



# Still Meadows Enrichment Center and Camp

## News From the Hill

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### *LETTER FROM* *THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR* **JANET MAASCH**

It has been a thrilling autumn season with school groups visiting Still Meadows. It was so exciting to see them in our tipi as they listened to Native American stories and folklore.

It was a joy to hear their chatter as they rode the hay wagon through the brightly colored woods.

Speaking of the tipi, construction has begun on the platform that will encircle the tipi, allowing wheelchairs to access it easier. We thank Marcus Farrall, an Eagle Scout, and community members who donated materials, for designing and building this platform. This will be so much fun for our folks who have limited mobility.

Another new addition to Still Meadows is the beautiful barn door built and installed on the tree house by Rick Smith and Lloyd Hershey, and I deeply appreciate their work and their care for Still Meadows. This will be such an improvement as it will keep the tree house cleaner and more secure from "critters." The tree house also has been wired for electricity, and it now has lights and a ceiling fan.

This fall has had its challenges, but this is nothing new. We have had many challenges, and we have worked through all of them. As we all know, the economy continues to struggle. I thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for their support. This camp has always been God's camp, and it will always be God's camp. It was built on Faith, and, with Faith, it will continue to grow and thrive.



**WE WISH ALL OUR SPECIAL FRIENDS, AND EVERYONE  
IN OUR COMMUNITY, A  
"BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS" AND  
A "PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY 2013!"**



## ELEVENTH ANNUAL HORSEBACK RIDE-A-THON

The 2012 ANNUAL HORSEBACK RIDE-A-THON was similar to the 2011 in that it was a cold and wet day. However, the rain held back for the riders as they began the trail and did not return until the end of the trail. The riders reported that their ride was WONDERFUL. The good Lord was present and He let it be known that rain and cold would not defeat us.

Horse trailers began arriving at 7:00 a.m. and the greetings of the horses were a welcome sound. The day began with a hearty breakfast of eggs, sausage, sausage gravy, biscuits, and sweet rolls. An uplifting service was led by Rev. Don Guthrie with music that rang out across the hill. After the service, thirty-six riders took off, some for the eight mile ride and some for the fifteen mile ride. A few horses were stunned by their first sightings of llamas and were reluctant to move out, but most of the horses trucked on. Riders were dressed in layers of warm clothing, and their laughter could be heard as they rode out.

When the riders returned, amazingly dry and cheerful, they were welcomed with a hot lunch of vegetable soup, chili, cornbread, cheese bread, and homemade pies of all types. The food tent was again organized by Jan's niece, Patti Clontz, who travels from Michigan to take on this tremendous task. Patti puts her food service skills to work with her planning, cooking, cleaning, and organization. Other volunteers helped with serving the food, clean-up, pie making, registration, record keeping, trail safety and many more needed jobs. It was definitely a community effort.

We thank everyone who donated prizes, gift certificates and food items for the breakfast and lunch. A total of \$20,243.10 was raised. The fundraiser was only successful because of you and community support.

### RIDE-A-THON WINNERS:

First Place in Pledges – Joy & Gary  
Halterman (\$3,800.00)

Second Place in Pledges – Katy Coffman  
(\$2,800.00)

Third Place in Pledges – Dr. Maggie  
Jeffreys-Honeycutt (\$2225.00)

### Gasoline Raffle Ticket Winners:

Wayne Chittum II (\$100.00)

Jennifer Flory (\$50.00) (donated back to  
Still Meadows)

Don & Joyce Evers (\$25.00) (donated  
back to Still Meadows)



Joy & Gary Halterman

Please remember Still Meadows in your estate and will planning so that future generations will be able to come to Still Meadows.

## *STORM CLEAN UP CONTINUES*

The windstorm of June, 2012, created much havoc to the trees at Still Meadows. Several large trees were knocked down or stripped of their bark and leaves. The largest tree, a hickory tree that was determined to be about 150 years old, was pulled out of the ground, roots and all. This tree was immediately below the tree house, but, thankfully, it fell away from the structure. When it fell, it reached from the tree house to the far edge of the woods. The only way to remove it was to cut it in chunks and pull them out, but a ten-foot “stump” was left attached to a huge root ball. It was too dangerous to cut the stump back any further because of the “spring” of the stump as it was released from its roots. **NEFF LUMBER MILLS** brought in a huge machine to lift and shove the stump back into the hole formed by the root ball. It took very careful manipulation and much machine muscle to accomplish this, but the stump finally thumped back into place. The stump will remain in the woods as a memorial to a storm like no one has ever seen before in this area. It will serve as a home for bird houses and bird feeders, or maybe in the future, become a totem pole. **NEFF LUMBER MILLS** continued to work in the woods, pulling up stumps of trees broken off during the storm by either the powerful winds or by the felling of the old hickory tree.

