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RESIDENTS' AND ADVOCATES' ACTIVITIES

KUDOS



Founding parents and Board members of Homefields value the dedication **COMMUNITY SERVICES GROUP** staff has provided to our precious residents over the 10 years of residential life. To better express our appreciation of long-term quality care, the Residents' Advocates Committee and Directors voted in March to allocate awards for each 5-year interval of devoted service. A reception was held in Lancaster on June 21 to laud **ELISE ABBATO** (stone house); **MELODY EDWARDS**, Residential Supervisor; and **EDIE FORD** (ranch house) for 5-9 years with Homefields and **SEAN REIDEL** (stone house) for 10 years.

JOY RIDE

The morning was a little cool for August as residents, staff, friends, and parents headed out on a Saturday morning to converge at **AARON AND JESSICA'S BUGGY RIDE** and **PLAIN & FANCY FARM**, Bird-In-Hand. The mission was simple: Have fun and eat good food. Proprietor Jack Meyer took the reins of the larger carriage, guiding us through 3½ miles of Amish farm properties and back roads while answering questions and educating us on times past and present. After the "joy ride," our party was warmly received into the cozy atmosphere of Plain & Fancy family-style restaurant for a hot lunch. Approaching the dining area, the group was surprised by a sign that read "Welcome Homefields Luncheon." Cindy Ledwith, Manager, offered special delicious individual platters featuring choices of pot roast, chicken, vegetarian, or sausage as the main course with many extra side dishes on the table, including multiple desserts. Mission accomplished.



1918-2004, Founding Member, Homefields. Christian R. Herr, Jr., Board President, dedicated the tree and two Determan daughters, **PATTY** and **THERESA**, paid tribute to their Mother.

ADVOCATES' REMEMBRANCE PICNIC

Thirty-three members of Homefields' team: residents, family members, and staff, met at the ranch house (Mary Beth Determan's home) on September 25. After a covered dish luncheon, the group convened at a red maple tree to place a plaque and to conduct a brief memorial service in honor of **GERALDINE H. DETERMAN**,



FISHING PICNIC REUNION

Gracious hosts **KATHY AND JOHN PONTZ** once again turned a Sunday sun day in June into one of the warmest memories to carry forward into winter. Nearly twenty friends, advocates, residents, and staff gathered at the Pontz's aesthetically landscaped Lancaster County farm property to play games, fish in the stocked lake, relax in beauty, picnic, socialize and, yes, pet the amiable racing goats.



Sam Brenna and Tom Strauss notch a beam.

Armstrong Foundation Gives \$10K Toward Homefields' Office

Homefields' Directors were elated when the Armstrong Foundation approved a grant request in the amount of \$10,000 toward the renovation of a mid-1800's building, thus providing an office space for the corporation.

Sam Brenna, a member of the Timber Framers' Guild of North America, is reconstructing an original farm building on Homefields' property by using hand tools and centuries-old techniques. Local trees were cut, milled

and donated specifically to replace any rotted beams and to give the frame necessary strength and distinctive dimensionality. Sam donated the sills and rafter plates.

Volunteers Tom Strauss and Dennis Weber are working with Sam on building the timber frame. Dale Weaver, Weaver Masonry, Inc. repaired and pointed the stone foundation. Dale's skills and labor were a donation. Doug Scarlett donated his time to cut a trench for an electrical conduit. Brian Bixler, Dennis Dougherty, Rod Laukhuff, Linda Strauss, and Joe Ziegler helped to disassemble the original building.

Payment from the Armstrong Foundation will be received in May 2006. Total expenses for the project are estimated to be \$58,390.00.

I Read the News Today, Oh Boy

by TOM STRAUSS

Rosa Parks died on October 24th. Her passing saddened me and brought back memories of the civil rights movement. I have always thought the freedom riders were the bravest of people. To board a bus knowing that ax handles were waiting for you at your destination was a heroic thing to do. Rosa Parks' simple gesture set change in motion.

The leaders of the civil rights movement understood that fairness and justice are not the same thing. If your neighbor wins the lottery, you may fantasize briefly about trading places, but you realize that lotteries are random. Ditto if yours is the house damaged by fire. But what is your reaction if you discover that the lottery was rigged, or that you have been the victim of an arsonist? Probably outrage. Because that is the appropriate response to injustice.

