WE LOVE AND APPRECIATE OUR VOLUNTEERS

Still Meadows can only serve challenged children and adults if volunteers donate their time and skills. In this day and time, it is difficult for folks to give up daily and family activities to help others by weeding gardens, cleaning a barn, leading a therapeutic horse, pushing a wheelchair, trimming a bush, mowing, painting, building, guiding hands in a craft...and MORE.

The volunteers at Still Meadows are AWESOME people of all ages and from all walks of life. Some request certain tasks. Others just say “use us where needed.” We have groups from churches, including Operation-In-As-Much from Harrisonburg area churches, civic club groups, and businesses such as Marketing MOJO from Charlottesville. We also have many volunteers from businesses coming to us on the United Way Day of Caring. The area Boy Scouts have helped with construction, furniture making, and grounds cleanup. Girl Scouts have painted, built, organized materials, and outfitted our new chicken house. James Madison University has sent out many different folks including their Service Learning Group.

Our volunteers have the HEART for Still Meadows. They laugh to bring smiles to the faces of those who don’t smile easily. They cheer when the seemingly impossible is achieved by a small child atop a “huge” horse. They sing and dance, when they were convinced that these talents were lacking, to have others with mobility limitations join in. They hand out dripping Popsicles to overheated and exhausted campers. They sometimes simply sit and listen to a challenged person as they relay their frustrations or joys.

What are the rewards of volunteering? The satisfaction that a difference has been made in someone’s life is overwhelming. The joy of being the one to bring a smile or giggle to an otherwise solemn face is incredible. The glowing face of a person in a wheelchair when they recognize a volunteer friend remains in that volunteer’s mind forever. COME JOIN US!

We wish for our volunteer, friends, and supporters a HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2016.
The 2015 Fourteenth Annual Ride-a-Thon was one to go down in the book. Weather forecasts for October 4th were calling for torrential rains caused by a cold front along with additional rains caused by Hurricane Joaquin. Jan Maasch’s niece, Patti Clontz, had flown in from Michigan and supplies for the kitchen were gathered. After much phoning, pacing, and head scratching, the decision was made to postpone the ride for the safety of the riders, their horses, and their equipment. The ride was rescheduled for October 18th. Fortunately, although the rains came, the forecasted hurricane moved off-coast.

Sunday morning, October 18 arrived with a cold chill giving us a preview of winter. Riders braved the cold for the wonderful breakfast of eggs, sausage gravy, fried potatoes, biscuits, orange juice, coffee and cinnamon buns. After a spiritual worship service led by Rick Altizer, the riders headed for the mountain trail. Upon their return, they reported that it was warmer on the mountain and was a very pleasant ride. They then enjoyed a lunch of homemade vegetable beef soup, chili, cornbread, grilled cheese sandwiches, sweet tea, spiced apple cider, and homemade fruit pies. Special thanks go to Patti Clontz who drove from Michigan to prepare the meals and organize the kitchen. We also thank all those who contributed prizes for the riders and donated food items. Without this incredible support, this fundraiser would not be possible.

RIDE-A-THON WINNERS:

First place in Pledges – Joy & Gary Halterman - $3,735.00
Second Place in Pledges – Bev & Brenda Keller, Cody Riggleman - $900.00
Third Place in Pledges – Krista Suter - $720.00
Volunteer Appreciation Drawing – Ray Ritchie

THANKS TO YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

If you want to save paper and printing costs, sign up to receive your newsletter online at www.campstillmeadows.org. Keep an eye on our website for news, events, and updates.
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICNIC

The 2015 Volunteer Appreciation Picnic was also postponed from October 18 to November 1, 2015. The weather was great and everyone enjoyed the good food provided by the Still Meadows Board of Directors. It is always a difficult decision to determine any awards presented at this picnic because there are so many outstanding volunteers and supporters. After much thought, the following presentations were made:

THE CHESTER & NANCY BRADFIELDFAMILY DONOR AWARD
Mountain Grove Church of the Brethren

THE RICK & JANE SMITH SERVICE AWARD
Jodie Anderson

THE JANET MAASCH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD
Pete DeSmit

THE CAMP CARING AWARD
Bruce Stilwell

HOMETOWN HERO AWARD
Jerry Miller

The Board of Directors THANKS the many volunteers and supporters who help make a difference in so many challenged lives.

FOR SALE

6’ Snow Blade with hydraulic angle kit.
Fits John Deere 200, 400, 500 series front end loader

Used very seldom...like NEW
New ones cost $3,500-$4,000. Will sell for $2,900.

