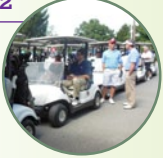




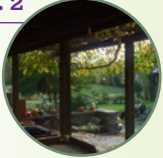
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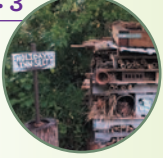
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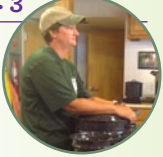
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WHAT'S NEW WITH VICTOR & JASON



It has been quite an exciting summer here at Homefields Residential! Victor rented a 30' Forrest River Camper, a first for Homefields Residential. Victor has been interested in luxury RVs for a long time, he always wanted to stay in one. Both homes hummed with anticipation as Victor prepared to go pick up the camper for the weekend. He rode along with the driver and was glad the driver took the scenic route back to Homefields!



Once the RV was parked, Victor gave us a grand tour, demonstrating how all the buttons work and showing us the sleeping quarters. We all enjoyed a picnic by the camper and hanging out. After "roughing it" for a night, Victor and Jason invited everyone to join them for games, crafts and lunch in the RV.

By the time Sunday rolled around, everyone was sad to see the camper go, wishing the camper could stay longer and hoping for another fun weekend with a new RV next year!



Jason hails from New Holland and has one sister. Jason graduated from Conestoga Valley High School. He moved to Homefields in 2010, when one of the original residents relocated to a home that could meet his accessibility needs. Jason has two roommates, Victor and Brian; the three guys get along well. He works fulltime at EARS, Ephrata Area Rehabilitation Services, with the Vocational and Advanced Training Units on Fulton Street.

Jason does sub-assembly work, he says Wind Locks are his favorite job; the work goes fast and it's easy. We asked Jason about his favorite things, and this is what he had to say:

FAVORITES:

Sports: watching the Philadelphia Eagles, horseback riding at Greystone Manor.

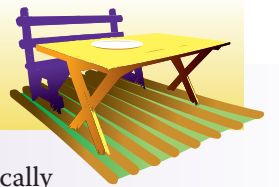
Things to do: playing games with housemates, listening to country music, going camping at Black Rock Retreat.

Foods: steak dinners, going out to Texas Roadhouse, having strawberry ice cream and yellow cake.

"I just like it here at Homefields, I like the long driveway and the farm." We're glad you do!

*Jennifer Harnish,
Residential Supervisor, CSG*

DINING IN THE FIELDS



100 days of harvest = 1 big day of dining locally and eating seasonally. Many of you joined us on September 7th for an encore (and some of you for the first time). Providence smiled upon us; the sun warmed our shoulders as we prepared for our guests and the sky stayed blue.

The centerpiece of Dining in the Fields is the food, the



miracle is how it all comes together. Local farmers and growers contributed to the bounty. Most of the food comes right from Homefields through "Goodwill at Homefields' Farm," a

vocational training program and Lancaster's oldest CSA.

The spread was ample, including familiar favorites, seasonal treats and rare dishes, like Lovage Pesto. Dishes to suit all palates? Yes! Dishes were labeled, making it easy for those with dietary needs to choose their meal. The dessert spread—scrumptious! Even folks who aren't vegan loved the Zucchini Brownies.

This year twice as many children hung out at the kids' tent for games and craft projects. Guests lingered, listening to the folk group *Indian Summer Jars* playing beloved songs and songs fresh from their latest release. A silent auction, new this year, added to the fun; giving guests another way to help the cause and grab a great gift at the same time. To add variety to the auction, local businesses donated



great packages (see page 4). Lancaster's Junior League and York's UNFI, United Natural Foods, Inc., provided volunteer staffing sourced from their respective community benefit committees. Many hands made light

work, as over 20 volunteers helped prepare, support guests and break down. Plans are underway for an encore in 2015. Hungry for more info or want to lend a hand with planning? Contact us at events@homefields.org, or call the office 717-872-2012. Thanks to all who joined us this time around and we're looking forward to seeing you in 2015.

Allison G. Hawthorne, Dining Chairperson

Want to be our neighbor?

