



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

Dear Family, Friends and Community Partners,

We have had an amazing summer and fall at the farm! The grass was so green with all of the rain that it needed a lot of cutting. Equestrian classes were in full swing, and it was so much fun to arrive and see the children and young adults enjoying themselves with the horses. When I take my son for a walk, the goats come up to the fence and want attention and the chickens cluster around. Fall colors have been beautiful-the reds, oranges, and yellows creating this magical place for the families, residents, day participants and equestrian riders who value the safe, calm, peaceful environment and various activities Safe Haven provides. This has been my dream for my son, a forever place where he can live with dignity and meaningful life experiences. It takes a great deal of work and resources to care for the property and maintain its structures to provide this wonderful living experience.

Since 2010 Safe Haven Farms has been providing residential, daytime, and therapeutic equestrian activities to adults and children with autism and other

developmental disabilities on our 60-acre farm. Safe Haven Farms has been fortunate to have received your support over the years to turn this dream into reality. Together let's continue the dream!

Sincerely,
Pam Lockward
SHF parent and Board President









WALK ON FOR SAFE HAVEN FARMS 2022

Thank you to all of our "Walk On for Safe Haven Farms" sponsors and donors, with a special Thank you to The Knolls of Oxford and The Villas of Hamilton West for hosting two very successful neighborhood walks. Together we raised \$16,073 in total proceeds. Congratulations to the House 3 team - Four Horseman of the Arena for earning 1st place in this year's competition by raising \$6,653!

Equestrian Sponsors - Western Hills Veterinary Clinic, Fraternal Order of Eagles (Middletown) & Thomas Fey

Garden Sponsors - Daubenmire Printing Innovations, CertaPro Painters of Cincinnati/NKY, & Choices in Community Living

Special Recognition - Knolls of Oxford & Moose Lodge 501 (Middletown)

"WALK ON" SPONSOR SPOTLIGHTS

Western Hills Veterinary Clinic understands and honors the value of the human-animal bond and considers it a privilege to work with pet owners as a team to provide pets with the care they need for a long, healthy and rewarding life. Western Hills is located at 5622 Mosiman Road, Middletown (Madison Township) or to learn more go to: https://www.westernhillsvetclinic.com.





The statement "People Helping People" guides the charitable actions of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. As part of their charitable philosophy, the Eagles give back 100 percent of the contributions received. Thank you, Fraternal Order of Eagles - Middletown, for your generous support to the local community organizations who benefit from your caring spirit.

Friends of Safe Haven Farms Giving Circle provides more stability when donors pledge to give a specific amount each year for five years. When we know how much funding we will have years in advance, we can develop stronger plans for future projects and programs. In addition to providing SHF with necessary funds, the commitment of Giving Circle Friends also shows potential grantors that we have the backing of the community, which can play a role in funding even more opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities. Consider joining our Friends of Safe Haven Farms Giving Circle by returning the card below to Safe Haven Farms, PO Box 62034, Cincinnati, OH 45262. Thank you!

FRIENDS OF SAFE HAVEN FARMS GIVING CIRCLE

Gift of Choice – Gift of \$250 per year for 5 years replenishes supplies for our community center.

Gift of Community - Gift of \$500 per year for 5 years funds community outings for the residents and daytime participants.

<u>Gift of Growth</u> - Gift of \$1,000 per year for 5 years supports and grows our horticulture program.

Gift of Independence - Gift of \$2,000 per year for 5 years supports our therapeutic equestrian program.

Gift of Sustainability- Gift of \$5,000 per year for 5 years supports the yearly upkeep, maintenance, and administration of our 60-acre farm.

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Meet Farmer Jim

It was a wonderful summer day in June of 2010 when David and Sue Wilson helped their son, Jim, move into his new home at Safe Haven Farms. Jim had spent several years helping his parents on their farm just outside of Oxford, Ohio, so jumping into activities at SHF would seem pretty easy. Of course, Jim's favorite activity at the Farm is mowing the grass while listening to music through his headphones. He enjoys assisting Mike Rogers, our horticulture lead, in the gardens and the community supported agriculture program. Jim stays busy - on Thursdays he takes keyboard lessons from Laura, our music therapist, in the evening plays video games on his Xbox, and enjoys being creative with glass art classes offered in nearby Middletown. Jim also loves feeding the horses and caring for various animals around the farm. Jim has a wealth of knowledge to share on a wide variety of topics and has an amazing memory of details and facts. Safe Haven Farms is fortunate to have such a hardworking and caring resident who can make you smile during the most unexpected moments of the day.









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Butler County Fair Stars - Jack & Faith - Steal the Show

At Safe Haven Farms we offer adaptive riding and equine assisted activities. Jack and Rusty, our mini horses, provide that wonderful human and animal bond for therapeutic participants who may not be ready to ride Lucky, Merle, or Poco. A special opportunity came to the farm this past summer and her name is Faith Aker, a recent graduate of Madison High School. Faith had participated in 4-H activities her entire childhood never believing a horse project was a possibility for her. For several years, Faith participated in a project called the Horseless Horse. When our animal care coordinator/PATH instructor, Tosha Sargent, learned about Faith and her interest in horses, she decided to find the perfect horse to change all of that for Faith. This is where Safe Haven Farms stepped in, providing our mini horse Jack to Faith to fulfill the requirements of her 4-H horse project. Faith became only the second person in Butler County Fair history to participate in a horse project while in a chair. It was a project that included so many who came together in support of Faith and the impact she made during fair week 2022. Faith won several ribbons in ground poles and cross rails, but she took 1st place in showmanship! At the close of the fair, Faith cried when she knew her time with our beloved Jack had to come to an end. Happily, Faith is now a freshman at Miami University and doing wonderfully. Jack was happy to be in the spotlight, but now is back to serving the folks he has loved for the past 10 years at Safe Haven Farms.















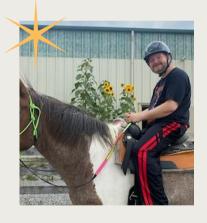






























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