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Letter From the Director

Katie Chittum, Interim Executive Director



We are in our 16th year here at Still Meadows, and, boy, has time flown by! Lots of changes have happened since our last newsletter. As many of you know, this past December our founder and biggest dreamer of all, Janet Maasch, lost a courageous battle with cancer. She started this place as a way to help serve our special friends in the community. For the past 3 years I have been the camp director, but am excited to write this as the Interim Executive Director. Still Meadows will continue to serve the community with the help of the Board of Directors and volunteers.



As the weather continues to warm up, camp is truly coming alive and I know Jan is here in spirit. The trees are starting to show their beautiful buds and the Healing Gardens are

absolutely breathtaking! The beds will soon be overflowing with purple, yellow, pink, and white flowers and it will truly be a sight to see! God's hand is at work here at Still Meadows, and as I sit back and take in the views I'm reminded that this is and will always be God's camp.



With the warmer weather comes activities and many visitors. Therapeutic riding started a few weeks ago and it is such a joy to hear the laughter that spills out of the arena. We have so many great volunteers again this year who have graciously set aside their time to help serve our special friends here.

Special education classes from area schools will soon be enjoying their visits here. Students can play with the bunnies, pick vegetables in the

Healing Gardens, and take in the view from the wheelchair accessible tree house. Our newest addition here at camp is a wheelchair accessible platform for our tipi to sit on. Marcus Farrall built the platform for his Eagle Scout project over the winter months, and I cannot wait to utilize it this summer.

Faith & Light, Music Under the Stars, and our camp sessions are rounding out the calendar this year. I look forward to the hustle and bustle of summer here at Still Meadows. We are dreaming once again as we look into building a wheelchair accessible rabbit habitat for our friends to enjoy in the Healing Gardens and are dreaming up fun new crafts for camps this summer.

Most importantly I want to thank you, our community, for your continued support of Still Meadows. Because of your generosity we can continue to dream during this tough economic time. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we make the transitions necessary to keep Still Meadows and Jan's dream thriving.

"Aerodynamically the bumblebee shouldn't be able to fly, but the bumblebee doesn't know it so it goes on flying anyway."

-Mary Kay Ash

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Janet E. Maasch

Saturday, April 27, 2013

11:00 a.m.

In the "Healing Gardens" at Still Meadows

A carry-in lunch will be held following the service. Bring a side dish or dessert (hot dogs will be provided) and a chair

To Be held Rain or Shine.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT STILL MEADOWS IN 2013

APRIL 2013

3rd-May 29th - **Therapeutic Riding Program** – Session #1 – 6:45-8:30 p.m. (8-week duration, Pre-registration is required.)

20th, Saturday - **J.M.U. Family Event** with Dr. Tom Moran @ Still Meadows

27th, Saturday - **CELEBRATION OF JAN MAASCH’S LIFE** @ Still Meadows 11:00 a.m. followed by carry-in lunch.



May 2013

17th, Saturday - **Faith and Light Worship Service** by Dave Gullman, 7:00 p.m at Still Meadows.

26th, Sunday - **Day Camp Volunteer Training** @ Still Meadows- 4:00-5:00 p.m.

JUNE 2013

2nd, Sunday – **Alternate Day Camp Volunteer Training** – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

7th, Friday - **Music Under the Stars Dance** @ Still Meadows- 6:00-7:30 p.m.

17th-21st, Monday through Friday - **Day Camp** 9:00-3:00 p.m. except Friday 9:00-2:00. Pre-registration required

28th, Friday - **Faith and Light Worship Service** by Pastor Dave Gullman at Still Meadows - 7:00-8:30 p.m.

19th-Aug. 7th, Wednesday – **Therapeutic Riding Program** – Session #2 – 6:45-8:30 p.m. (8-week duration, Pre-registration is required.)

JULY, 2013

Friday, 5th - “*Music Under the Stars Dance*” – 6:00-7:30 p.m. @ Still Meadows

8th-12th, Monday through Friday - **Day Camp** 9:00-3:00 p.m. except Friday 9:00-2:00. Pre-registration required

19th, Friday - **Faith and Light Worship Service** by Dave Gullman, 7:00 p.m at Still Meadows.

July 29th - August 2nd, Monday through Friday - **Day Camp** 9:00-3:00 p.m. except Friday 9:00-2:00. Pre-registration required

AUGUST 2013

9th, Friday - “*Music Under the Stars Dance*” – 6:00-7:30 p.m. @ Still Meadows.