INTERESTED IN LOOKING out over Homefields from your back porch every morning? Well have we got the place for you! It's 128 Letort Road: an 1860s, 4-bedroom farmhouse, complete with barn, multiple outbuildings, and two acres of land. Plus, purchasing the property (if you're currently a CSA shareholder) entitles you to a free half-share *for life*. And awesome views. And cool neighbors. Call David Foulk at (717) 393-0100 or email him at dfoulk@homesale.com. Details, a virtual tour, and many photos are available at: <http://bit.ly/1860sfarm>



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RESIDENTIAL MISSION:

To create financially secure, long-term homes for adults with special needs in safe, family-like settings where there is respect for the individual in a holistic sense, and fun and creativity are revered, as basic human needs.

VOCATIONAL MISSION:

To provide horticultural facilities for individuals who prosper with supported employment, to nurture integration through community interaction, and to cultivate a spirit of volunteerism within our community.

The official registration statement and financial information of Homefields may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.



Farmer Cameron



Cameron began working at the farm in 2010, he works part time at the farm. When we think of the farm we often think about growing, not mowing! Cameron is our champion mower, and keeps the farm looking spiffy.

HAILS FROM: New Holland. Cameron lives

with and has two brothers and a sister; a brother-in-law, a sister-in-law and two nephews

VOLUNTEERS WITH: Calvary Church, Eden Fire Company, Moravian Manor, Watch and Clock Tower Museum. Washing the fire trucks at the Eden Fire Company is one of his favorite jobs. Cameron participates in a community volunteer program through Excentia's Life Enrichment program.

BEST (AND HARDEST) JOBS AT THE FARM: Mowing, definitely and pulling things out of the ground, like potatoes. And, ugh—weeding...harvesting is hard because of all the bending!

Farmers laugh...we have a little rivalry going about sports teams, its fun to tease each other!

THINGS TO DO AND FAVORITES: Chocolate cake • All kinds of ice cream • Bowling on Wii • Sports team • Going to high school football games • Soaking in the sights and sounds in Ocean City, Maryland.

Everyone has challenges in life, Cameron tells us that one of his biggest challenges is being more talkative. We'll be listening...speak up anytime, and thanks for talking to us!

HOMEFIELDS

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL FALL CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Many would-be golf stars flocked to Overlook Golf Course on September 12 to help support Homefields in its 18th Annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament. Golfers set off in the morning and afternoon to earn their glory in a day that morphed gradually into a spectacular afternoon in the sun.

Thanks to our many generous sponsors and donors, as well as the groups of independent players who joined us, over \$24,000 was raised to benefit Homefields.

That great news only was supplemented by the wonderful time that all had in the process. The low scorers finished in the mid-fifties, thanks to the unusual games that are always part of a Homefields outing. Even most of the occasional golfer groups finished at or below par. That obviously encourages wonderful thoughts and hopes, even among the duffer clan.



Breakfast was provided for morning golfers thanks to Community Services group and lunch and dinner were available to all golfers present. The latter generously was donated by Miller's Smorgasbord. While no one won it, a TDI Volkswagen Beetle convertible was available for anyone who scored a hole-in-one thanks to Autohaus of Lancaster. A number of other prizes were awarded—without having to make a hole-in-one. Raffle prizes also pleased the golfers.

Number 19 already is in the process of being planned and the details will follow in the months ahead. Stay tuned for the information. Receive advance notices about Night Golf, next year's tournament, share a comment or ask a question: golf@homefields.org

Terry Blue, Tournament Chair

MOST SEASONED CSA *Jubilant Jujubes & Plenty of Paw Paws*

Fifteen seasons to reflect on...by now we're the most-seasoned CSA farm in Lancaster County. As this growing season winds down and the cold weather picks up, we look forward to resting over the winter. This year has been a cool one, but the crops did well in spite of it, for which we are grateful. We continue to expand our fields onto the "new" land acquired by Homefields, both to ensure room for our vegetable growing, and to keep our original farm acreage from being enveloped by homes. We are thrilled that Homefields took the risk to purchase that land to assure a bright future for the farm program.



Jujube photo courtesy of Sergio Presbitero under a creative commons license.

Growing trees is for those who persevere, eight years ago we planted paw paws and jujube trees. This year both gave enough fruit so everyone could have at least one taste, most had more. Paw paws are North America's largest native fruit; the flavor is something like banana, mango, coconut, pineapple and avocado mixed. The oldest jujube tree started to bear abundantly this year, and many shareholders were able to taste their first jujube. The jujube tree is widely grown in China and is hardy here, bearing large grape-sized dark tan fruits that remind one of a crisp, sweet, apple. Like paw paws and persimmons, they need little care and are bothered by few pests.

