



Letter to Our Community

This year moved quickly, marked by some major transitions: welcoming several new staff and seeing a few retirements, moving the first residents into our new home in Chester, shifting our programs toward fair wage employment, opening our Employment Centre, launching our Strategic Planning process and winding down the South Shore Work Activity Program. All while continuing to offer individualized support for participants through community living and community-based activities shaped by their choices.

With so much packed into one year, adding a calendar to our Impact Report felt fitting. We hope you enjoy it.

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Our Vision

Each person who comes to Bonny Lea Farm has the chance to learn, grow and succeed.

Honourary & Life Members

Hiram Carver, Life Member
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July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Canada Day!	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Picnic in the Park 6:00-8:00pm	15 Picnic in the Park Rain Date	16 Picnic in the Park Rain Date	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
NOTES: Disability Pride Month Get your Claws for a Cause Lobster Fundraiser Tickets Now! Call 902-275-5622, online at: bonnyleafarm.ca/event/lobster-fundraiser/ OR use the QR code						

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Community Living - Charting Their Own Course

Bonny Lea Farm supports 40 adults with intellectual disabilities to live 40 different lives, in our 11 community living homes. Each person lives as independently as possible, self-directing the support they need, to do what they enjoy - from baking and leisure time to Special Olympics Golf and Swimming, and community involvement.

In late December 2025, we welcomed the first residents to our new home in Chester. In January 2026, we officially opened and named Flemming House on Berties Way.

The new homes not only offer individualized, accessible and barrier-free living, they are allowing us to reduce the number of people living in our other homes to meet the new standards set by the Remedy.



August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Lobster Tickets 					1
2 Claws for a Cause Lobster Fundraiser	3 Natal Day	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	NOTES:				



Camp, Hobbies & Other Pleasures

Enjoying life. Doing what we love. Trying new experiences. And spending time with friends and family, is important for all of us.

Over the past year, participants attended camp, planned personalized activity days, and explored their community—with transportation, staff support, and encouragement from Bonny Lea Farm. They visited farm markets, walked along the Halifax waterfront, attended car shows and concerts, went shopping, and so much more.



September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labour Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 45th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation			
NOTES:						





Discovering Abilities and Growing Opportunities

For more than 40 years, the South Shore Work Activity Program helped hundreds of people on the South Shore develop employment and life skills and gain meaningful employment in their communities. In 2025, the provincial government closed all work activity programs across Nova Scotia.

Over the last several months, we transformed 23 Collicutt Road into an Employment Centre and social enterprise headquarters, empowering adults with intellectual disabilities to build the skills they need for employment.

We now refer to this as the South Shore Work *Abilities* Program and Employment Centre, offering individualized training opportunities.

29 participants discovered new abilities at SSWAP during 2025-2026

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Thanksgiving	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween
NOTES: Disability Employment Awareness Month (DEAM) If you need employees, contact our Employment Centre at 902-275-5585						

Empowering people living with disabilities since 1973.





13 participants earn a fair wage in social enterprises

4 have jobs in the community

2 participants have become entrepreneurs, selling custom cutlery packaging



Transforming Work, Empowering Lives

During 2025-2026, participants working in our social enterprises transitioned to earning fair wages for their work at The Shop on Central, Wipers, and Kuttin Kindlin.

Some areas that were previously social enterprises - such as confidential shredding and the Greenhouse & Garden - have become community-based activities that participants can now choose to do

We have also created space and provided staff support for participants launching their own entrepreneurial ventures and generating their own revenue streams.

November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					
NOTES: Indigenous Disability Awareness Month						





Community Based Programs - Experiences that Matter

Participants enjoyed a variety of community-based experiences this year, based on their interests and designed to spark joy and personal growth.

Whether expressing themselves through art and music, spending time with animals, staying active, or sharing meaningful moments with others, these activities deepened relationships and built confidence and community. From therapeutic programs to social events and seasonal celebrations, participants engaged with their community in ways that felt fulfilling and fun.



December 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Giving Tuesday	2	3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities	4 Hanukkah begins	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		
NOTES: Give a gift that makes a difference. Donate to Bonny Lea Farm's Annual Campaign Online: bonnyleafarm.ca/donate/ OR Use the QR code to the right Call: 902-275-5622 Mail: Send to Bonny Lea Farm, PO Box 560, Chester, NS, B0J 1J0						

Together we are building a more inclusive community





Celebrating Community - Stronger Together

We are grateful for our community's support. You volunteer with us, serve on our Board, donate to our work, attend our events, give securities and gifts in your wills, tell others about us, and provide foundation and government grants. Thank you!

