

"I am of the opinion that life belongs to the whole community. And so long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die for the harder I work the more I live"
- George Bernard Shaw

Dear Friends, Supporters of our work (S.O.W.),

As you know this has been a challenging year. Because of the physical vulnerability of many of the members who visit the Farm many of our programs had to be postponed so as to protect sensitive individuals who, if they did contract the COVID-19 virus could have become very ill. Because some of these individuals live in group home settings the chance of transmission of the virus from one infected person to other members of the household would statistically have been very high as the virus is highly contagious, and could cause widespread infection and a potential outbreak in the community.



We did have a few individuals visit the Farm and all CDC protocols (masks, distancing) were followed. People could come and pet the horses, and visit the gardens, see the new chicks and baby turkeys when they arrived in the summer, however, visitations were limited and the long visits had to be curtailed. But we did the best we could for our members under difficult circumstances. All in all we are Grateful for the opportunities we did have and it is always Wonderful to see our Farm bring smiling faces to those who come to visit and explore our fields and enjoy the companionship of our animals.

I'm writing to you Dear friend to ask if you could help us continue the Work of Ephphatha Farm and Community this work helps to bring agricultural experiences and Farm animal interaction to those who may not be able to access them due to physical or emotional challenges. Some of the challenges people are born with, while other challenges may be acquired through difficulties in life and circumstances. Either way the Journey of life, with these challenges, for these individuals can be lonely and very isolating. Here at Ephphatha Farm we welcome everyone, and through our understanding, our compassion and our offering people a community where they can be valued and honored, we provide an aspect of healing, and strengthen them on the Journey. We give to them..... but they give so much to us by their smiles, their Joy and their courage to continue. Our therapy horse Bodie smiles (do horses smile?....Ours does!) with great anticipation when the wheelchair van from the Skills programs pulls up and everyone disembarks greets him, and he neighs back!!!!





We are asking you to consider, to help support this Farm vision. A place of acceptance, welcome and healing.....Please help us SOW seeds of support, community, belonging and value to individuals struggling in society.

Our expenses of running the Farm are diverse and numerous: Feed for the animals, their veterinary care, physical upkeep of the stable, chicken barn, and paddock maintenance, pasture reseeding and fertilization (we use only organic materials) are just a few of our responsibilities to keep everyone healthy and happy.



We also have ramps in place for wheelchairs and walkers to assure access to individuals who are unable to walk, or unable to ambulate over uneven ground, upkeep of these structures are done seasonally....we hope to add a deck in the near future to view the farm pond from, and we are looking at the cost of construction to complete this project (Hopefully) for the Spring 2021. We are dedicated to the goal of providing accessibility to all who have to cope with physical challenges. It will take us some time to get there, But we strive little by little to achieve the goal of access for everyone.



Our major Fundraiser of the year had to be cancelled due to COVID and we are finding ourselves running short..... We are asking if it is possible to offer us a donation.....any size donation would be Greatly, Greatly Appreciated.....If you cannot support us financially please consider sending us your Good Wishes, Thoughts and Prayers, and come visit us in the Spring (COVID Vaccine will hopefully be available) !!

In the meantime accept our Sincere Thanks and Gratitude!! May the Season of the Returning Light bring you and all those you Love Blessings and Joy... From all of us at Ephphatha Farm and Community (We are so Grateful for All of You)

On Our Website WWW.EphphathaCommunity.org there is PayPal donation ability. If you would prefer to write a check our address is:

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