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Safe Haven Farms
A Community of Choice

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The Safe Haven Way Fall 2021

Therapeutic Equestrian

Program to Reopen Spring 2022

Our Therapeutic Equestrian program for our residents, day program participants and area children with developmental disabilities is slated to officially restart Spring 2022. The equestrian program at Safe Haven Farms was delayed due to the pandemic and the need for a new PATH instructor to direct the program. We are happy to announce that our very own Tosha Sargent, who currently serves as our Animal Care Coordinator, will lead this program as our Certified PATH Instructor. Tosha would love to have those with equine experience sign up to serve as volunteer side walkers or assist her during PATH instruction.

For more information go to:
www.safehavenfarms.org



Dear Friends,

It's been a busy year here at Safe Haven Farms! It was wonderful to reconnect at events and celebrations with family, friends, and neighbors, and to develop relationships with new SHF supporters. We welcomed new staff, program participants, and mini horse, Rusty; we extended best wishes to staff, friends, and our dear horse, Sassy, all moving on to the next adventure. Through it all we have witnessed the resilience and growth of our farmers and see daily how your gifts have put so many smiles on their faces.

With your support, Safe Haven Farms works to advance our mission inspiring adults with developmental disabilities to pursue meaningful experiences each day. Through our programs, lives are transformed every day:

- Peter freely expresses his joy in everyday activities with his positive end of the day affirmations.
- Emily, our #1 Halloween fan, looks with hope as our holiday celebrations return to the farm.
- Alex eagerly shares his excitement with others as he cheers on his favorite sports teams.

These small victories, and so much more, give purpose and meaning to daily life at Safe Haven Farms.

Your past charitable gifts have built a community center, expanded our gardens, and provided daily programming enriching the lives of our residents and daytime participants. As a nonprofit organization, though, we rely on your continued support. Our advancements are possible with the help of donors, volunteers, and supportive community members like you – our mission is a 24/7 undertaking, and we need your support to continue this work and to thrive, as we look forward.

Perhaps you have a loved one at the farm, you are a friend to a family affected by a developmental disability, or a community member who simply wishes to ensure the future care of these special adults. Your support is an investment that secures the sustainability of Safe Haven Farms for many years to come.

All donations are greatly appreciated. Your gift expands our future and makes our vision a reality. Please give today for more smiles tomorrow!

With gratitude,

Janie Cochran
Executive Director, Safe Haven Farms

Farm life is a good life!

Event highlight >>>

Share the Love

Share the Love, delayed from February to June due to the lingering pandemic, was a much-needed return to normalcy with a grateful gathering of friends, family, and supporters of Safe Haven Farms. For the seventh year in a row, the Grand Finale graciously hosted our fundraising dinner with award-winning entrees and mouth-watering desserts!

Congratulations to the winners of the evening raffle! Tamara Botting will spend “Thanksgiving in the Rockies” staying at a condo in Estes Park; Sheila Cohen took home the “Ladies Only” package containing a new handbag, jewelry, a bottle of red wine, and plenty of gift certificates for pampering; Debbie Judd won the “Summer Fun” package for months of fun-filled activities; and Babs Kronenberg will dine at many new restaurants with the “Gift Card Bouquet” package!

Safe Haven Farms extends deep appreciation to these loyal sponsors for their continuing support: Impact Autism Foundation, McCloy Family Foundation, Truepoint Wealth Advisors, First Financial Bank, Fey Bruder Insurance, and the John and Shirley Davies Foundation. Your support as a sponsor, dinner guest, or donor enables Safe Haven Farms to pursue its mission to provide a safe and accepting environment where adults with disabilities live, learn, work, and realize a fulfilling future in a setting of their choosing!

We look forward to welcoming you to the 8th annual Share the Love dinner in Spring 2022!



Thank you to All Points North Foundation for providing the initial funding to bring solar energy to Safe Haven Farms. Third Sun Solar will install a 69 kW DC solar PV system. A pollinator garden of native plants will grow alongside the ground mounts. This new system will help reduce monthly energy costs, so that these cost savings can be reallocated to other vital farm programs. Safe Haven Farms plans to use this opportunity to educate the region about the benefits of solar energy – inviting local school groups and potential community partners to visit the farm upon this project’s completion.

Thank you >>>

Tom Weaver, Choices Executive Director, Retires after 35 years of Service



Tom with Pam Lockwood, SHF Board President

Members of the Safe Haven Board of Directors and SHF Executive Director, Janie Cochran, attended a retirement celebration for Tom Weaver. Tom was the Executive Director for Choices in Community Living, which provides the staffing and services for the farm. Tom had been with the organization for over 35 years as program director and then Executive Director. He officially retired June 30, 2021 and Trent Grooms has taken over as the new Executive Director. Tom was devoted to the mission of caring for persons with all levels of disability and he became a huge supporter of Safe Haven Farms. We thank Tom for his calm and caring presence and wish for him many new adventures on his journey through retirement.

Walk On for Safe Haven Farms

7th Annual Event – A time for beautiful weather and catching up with good friends!



Saturday, October 2nd was a glorious day for a fundraising event, especially when surrounded by family, friends, and devoted Safe Haven supporters. Over 100 walkers signed up to “Walk On for Safe Haven Farms” while raising \$18,219.

We are grateful to our sponsors for this annual event – Blevins Financial, Graydon Law, Fey Family, LPL Financial, Choices in Community Living, The Grand Finale, Warren County Board of DD, Butler County Board of DD, Butler Rural Electric Cooperative, Insurance Associates, Edward Jones – Gage Hemmelgarn, Knolls of Oxford, Cross Country Mortgage, Brubaker Grain & Chemical, & Western Hills Veterinary Clinic.



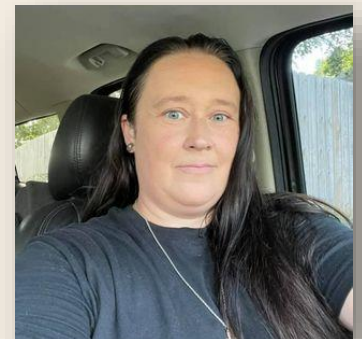
Halloween >>>



Always a favorite time of the year. Some clowning around, a pleasant hayride, and just trick or treating around the farm. Choices staff even dressed up their pets and some rogue members of “Snow White’s” crew joined in the fun. “Officer Jim” reported that everyone had a great day!

Meet Sarah Fraley

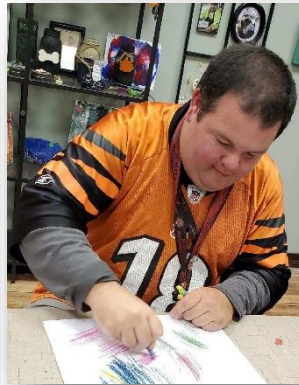
Safe Haven Farms is happy to welcome Sarah Fraley as our new property manager. Sarah, a native of Madison Township, is a recently retired deputy with the Miami County Sheriff's Department. Sarah moved back to Madison to be closer to her family and joining our team at Safe Haven made the move even more special. Sarah has years of experience working with animals and farm related needs. She lives on a small farm near SHF with her horses, goats, and dogs. Sarah has already won the hearts of our farmers and staff with her dedicated work ethic and friendly personality.



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