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Memorial Gifts - Honouring the lives & memories of friends and family

Aunt Imelda	Arnold Demone, Jr	Michael John
Susan Armstrong	Catherine "Cate" Drage	Edward (Ted) Kelly
Sheila Barkhouse	Marci & Eugene Elliott	David Carl Lancaster
Norm Beattie	Harvey Flemming	Jean Laugesen
June Briand	Aileen Frizzle	Gail McCracken
Bonnie Conrad	Kevin Healy	Betty MacNeil
Dwight Cleveland	Esther Ingold	Donna Myers Rafuse



Bequests - Friends who left a gift in their will

The Estate of Myrtle Demings
The Estate of Kevin Robertson

Tribute Gifts - For a special occasion or in thanks

Debbie Austin	Jack & Marion Flemming
Jim Barkhouse	Laurie-Anne Hughes
Judy Connolly	Rachel Martin
Gabe Croft	Donald Mitchell
Peter Drage	Karen Robertson

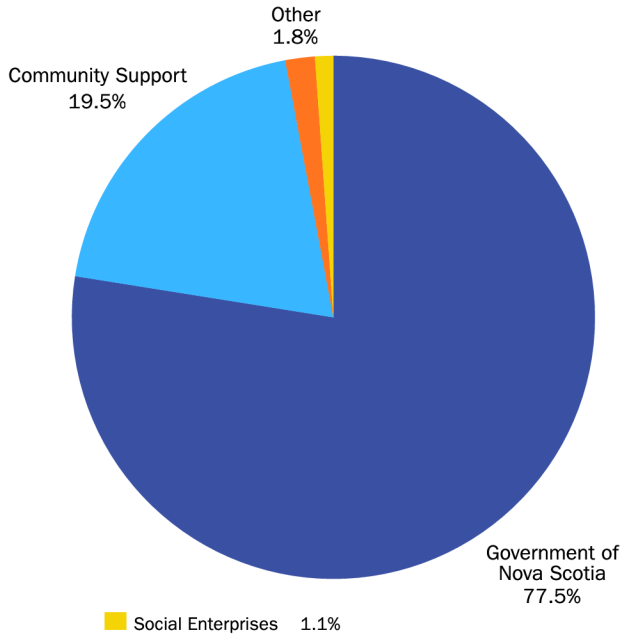
Third Party Fundraisers

Bill Nauss	Blue Nose Marathon
John Riley	Chester Girls Club
Kevin Robertson	Chester Golf Club
Maxine Schwartz	- Women's Division
Holly Van Barneveld	St. Luke's Parish
Amanda Walker	Stuart Carver Pool
John Whitehouse	Tournaments

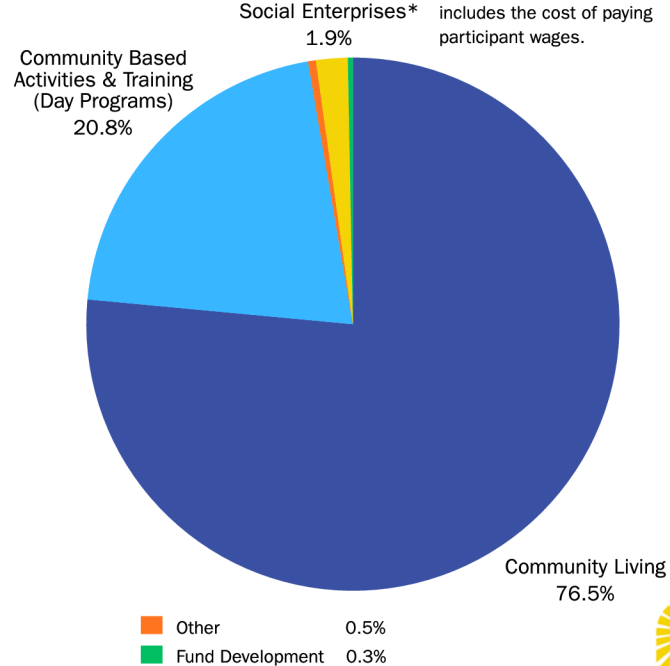
Financial Report

Overall 2025-2026 revenues remained consistent with the previous year, while expenses grew by over \$400,000. This is largely due to increased staffing and salary costs based on filling previously vacant positions and growing recruitment needs.

REVENUES = \$5.6 MILLION



EXPENSES = \$5.6 MILLION



About Us

Bonny Lea Farm empowers people with intellectual disabilities to lead self-direct lives in a community that welcomes and respects them as they are.

Each person who comes to Bonny Lea Farm has the opportunity to learn, grow and succeed.

We are a charitable organization in Chester, Nova Scotia, funded through government grants, private foundations, community supporters and fundraising.

Learn more about us!

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