sponsor, a breakfast sponsor and 17 hole sponsors.

See our website for more details.

 **THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

*Together we make a difference.*



### We've been busy making the best of these challenging times.

Above: Day Program Coordinator, Stacey wishing former participant Duncan all the best as he begins a new adventure in Antigonish; Harvey Flemming presents Ashley and Sonya with a donation on behalf of Clarke Lodge #61; Hansi, Ronnie, Adam, Kathy, Jack and Floyd at the Annual Benefit Golf Tournament; Celine, Lisa and Jessica, some of the Tim Hortons team