When the family member of a retarded person relates the difficulty of coping day in and day out, the listener may empathize and offer a pat on the back. Telling a friend the length of time on waiting lists for residential placements will elicit a helpless shake of the head, but nothing approaching

outrage. Every family has difficulty of one form or another, a cousin on dialysis or a grandparent in need of a nursing home, so compassion is exchanged and sincere, but fleeting. Because, after all, life isn't fair.

Lancaster, the sixth most populace county is fortieth in funding for mental retardation services. A Montgomery County resident with mental retardation receives \$24,702 in services annually, but if the same person had the poor judgment to be born in Lancaster County, he or she would receive \$11,168; less

“Compared to other counties, Lancaster receives less than 75% per capita”

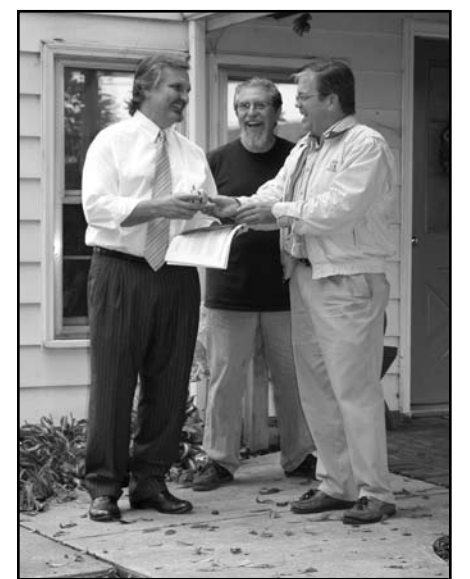
than half. Compared to the average of all counties, Lancaster receives less than 75% per capita. Outraged yet? Variations of this magnitude may be common between wealthy and poor states, but how can such a difference exist between counties in the same quadrant of the same state? Every resident of Lancaster County should resent this discrimination.

The explanations for this extraordinary disparity vary depending on who is asked. All seem to agree that politics clearly plays a role; one party has nothing to gain from attending to the needs of Lancaster County and the other has nothing to lose. The overriding response from everyone familiar with the problem is that it badly needs to be corrected, but will take years. Everyone who could correct the problem asks for patience. Rosa Parks' patience eventually ran out. Only then did change take place.

On October 21, 2005, Homefields, Inc. purchased a third house located in Millersville, Pennsylvania. It was the understanding at the time that the Lancaster County Office of Mental Health and Mental Retardation was going to receive expansion money from the State of Pennsylvania. This money was going to be used to provide staffing for those not served. The Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services, a US federal agency, became involved with the State of Pennsylvania and indefinitely stalled the increase in funding for Lancaster County.

The third home for Homefields is an empty house. If funding for staff does not become available within the near future, the Board of Directors will be forced to sell the house and defer the dreams of the three families whose hopes are on the line—the bottom line.

Congressmen Tour Homefields



Honorable **P. Michael Sturla**, Pennsylvania State Representative; **Tom Strauss**, Director of Development, Homefields; **Christian R. Herr, Jr.**, Board President, Homefields.

See Note from the President on page 3.

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

Since 1986, the Armstrong Foundation has donated more than \$23 million to charity.

Established in the State of Pennsylvania, its purpose and mission is:

“Organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and as other than private foundations as defined in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.”

In its grant making decisions as well as in its interests and activities, the Armstrong Foundation acts independent of the Armstrong company.

The armstrongfoundation.com website services include information on applying for grants and forms applicants can use to request funds.

WRAP-UP: 9th Annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament

SPONSORS

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Dennis and Susan Dougherty
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Kimmich's Painting & Wallcoverings, Inc.
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A special thank you to Susan Blue, President/CEO Community Services Group; Terry Blue, Professor of Education, Elizabethtown College; and Lin Varga, Administrative Assistant, Community Services Group.

Missed you? Please contact info@homefields.org. We will add your name/business to our spring edition.