The farm staff, Elizabeth, Law Reh, and Kim, did an awesome job of plant and people care, bringing forth an abundant and high quality harvest. The farmer trainees, Brian, Scott C, Brad, Patrick, Matt, John, Del, Christina, Brian M, and Elliot, did a superb job of caring for and bringing in the harvest each week. Other



Pawpaw image courtesy of frogbelly under a creative commons license.

highlights include a ponderous pumpkin crop, tasty sweet peppers, tons of terrific tomatoes, ostentatious onion onslaught, marvelous melons and seemingly the best variety and quality ever in the Pick Your Own fields, thanks to special selection and care from Elizabeth. Thank you for appreciating and encouraging our work. We look forward to seeing you for gift box pick up. Enjoy the winter and the anticipation of spring that winter creates.

Sign up for the new season begins in December, it's never too early to think spring! We look forward to seeing you next year. To receive a \$20.00 discount, sign up at www.yourgoodwill.org/grow/homefieldsfarm by January 31st.

Scott Breneman, Farm Manager



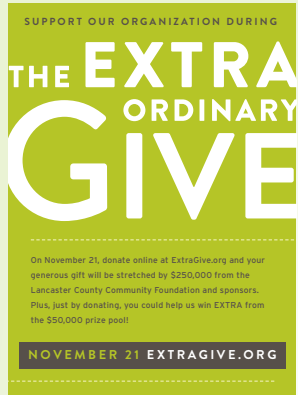
The Goodwill at Homefields Farm Gift Boxes project extends the season for farmer trainees and helps raise funds to seed the next growing season.

Order deadline is Dec. 6. Place orders by emailing sbreneman@yourgoodwill.org or calling us at 717-871-3110. Please pick up gift boxes at the Farm on Dec. 16 and 17 between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

GW at HF Farm Gift Boxes

THE SMALL GIFT BOX includes a packet of College Coffee Roaster's custom blend, "Goodwill at Homefields Farm" coffee, an eight-ounce bag of tasty Wilbur Buds, one eight-ounce jar of the local specialty Kauffman's Apple Butter and a bag of Snyder's of Hanover Peanut Butter Pretzel Sandwiches. **\$18.95**

THE LARGE GIFT BOX features everything in the small gift box, just more of it! It includes a ½-pound bag of coffee, a 10-ounce jar of Kauffman's Apple Butter, a 10-ounce Kitchen Kettle Village Pear Butter, and a bag of Snyder's of Hanover Peanut Butter Pretzel Sandwiches. **\$24.95**



Extraordinary...

On November 21, the Lancaster County Community Foundation will sponsor the largest day of giving in Lancaster County—The Extraordinary Give. Last year, over 20,000 people gave over \$3 million to local non-profit organizations. The Foundation stretched donations by \$250,000 and committed an extra \$50,000 in prize donations.

To make giving easier, the Give-mobile will travel to five local communities: Lititz, Manheim, Millersville, Elizabethtown and Columbia. Ending its tour at Lancaster's Penn Square, it will join the festivities at the downtown Marriott.

Visit www.extragive.org before midnight on 11/21 (it's only online and only for 24 hours!), donate securely, and see how Homefields is doing on live leaderboards.

When you give to Homefields during the EXTRAGive, your gift makes a bigger impact. Be inspired, watch last year's video at www.extragive.org. Join us as we expand opportunities for adults with ID/ASD and other disabilities and save farmland.



Christening of the "Critter Cribs"

THE RESULTS ARE IN! After an extensive and extremely creative contest, the judges have selected the official names for our two new insect hotels. Congratulations to Steven Stamatopoulos for his first place contribution, **THE POLLINATION STATION**. Dr. Erin Moss won second place with **THE HOLIDAY INN-SECT**. Kudos to Bev Schaeffer, for her third place entry, **WING AND STING INN**. The top two winners and families visited with us at Homefields recently for the dedication ceremony and tour of the grounds.



Special thanks to Ms. Rebecca McCabe, Millersville University alumni, and one of the co-creators of the insect hotels for supplying the attractive hotel signs.