Call Rick Smith for details
(540) 421-2822

Please remember Still Meadows in your estate and will planning so that future generations of special friends will be able to experience the healing power of nature.
14th Annual LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO

Saturday, March 5, 2016
Woodmen of the World Building
3045 John Wayland Highway
Dayton, Virginia

Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.
Games begin at 6:30 p.m.

Call Mary Ellen at 540-434-3913 to order advance tickets.
At door: 3 cards for $25.00
Presale: 4 cards for $25.00

Door Prizes, Baked Goods, Pork Tenderloin dinners, Hot Dogs and MORE!

Raffle Drawings
50/50 Raffle

WISH LIST

ANIMAL FEED (horse, cat, rabbit)
(Feed List available at Farm Choice, Harrisonburg)

Good, Used, Four-wheel Drive Full-size PICK-UP TRUCK

STIHL LEAF BLOWER

2 Sets of LADDER REINS for Therapeutic Riding

Instant WATER HEATER
(Contact Rick Smith 540-421-2822)

DONATIONS For Building A Small Picnic Shelter With Handicap Accessible Bathrooms Designed By Blue Ridge Architects In John’s Woods

AMAZING PROJECT

Still Meadows has been so fortunate to be the recipient of wonderful projects built by various Boy Scouts working on their Eagle Awards. This year, Michael Burkholder, of Troop 83, planned and built a beautiful three-sided shelter in the lower pasture for our horses, llama, and donkeys in messy weather. The horses and llama; Dusty, Jasmine, and Isaac and Zorra, immediately checked out their newly completed shelter.

TEACHERS OF SPECIAL RESOURCE CLASSES

Include Still Meadows in your plans for a Spring field trip. Available activities include a hay ride, visits with our animals in the barn, and visits to our Native American Tipi and wheelchair accessible tree house. Plan to eat your packed lunches in the picnic shelter with gorgeous views of the valley or in the tree house to get a woodland experience.

Students enjoy a fall day with a hayride and pumpkins!
YES, I want to make a DONATION to help support this center for persons with developmental, intellectual, and/or physical disabilities.

_____Donation of $1,000  
_____Donation of $100  
_____Donation of $50  
_____Donation of $25

Enclosed is my $__________________ contribution.

NAME: ____________________________________________________________________________________________

PHONE: ____________________________________________________________________________________________

FULL ADDRESS: ______________________________________________________________________________________

EMAIL: ____________________________________________________________________________________________

MAIL TO: Still Meadows Enrichment Center and Camp, 11992 Hollar School Road, Linville, Virginia  22834

(All donations are tax deductible!)

DATES TO REMEMBER
June Camp Session       June 20-24, 2016
July Camp Session       July 11-15, 2016
August Camp Session     August 1-5, 2016
First Session of Therapeutic Riding  
April 6, 2016
Watch www.campstillmeadows.org for more on riding sessions

YES, I want to pay for a SCHOLARSHIP(s)

Because of extensive medical bills and/or other family situations, many families are not able to afford to send their sons or daughters to Still Meadows Enrichment Center and Camp.

Individuals and clubs are encouraged to provide a full or partial scholarship to enable a camper or rider to attend either a one-week camp session or an 8-week therapeutic horseback riding session.

Each program also provides the participant’s family with much needed respite that allows them to regroup physically and mentally.

Your tax-exempt gift will provide a full scholarship to a camper who would otherwise be unable to attend one of our programs.

_____Day Camp ($200)  
_____Therapeutic Horseback Riding ($225)  
_____Partial Scholarship (Amount: $___________  Program __________________)

DONOR: __________________________________________________________________________________________________

PHONE: __________________________________________________________________________________________________

FULL ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________________________________________

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(All donations are tax deductible)
Daniel Ritchie has been such a wonderful contribution to life at Camp Still Meadows. He participates in every activity with a positive attitude and doesn’t let even the hottest of camp days keep him from enjoying his friends. Daniel’s infectious love for music inspires an atmosphere of fun and laughter. He has been and continues to be an amazing addition to our eclectic group of campers. Daniel is the son of Judy and Roger Ritchie. Daniel graduated from Turner Ashby High School. Daniel has been diagnosed with Down’s syndrome. He began activities in the pool at the age of two weeks, and continues as a very good swimmer participating in the swim team for Special Olympics. Daniel has recently been involved with activities sponsored by James Madison University. Daniel likes dancing, basketball, and bowling. According to his dad, he is always on the go. Daniel has lived at Lehigh Residence (Pleasant View Inc.) since March and is doing very well. You rock, Daniel!

Civic and church groups...would you like to hear how Still Meadows began, its history over the past eighteen years, its programs, and its vision for future growth? Contact 540-833-2072 to make arrangements for a speaker and/or a powerful PowerPoint presentation for your group.