Dressed for the Nines

by TERRY BLUE, Chair



Terry Blue and David Wiegand join Shemp, Moe, and Larry on the green.

There were some significant differences, though. Around 11:30 AM, a small group of early bird golfers had just finished their rounds. They had set off at 7:00 AM to help make room in the afternoon for an overflow crowd of golfers. To offer the morning golfers an appropriate send-off, Tony the Tiger and Mindy Martin, an employee of Kellogg's, joined the volunteers. A Porsche Boxster was parked again at the designated hole-in-one location, but the sun had barely arrived in time to announce its presence.

Before the start of the afternoon round, all could see some scattered groups of golfers in their knickers, argyle socks, and timeless caps. It was the 9th Annual outing, and these golfers (and good sports) had accepted the invitation to be "dressed for the nines." One of the number went so far as to come to play in bright yellow knickers. He wasn't easily missed.

Other thematic touches were present. The putting contest featured 100+ year-old putters and gutta percha balls. Additional wood-shafted clubs were scattered around the course as part of the games available. All contests were directed at providing opportunities for fun and success, and everyone seemed to enjoy both.

It takes a wide range of efforts to make the yearly Homefields golf outing such a huge success. It is impossible not to be grateful to the sponsors and donors who give so generously each year and who did so this year at record levels. The Homefields Board and the group of loyal and hardy volunteers kept everything running smoothly despite a very early start to the day. The returning and new golfers came in unprecedented numbers to enjoy the food, festivities, fellowship, and fun. Simply put, it was a wonderful event and day for all.

Of course, there will be a Tenth, and now there is an even higher goal to reach to retain the positive trend. Put **Friday, September 22, 2006** on your calendar, and be sure to participate in any (and every) way you can in this special day of fun in support of Homefields vision and programs.

If you were at the Crossgates Golf Club on September 23, 2005, you knew fairly quickly that something different was at hand. All of the trappings of the 9th Annual Homefields Fall Classic Golf Tournament were in sight. The now familiar volunteers and golfers were buzzing around in anticipation of the Noon shotgun start. Last minute lunches of barbecue sandwiches were being consumed, contest and raffle tickets were being bought, and golfers were making final preparations for a test of their skills.



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Endowment Fund

en•DOW•ment (noun)

- An income or form of property given or bequeathed to someone.
- [usu. as adj.] A form of life insurance involving payment of a fixed sum to the insured person on a specified date, or to their estate should they die before this date : an endowment policy.

Homefields has established an endowment fund. If you wish to donate to it, please write to: P.O. Box 41, Millersville, PA 17551

Bottom Line

My records show that \$44,466 of total income was raised which was offset by \$17,908 of expenses (these numbers include cash & noncash items). I believe the most important number is the bottom line, which was \$26,558!!!! This is the actual amount of true cash raised, which is available to support Homefields.

Don M. Mowery, CPA
Trout, Ebersole & Groff, LLP
Certified Public Accountants

The layout of this newsletter is a donation from Dave Strauss, a brother of Lisa, one of Homefields' residents. Dave is the principal of 3FoldDesign, specializing in direct-mail and all facets of book production. He is also the Design Manager of Teachers College Press, a publisher affiliated with Columbia University's graduate school of education. Dave holds an M.S. in Communication Design from Pratt Institute and has donated most of Homefields' print media since its incorporation in 1993.

DONORS

CASH

\$500

Jeffrey and Leslie Lehman

\$200

Kitchen Kettle Foods
Robert Ranck, Inc.

\$100

Dr. Richard Graff
Dr. Tim Tymon

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UP TO \$25

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Community Service's Group Bakery
Four Seasons Produce
Galen's of Ephrata
Kauffman's Fruit Farm
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Plain & Fancy Farm
Linda Strauss
Tomlinson Bomberger
Tranquility Center for Well-Being
Willow Valley's Palm Court Restaurant

WINNING GROUPS

#1 FOURSOME

Joe Varga, Jim Tubay, Dave Dieck,
Tim Weibel *58

#2 FOURSOME

Chuck Cook, Jason Bender, Bruce
Cohen, Rob Jones *58

#3 FOURSOME

Richard Edley, Jason LaFrance, Robert
Bickford, Scott Daubert *59

All ties were broken based on the #1 and #2
handicap holes which were #4 and #10

Men's Closest to the Pin—Jim Arnold
Women's Closest to the Pin—
Jess Hershey

Men's Longest Drive—Mikk Sacchar
Women's Longest Drive—Jan Hartle

Men's Straightest Drive—Jim Weibel
Women's Straightest Drive—
Allison Hawthorne

Closest to the Pin #6 (HIO)—Don
Mowery 3'8" 50/50 = \$160

HIO—Sorry, not this year.