We appreciate so much the help from Neff Lumber Mills and all the help from volunteers who have been working in the woods all summer to clean up the damage.



Janet would love to speak to any organization about STILL MEADOWS, its formation, its programs, and her vision for the future.



**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

**Tax ID # 54-1857340**

\_\_\_\_\_ Donation of \$100

\_\_\_\_\_ Donation of \$50

\_\_\_\_\_ Donation of \$25

Enclosed is my \$\_\_\_\_\_ contribution.

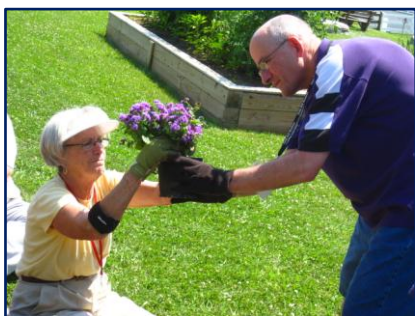
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(All donations are tax deductible)



**The HEALING GARDENS bring  
volunteers and campers  
together.**



**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)

**Tax ID # 54-1857340**

\_\_\_\_\_ Therapeutic Horseback Riding (\$225)

\_\_\_\_\_ Partial Scholarship (Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_)

DONOR: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Laughter and fun at summer camp can make  
limitations forgotten!**



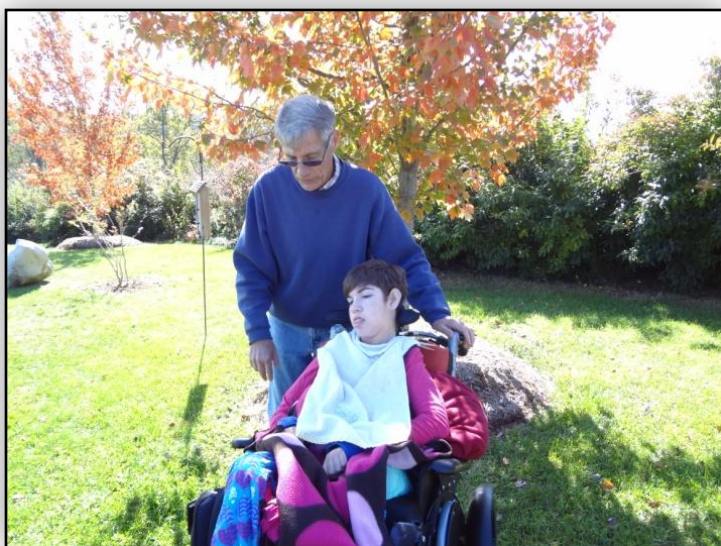
## SCHOOLS VISIT STILL MEADOWS

Vans and yellow buses pulled onto the Campgrounds and unloaded elementary and middle school students from area schools. These children were ready for a fun day at Camp. They rode the hay wagon into the woods and around Still Meadows, waving and chattering.

They visited the tree house, looking into the autumn woods for squirrels and any other woodland creatures.

They met the animals in the barn, petting and loving the horses, donkeys, goats, rabbits, and Oscar, the cat.

They played in the Healing Garden, taking orders from the “drive through” window in the garden playhouse, and riding the seesaw. Their packed lunches were, sometimes reluctantly, consumed in the picnic shelter. Why “waste” time when the playground was right there? They listened to pumpkin stories in the tipi and then gathered their own pumpkins to take home as a souvenir.



**TEACHERS ...Put Still Meadows in your plans for a Spring field trip. Springtime is a beautiful time to spend a day connecting to nature!**



The Still Meadows Board of Directors felt that many friends support our facility, but some go beyond expectations. It was decided to present an annual award for outstanding donor support. In the future, this special award will be called **"THE CHESTER & NANCY BRADFIELD FAMILY DONOR APPRECIATION AWARD"**, with the first presentation of 2012 to Chester and Nancy Bradfield. Mr. and Mrs. Bradfield have given their support to Still Meadows for many years, and the camp has grown because of them and their appreciation for Still Meadows.

Another new annual award will be **"THE RICK & JANE SMITH SERVICE AWARD"** that will be given to a person who has shown a love and respect for Still Meadows in an extraordinary way.



Devin Nesselrodt receives the  
"VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR" award.



Katie Chittum was awarded the "RICK & JANE  
SMITH SERVICE" Award..



