

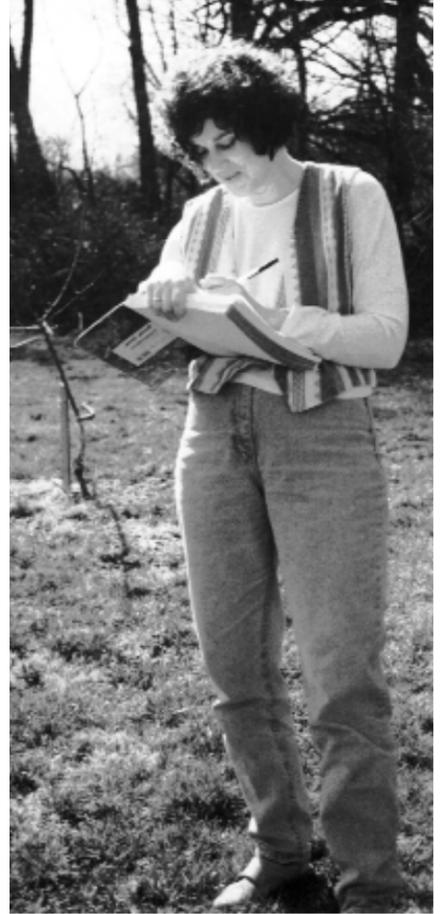


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Breaking New Ground

Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Pennsylvania and Homefields have combined resources to employ the professional services of a horticultural therapy consultant, Ginger Pryor. A horticultural therapist is a trained professional who uses horticulture, nature, and plant-related activities to assist in the therapy and/or habilitation of special population groups or individuals.

Ginger's assignment is to develop a business plan and horticultural/vocational guidelines for the day program at Homefields. But it is especially that which is in Ginger's heart that makes her and her participation invaluable. "I am honored that I have been given the opportunity to



In(debt)ed

Marge Stefanisko has been wearing two hats for some time. One says, "Manufacturing Services Coordinator for the Susquehanna Association for the Blind" and the other said, "Homefields, Inc." For five years, Marge has graciously received our bills, written checks and balanced Homefields' checkbook. She has remained ever steadfast through the confusion of establishing our bookkeeping structure and Homefields' oft fragmented fund raising activities.

It is important not to take advantage of the good and generous deeds of a volunteer and so it is time for Homefields to relieve Marge of her responsibility. As the calculator is passed from one to another, we say thank you to someone who will remain a friend, and thank you the Susquehanna Association for the Blind



Winners one and all, bowling champs Victor Lyet, Mary Beth Determan and Ted Lyet all walked away with winning ribbons from the Special Olympic Bowling Tournament held at Rocky Springs Bowling Alley on February 14. Mary Beth and Ted are first place blue ribbon winners and Victor took second place and a red ribbon. Victor and Ted then moved on to the Eastern Regional tournament in Allentown, PA, where Ted won a gold medal and Victor a bronze. You go guys!

Community Corner

The month of April brought a shower of friends and neighbors to Homefields. Two highly regarded Millersville University organizations, The Priority Club and Best Buddies, celebrated Earth Day 1998 at the Homefields' property. Priority Club is an environmental and humanitarian club that has pursued wholesome environmental improvements since 1969. Joining Priority was the Millersville chapter of Best Buddies. Best Buddies is an organization that enables friendships to occur between people with mental retardation and college students. This is the second year Homefields has been graced by the benevolence of these two fine organizations.

April 21 is National Youth Service Day and Homefields was endowed by the seemingly unending energy, generosity, and empathy of students from Penn Manor High School. For three consecutive years Penn Manor students, led by Marjean Long, have worked long and hard on this day to beautify the Homefields' property. . . . Thank you, thank you, thank you!



Seen here floating on Cloud 9 is Jerry Mewshaw from Laurel, DE, picking up his new Sportster 883 from Jim Collins at Classic Harley-Davidson, Sinking Spring, PA. For a mere \$5.00, this could be you riding into the sunset knowing that you helped launch a new horticultural program for people with developmental disabilities and that you are one of the good guys. Watch for the unveiling of Homefields' brand new Harley and, if you can't find a ticket, write to Homefields. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope and we'll send a ticket to you. Actually, if you go to all that trouble, you might as well buy two. Remember, you're one of the good guys.



Homefields' Second Annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament is on! It'll be at noon on September 23, at Overlook Golf Course. For more information, contact Brian D. Wassell, CPA, at 717/569-2900 or fax him at 717/569-0141.



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guide Homefields and Goodwill in designing a Horticultural Therapy Program. One of my goals in life is to bring the joy of plants to all people. When I walk onto the Homefields property there is a feeling of peace and love. The environment is perfect for nurturing a program that brings people and plants together towards a common goal, to grow stronger. We have many challenges ahead but together we will find the answers to develop a program that will benefit all people."

"The earth has great healing power. Sometimes therapy occurs just by providing the environment. Sometimes we have to work a little harder and provide the right program in the environment. Together we can accomplish that which we all want, a program that nurtures people."

Ginger expects to conclude her schema by May 30. The horticulture program at Homefields will then be ready for adaptation and new ground will be broken in Lancaster County. Homefields' initial assignment is to rehabilitate the barn and erect greenhouses this spring and summer. Bringing imagination, experience, and quality to this aspect of the project is Paul Risk, Associates, 1997 Contractor of the Year. Goodwill Industries, a nationally recognized agency, will focus on programming structure and the Goodwill mission which is to provide employment opportunities and vocational services for people who, because of vocational disadvantages, face barriers to competitive employment. Of course, we are all focused on the individuals who will be working, earning and learning at Homefields.

Ginger's professional experience includes designing handicapped accessible gardens and adaptive tools, growing orchards, maintaining a greenhouse and several vegetable gardens at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. When not advising Goodwill and Homefields, Ginger offers her expertise to the community and Master Gardener Program through the Penn State Extension Office, Lebanon.

Says Ron Kratoofil, President, Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Pennsylvania, "Goodwill is ecstatic about the addition of Ginger Pryor to the Goodwill/Homefields Team. Our goal from the very beginning was to develop a sustainable therapeutic horticultural experience for those we serve. Ginger's expertise and leadership will solidify the tremendous grass roots effort of Homefields and the operational expertise of Goodwill Industries. We are very pleased to be working with her during this critical program design stage."

Homefields is buoyed by the quality of our association with Goodwill Industries, Ginger Pryor, Paul Risk, Associates and Lancaster County.