



IN THE NEWS

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Bonnie Celebrates Success

When Bonnie sat down for her recent Individual Program Plan meeting, she proudly presented her accomplishments and set her sights on some new goals for the upcoming year. She was happy and excited to share these with her support team. Everyone agreed Bonnie grew while adapting to changes during the many disruptions of the past year.

One change she wanted and worked hard on was making room in her apartment for a new stationary bike. She has since purchased this bike, maintains the space for it, and rides it regularly. She planted a small garden box where she grew tomatoes and enjoyed adding them to salad. Bonnie continues to find great pleasure in buying fresh flowers for her apartment and feeding the birds nearby.

At work Bonnie is trying new things. She folds wash cloths, bags wipers, and prepares and shreds documents.

In the coming year, Bonnie plans to keep completing her goals including making mint jelly with the mint she has grown, and going for a sleigh ride at Ross Farm when there is snow on the ground.



Bonnie bagging Handy Wipers at using our new bag buddy.



Pat and dog Madden helped dispel vaccine fears

It Takes A Village...

Supporting Participants to Achieve 100% Vaccination

What do you get when you bring the trust participants have in the staff who have years of expertise in working with them (Philippe, Kathy, Darcy), together with the advice of doctors (Dobek and Callaghan) and a nurse practitioner (Nancy), a compassionate local pharmacist (Geoff) and a dedicated employee (Pat) with a her dog (Madden)?

You get one step closer to 100% vaccination of all participants.

Late last week, the two remaining participants, who fear needles and had not yet been vaccinated, received their first COVID-19 vaccination in the comfort of their own homes here at Bonny Lea Farm.

We are very proud of both participants for being so brave and we are grateful for their community of supports.

Well done everyone! And, thank you for helping to keep ourselves and others safe from COVID-19.

COVID-19 Community Update

Proof of Vaccination

Any one entering any of our buildings needs to provide proof of full vaccination.

Halloween Dance

Due to COVID-19, we will not be hosting our Halloween Dance for participants and friends.

Christmas Dinner

Sadly, we will not be holding our Annual Christmas Dinner for participants, families, volunteers, and staff this year. We will have a special celebratory meal onsite for participants.

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We are **THANKFUL** for you!



Thanksgiving dinner with the Church House crew

Fire Prevention Month & Staff Training

With more than 70 full- and part-time employees, training for our sector's core competencies (and more) is ongoing.

Since October is Fire Prevention Month, we took the opportunity to hold fire drills and ensure that all staff renewed their fire extinguisher training. All it takes is a few minutes, but the refresher could save a life.

Later this month staff will participate in Standard First Aid / CPR and Personal Care training.

All of our staff are required to maintain 7 Core Competencies:

- Fire & Life Safety
- Health & Personal Care
- Medication Awareness
- Individual Program Planning
- Crisis Intervention / Mandt
- Behavioural Supports
- Standard First Aid/ CPR-C



Doug coaches residential counsellor Tina, on using the PASS method

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 Sara 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

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How to use a fire extinguisher

PASS Steps:

PULL

the safety pin from the handle

AIM

the hose at the base of the flame

SQUEEZE

the handle

SWEEP

the flames low & slow

Truth & Reconciliation Day

Participants marked Truth and Reconciliation Day by spending time having important discussions, reflecting, and learning guided by staff member Keeley inspired by artist Terri Pennell.



Together we make a difference. ❤️