Katie Coffman wins the "MAASCH  
MESS" Award

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICNIC

Volunteers at Still Meadows are the backbone of the camp. They work with our fragile riders in the therapeutic riding program by leading horses, sidewalking for safety, or by dressing up like Native Americans. Men, women, teenagers, and children help with summer camps. They dig in the raised flower and vegetable beds, introduce the campers to the horses and rabbits, lead the campers with songs and energizers, prepare food and snacks, transport campers with the hay wagon and golf carts, guide the campers as they make fun crafts, and sometimes just sit, listening quietly with our friends. They help with our fundraisers by providing pies and cakes, cooking tenderloin and beans, assisting with all aspects of the horseback ride-a-thon, and more.

The Board of Directors expressed their appreciation to the volunteers by inviting them to the annual **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICNIC** on October 21, 2012, in the Still Meadows' picnic shelter. At this appreciation celebration, awards were presented to outstanding volunteers and supporters of Still Meadows during 2012. The following awards were given to:

**STILL MEADOWS DONOR APPRECIATION AWARD - Nancy & Chester Bradfield**

**JANE & RICK SMITH SERVICE AWARD – Katie Chittum**

**JANET MAASCH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD – Devin Nesselrodt**

**MAASCH MESS AWARD – Katy Coffman**

Congratulations to these special folks and thanks for all you do for Still Meadows. We depend so much on these volunteers and friends.

### THE TIPI GROWS....

The Still Meadows tipi will soon have a new home thanks to Marcus Farrall of Boy Scout Troop 83 of Mt. Clinton. Marcus is building a platform for the tipi that will allow our friends in wheelchairs or with mobility limitations to safely enter the structure. This is an Eagle Scout project for Marcus and he has been planning for several months, gathering materials donated by local businesses. Marcus has been assisted by Zach Evans, Seth Bailey, Lee Anna Farrall, Tanner Shifflet, and others.



We thank Marcus so much for his hard work. All of our individuals will be so excited to be able to participate in activities in the tipi.



### INCREDIBLE 2012 AUCTION

An exciting auction was held on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at the Dayton United Methodist Church in Dayton, Virginia. Businesses and the community donated many unbelievable items to be auctioned either by a caller or by silent auction. Auction donations included a trip to Disney World with overnight accommodations, a trip to Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, an 8x10 wool rug, an outdoor glider chair, a Vera Bradley back pack, stamping supplies, an electric fireplace, a leather recliner, train rides, and so much more. We so appreciate the businesses that supported this fundraiser. It is because of their support that Still Meadows continues to grow with buildings and programs that allow our special friends to "fly like eagles, if only in their minds."

The auction was attended by many individuals who enjoyed a fun night of laughter, competition, and delicious food. The kitchen was organized and run by members of the Mennonite community who have been wonderful supporters of Still Meadows. The menu consisted of pork tenderloin sandwiches, white beans, spiced apples, broccoli salad and scrumptious homemade pies and cakes.

The auction brought in \$10,400. The proceeds will be used to help purchase the remainder of the grounds around Still Meadows, allowing future expansion of the camp. It is only with the support of the community and with God's guidance that we exist and where our special friends' dreams can and do come true. We thank all of the volunteers and businesses who became involved with this exciting event. And, much appreciation goes to **Vern Michael** who agreed to serve as auctioneer at the last minute. We also thank the **Dayton United Methodist Church** for allowing us to use their beautiful facilities.

#### WISH LIST FOR STILL MEADOWS

Generator for Maintenance Building (\$2500)

Hay/Feed for Animals

Wheelchair Golf Cart

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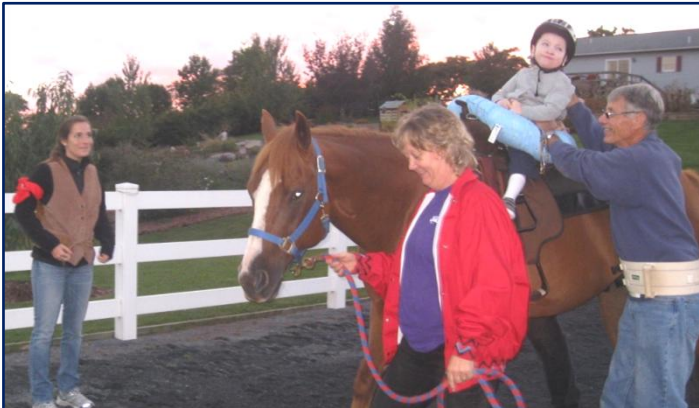
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## SPOTLIGHT ON EZRA TOKMAN



As a six year old, Ezra Tokman is our youngest rider in the therapeutic riding program this year. Ezra is a good-natured and easy going student at Peak View Elementary School in Rockingham County. Ezra loves music and musical instruments such as the drums and piano. He is a super sweet young boy who loves hanging out with his Daddy. Ezra is currently taking swimming lessons. We hope to see Ezra next year on the back of our quarter horse, Isaac .