Dr. Rich Mehrenberg

23rd Annual United Way Day of Caring



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH was a bright day for Homefields, through the efforts of Javita Thompson, Community Services Coordinator, and Dr. Rich Mehrenberg, over 20 pre-service teachers from Millersville University descended upon the farm. Leslie Hardy, a teacher at Penn Manor High School,

brought some of her students to join in the fun. Students worked in teams to help get the farm "dressed" for the next day's event, "Dining in the Fields." It was a hot, hot day to mow, but mow he did! Over 200 pounds of weeds, sticks and debris were removed from common areas. After the barn and the office were cleaned and the heavy lifting done, the group enjoyed a pizza party before boarding the bus to head back to campus. The United Way Day of Caring spans two days; over 2,000 locals turned out across Lancaster to help to local non-profits. **About a third of those volunteers are from Millersville U.** Thank you to all the students, and their teachers, for caring about your community and sharing your time.

Scouting in the Fields



In July we welcomed Daisy Girl Scout Troop #70305 from Manheim Township for a tour of Homefields. Six scouts, parents and sib-

lings, trekked across the land—finding greenhouses, a river birch, two Insect Hotels, a bat box, an owl roost, fresh herbs, and the last of the blueberries. Wow, they sure did like the blueberries! We talked about the growth cycle of the veggies and the fruit, hard work, and about the ways Homefields gives people opportunities to learn and grow.

Heather Conlon-Keller

Talks in the Fields



Now in its second year, "Talks in the Fields" continues to evolve. Master Gardener Aimee Tyson, Penn State University Extension Office brought us **GARDENING 101**, with tips to take home to our own gardens. July brought heat and a whole lot of artistic fun

with an open **ART DAY!** Grandparents braved the heat and joined their grandkids, making a great gallery of art. Watch for a repeat of this event in 2015. We hosted two fantastic speakers in August; Lisa Sanchez, an educator with the County Park System, demonstrated **PRESSURE CANNING** and Lydia Martin, with the Lancaster County Conservancy, spoke on **POLLINATORS** and **HEALTHY HABITATS**. We rounded out September with a visit from Jen Frey, with Brigid's Way, who led a hands-on workshop making **HERBAL SALVES**, and featuring Homefields' grown calendula blossoms. Many



thanks to our speakers and guests for another successful season, look to the spring Newsletter for a list of 2015 Talks! Have an idea for a "Talk?" Let us know, talks@homefields.org or call 717-872-2012.

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Top to bottom: Art day in full swing; Canning presentation with Lisa Sanchez; Pollination talk by Lydia Martin, scrumptious canned vegetables.



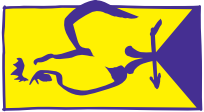
New Farmer in the Dell?

You may have noticed a new "farmer" in the fields, or maybe you've seen Farmer Elizabeth Swope taking him for a walk. It's Goodwill's new 1939 Ford 9N tractor! A wonderful donation to the vocational program, the tractor comes to us from Dave Pindell, of Holtwood, PA. According to Farmer Scott, this tractor was a workhorse. For now, the tractor gives its visitors prime seating to view the farm. Sue Whitney, a Lacto Fermentation expert presenter from 2013 Talks in the Fields, started the conversation about a donation with Dave. Many thanks to Sue for connecting the dots and to Dave for thinking of Homefields!

Heather Conlon-Keller

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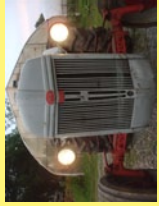
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We bought the farm (and now you can too!)



20,000 people can't be wrong (in fact, they are so right).



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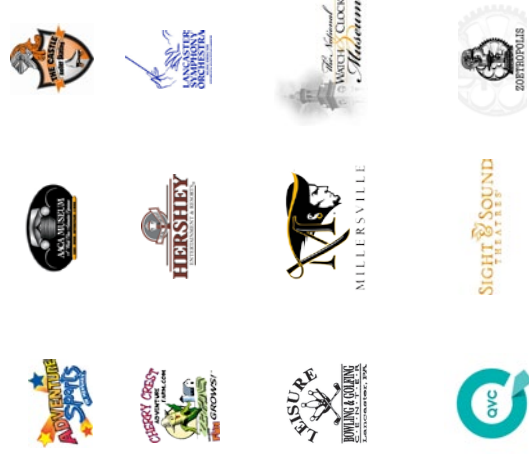


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Pull up a seat, friend.

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