Putting Contest

Bill Copenhauer
Patrick Flaherty
Chuck Kimmich

Best Dressed for the Nines
Richard Edley

Elizabethtown College Student Volunteers

Kelly Callahan
Kevin O'Hara
Kristin Roman
Lauren Tustin

Special Guest
Tony the Tiger

Donations

June–November 2005

IN-KIND

Barley Snyder LLC

*Sam Brenna

Beth Herr

*Hursh Painting

Lancaster, Let's Go

Justin Nolt, Paul Risk Associates

Scott Paden, Paden de la Fuente,

Architects

Kathy and John Pontz—"Fishing

and Bingo Picnic"

Mike Sahd, DMM Woodworking,

Inc.

*Doug Scarlett

Carolyn Semedo-Strauss

Reed Semedo-Strauss

David Strauss

*Weaver Masonry

*Dennis Weber

*Joe Ziegler

GRANT

*The Armstrong Foundation—

\$10,000

\$1,000

Ms. Caroline S. Nunan

\$100–\$499

Michael E. Sahd

Patricia and Joseph Slakey

*Robert E. "Tack" Trostle

\$10–\$99

Helen S. Hostetter

Timothy L. and Brenda S.

Kauffman

Lloyd N. Miller

Bob and Pat Newton

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rebman

Dorothy and Antone Semedo

Anne and James Thomas

Ms. Anne Wallace-DiGarbo

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Community Services Group

*The Dougherty Family

Goodwill Industries, Keystone

Area

The Lancaster County Office of

Mental Retardation

*Indicates new donor or new level of giving

A Note from the President

by CHRIS HERR

The Fall was a busy time for Homefields and our annual Golf Tournament was the "Best Ever," to quote a number of comments by participants.

This is a good time to thank all the volunteers who, throughout the year, help make Homefields what it is today. The Golf Tournament highlights what volunteers can do. Without volunteers there would be no Homefields. Thank you all!

During the Autumn months, we have been showing some of our state officials what is happening at Homefields by giving tours of our residential and farm facilities. Their comments from State Senator Gib Armstrong; State Representative Scott Boyd; Kevin Casey, Deputy Secretary for Mental Retardation, Pennsylvania; Penn Ketchum, Ex. Director MH/MR Lancaster Co., and State Representative Mike Sturla, about our programs were very positive.

The number of individuals who are able to expand their horizons through Homefields is growing and we hope to continue to add more.



(left to right) **Penn Ketchum**, Executive Director, Lancaster County Office of Mental Health/Mental Retardation; **Tom Strauss**, Director of Development, Homefields; **Susan Dougherty**, Parent, Homefields; Honorable **Scott W. Boyd**, Pennsylvania State Representative; **Dennis Dougherty**, Parent and Board Treasurer, Homefields; Honorable **Gibson E. Armstrong**, Pennsylvania State Senator; **Christian R. Herr, Jr.**, Board President, Homefields; **Scott Breneman**, Farm Manager, Goodwill at Homefields Farm

Giving, The United Way

Each year, The United Way of Lancaster County offers citizens a chance to donate to local nonprofits through a payroll deduction plan. Homefields is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation but not a United Way member. When considering your charitable donation, please check "Optional Giving Choices" and write in "Homefields".

Homefields volunteer Directors raise funds to provide homes and work options for adults who have mental retardation, a developmental disability, or special need. Your donation is not used for our payroll; we have none.



DAY OF CARING 2005

Clutching shovels, picks and wheelbarrows, 16 Millersville University students came to Mary Beth's, Ted's, and Lisa's house on the Day of Caring, Saturday, September 10. Their mission: to destroy and restore the beyond-help landscaping.

It was mid-July when Kathy Naegele-Delgado, Assistant Director, Community and Academic Partnerships, Millersville University was busy planning for the arrival of freshman students. "I hope that we will be able to work together again this year—it was a great experience last year. Re-plasticing the greenhouse was a big hit," Kathy said to Tom Strauss, Director of Development, Homefields referring to our 2004 Day of Caring project.

This year the earth literally moved under our feet. David Zegers, Ph.D., Professor of Biology and Director of the Center for Environmental Science, Millersville University accompanied his freshman biology class to Homefields Residential. Following Peter Emerson's landscape design and suggestions, the weed-strangled garden was transformed into a leafy, mulched and beautiful space within 2½ hours.

Human expression becomes a fine art when hands, hearts, and heads come together with goodwill. The residential new garden is a masterpiece.

Marinated Cauliflower, Olive, & Arugula Salad

- ½ cup plus 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 large head of cauliflower, cut into 1-inch florets (about 6 cups)
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped
- 6 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 cups Kalamata olives, pitted, halved
- ¼ cup chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 1 cup canola oil
- 1½ cups chopped celery
- 16 cups arugula (about 10 ounces)

1. Whisk vinegar and mustard in small bowl; gradually whisk in oil. Season dressing generously with salt and pepper. Combine cauliflower, olives, and celery in a large bowl. Add ¾ cup dressing; toss to coat. Cover salad and remaining dressing separately; chill overnight.

2. Mix green onions and parsley into salad. Arrange arugula on platter; drizzle with remaining dressing. Top arugula with cauliflower mixture. Sprinkle with pepper.

Upcoming Events

SECOND ANNUAL DINNER OUT FOR HOMEFIELDS

DATE: MARCH 27, 2006

TIME: 4:00–10:00 PM

Restaurateurs are invited to contact Cindy Ledwith, Chair of the Event, at 717-872-1762 or email CLedwith@aol.com if you would care to add your business to the list of participants.

Those of you who like to eat and like Homefields are encouraged to reserve this date on your calendar now.

Additional questions: info@homefields.org

HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLE RAFFLE

MODEL: XLH 883 CUSTOM SPORTSTER

WHEN: FEBRUARY 11, 2006 (Drawing held at Homefields)

\$5.00 donation per ticket

Please fill out the enclosed form and mail it to:

Homefields, P.O. Box 41, Millersville, PA 17551 or

Purchase tickets online at www.homefields.org

HOMEFIELDS' 10th ANNUAL FALL CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

DATE: Friday, September 22, 2006

WHERE: Crossgates Golf Course, Millersville

Cost: \$75. The course is open to Early Bird and Afternoon tournament golfers.

Sponsorships, Program Ads, Prizes, and Donations welcomed.

Mark the date now! You really don't want to miss a Homefields tournament.

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Homefields is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization providing homes for people who have mental retardation, and is a benevolent landlord to an organic cooperative farm program that provides job training for adults with special needs. All proceeds from a Homefields' event benefit Homefields, Inc.

Raffle and Donations

forms also available online at www.homefields.org

Yes, I'd like to help Homefields with my tax-deductible contribution:

___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ Other

Please send me ___ tickets for the Harley-Davidson raffle at \$5 each.

Total enclosed \$ _____

Your Information:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Check MasterCard Visa Discover/Novus American Express

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Millersville Parade

by JOYCE SMEDLEY



Circus time and Homefields was there. It was a fun morning on October 29 with bands, floats, fire apparatus, twirlers, the Phillie Phanatic, Cylo the Barnstormer, Miss Pennsylvania, 2500 participants and so much more.

Homefields was gloriously represented with a beautifully decorated Gator (thanks to Denise Ziegler), a well-

dressed clown driver in the person of Susan Dougherty, and a walking clown (Trudy Eckman) who distributed candy to the eager children along the parade route.

Participation in the parade is a means of creating community awareness of Homefields, our location, and our mission as a good neighbor. We look forward to next year's parade on Saturday, October 28, when the theme will be "Dance to the Music."

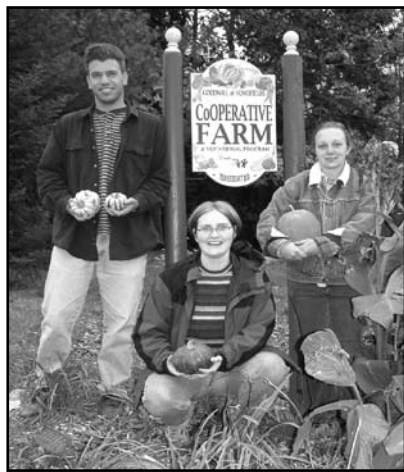


Andrew Nguyen, Boy Scout Extraordinaire

Andrew Nguyen, 17, of Boy Scout Troop 30, West Hempfield Township, is an Eagle Scout candidate. To qualify for the Eagle Scout Award, a Scout must—along with meeting five other requirements—earn a total of 21 merit badges, including Citizenship in the Community. Andrew accepted our nonprofit for his project and set out to build a 9' tall cypress pergola addition for the west side of Homefields' barn. Andrew's leadership encompassed raising \$635.75 to purchase the wood, drawing up the plans, overseeing the project, and working non-stop through the picture-perfect day. Joining him at 9:00 AM on November 5 were members of his troop and adult assistants. By 4:30 that afternoon, the project was completed. Scott Breneman, Farm Manager, will

plant a hearty kiwi vine to grow over the cypress framework, thus creating a natural awning for the farm's produce pick-up area.

Andrew learned about Homefields' missions through Cindy and Don Ledwith. Cindy is a Director of Homefields, Don is a Scout Leader, and their son, Daniel, is an Eagle Scout member of the Troop. Homefields will place a plaque on the pergola to commemorate Andrew Nguyen's donation and Citizenship in our Community.



Scott Breneman, Elizabeth Swope and Shannon Barone present some of the farm's fall bounty.

and vegetables to the list of options and introducing shareholders to unfamiliar produce. Speaking with excitement about the farm being an all-inclusive community and place of verdant beauty, he is anxious to put his vision into action.

Shannon Barone is the new Assistant Farm Manager. She works directly with the Goodwill trainee farmers and is responsible for supervising

VOCATIONAL TRANSITIONS

Peter Emerson said "farewell" to his administrative position with Goodwill but not "good bye" to Lancaster County as he left in August to enroll at Temple University, Ambler. Peter's goal is to become a landscape architect. Scott Breneman requested to carry the vocational program, and Peter's advancements, forward. He officially left his position as Assistant and accepted the responsibility of Farm Manager on August 22, 2005.

Today Scott is busy nurturing new thoughts and ideas for the farm program next year, such as adding a diversity of fruit

5-6 people each day. Over the course of a season, Shannon will be responsible for approximately 25 adults who want to achieve through growing good things.

Elizabeth Swope's introduction to the farm was that of shareholder and volunteer in 2004. She first came to Homefields out of a desire to eat organically grown vegetables and because of location, so close to her home in Lancaster City. Her first year involvement of planting, weeding, and partaking, connected Elizabeth with the Goodwill vocational aspect and the trainee farmers. In June of this year, Elizabeth was hired by Goodwill to work part time to wash vegetables, keep the bins filled for shareholders, and to greet everyone. "I love that my investment in this program is an investment in people and worthwhile. It is win/win."

Purchase a share of organically-grown produce through the Goodwill at Homefields' Farm vocational program.

You may reserve your share of produce now with a \$50 deposit. Full share, \$550 / Half share, \$350. Make checks out to Goodwill Industries and mail to: Goodwill at Homefields Farm, 150 Letort Road, Millersville, PA 17551

Questions? 717-871-3110, Scott Breneman, Farm Manager, scottb@lancastergoodwill.org

Proceeds benefit our vocational partner, Goodwill Industries Keystone Area.

Homefields Mission Statements

RESIDENTIAL To create financially secure, long-term homes 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 To provide agricultural/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.

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After 12 years, Homefields will finally have an on-site office space, once this former carriage shelter is renovated. In relative terms this isn't such a long time, considering the structure is about 140 years old.

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