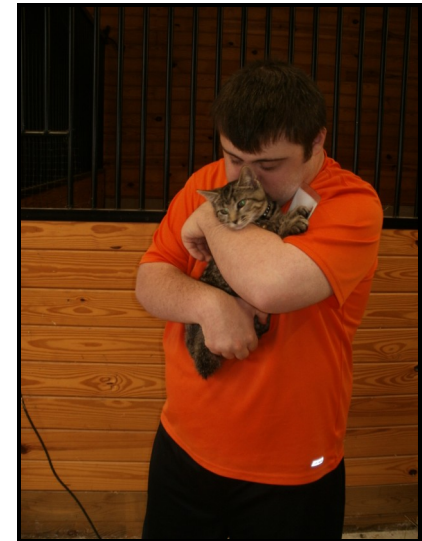
23rd, Friday – **Faith and Light Worship Service** by Pastor Dave Gullman @ Still Meadows – 7:00-8:30 p.m.



29th-Oct. 16th, Wednesday – **Therapeutic Riding Program** – Session #3 – 6:45-8:30 p.m. (8-week duration, Pre-registration is required.)

SEPTEMBER 2013

2nd, Labor Day Monday – **Pork Tenderloin Sandwiches & White beans**, Bridgewater Park – Labor Day Celebration



13TH, Friday – “*Music Under the Stars Dance*” – 6:00-7:30 p.m. @ Still Meadows.

20th, Friday – **Faith and Light Worship Service** by Dave Gullman, 7:00 p.m @ Still Meadows.

OCTOBER 2013

6th, Sunday – **Annual Horseback Ride-a-thon** @ Willow Spring Farm, Virginia-8:00 a.m.

20th, Sunday – **Volunteer Appreciation Picnic** @ Still Meadows – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2013

TBA - Saturday – **Auction Fundraiser**

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.

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)



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: _____

PHONE: _____

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BINGO BLAST!

On a cold Saturday night, March 2, 2013, Still Meadows Board of Directors hosted its Eleventh Annual Longaberger Basket Bingo. This was Still Meadows first fundraiser since the passing of Executive Director, Janet Maasch, so members were feeling an increased burden to sponsor a successful event. The evening proved to be fun, well-organized, and helpful to Still Meadows. Players were excited to see the array of beautiful baskets and wonderful door prizes. They were also able to purchase raffle tickets for a 50/50 drawing, and drawings for special Longaberger baskets, a shiny new wheelbarrow, and a hand carved wooden bowl. Approximately, \$3,500 profits were raised after expenses.

The food was outstanding with offerings of pork tenderloin sandwiches, white beans, hot dogs, chips, baked beans, candy, and wonderful pies and cakes. Our heartfelt thanks to Jerry Miller and Larry Taylor who prepared the pork and beans and to the Mennonite Community who shared their talents by providing wonderful pies and cakes.

The success of such a tremendous event required the help of many supporters. We thank the Woodmen of the World who rented such a perfect facility to us and allowed early entry to set up. We thank Terry Tucker who planned and organized the bingo, Davey Joseph who called numbers with such good humor, and board members who donated their time by gathering door prizes and working at the bingo. We also thank the businesses who supported us with donations of food items and door prizes. There are so many to thank that it is impossible to name everyone, but just know that Still Meadows exists because of your support.

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

WISH LIST for STILL MEADOWS

- Baled Hay for Horses
- Gravel for Driveway
- Mulch for Flower Beds
- Wheelchair Golf Cart
- Miniature Pot Bellied Pig
- Wood chips for Nature Path
- Faux Fire Pit for Tipi
- Sponsorships for Day Camp Snacks
- Sponsorships for Camp T-shirts
- Bird Seed



MEET THE 2013-14 OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President, Jodi Haas, has served on the board for many years. Jodi works full-time and cares for her three-year-old grandson, Jacob. Jodi has been an efficient and loving leader for the board. Jodi has been very active with fundraisers.

Vice President, Jodie Anderson, is a speech therapist who works for a county school system. Jodie also serves as the crafts coordinator for summer camp sessions. Jodie has also been active in fundraisers.

Treasurer, Kristen Lanier, also works full-time for the Girl Scouts and is a technology “guru.” Kristen and her children help with many activities including camp activities. Kristen also serves as administrator of the Camp’s Facebook page.

Assistant Treasurer, Mary Ellen Chewning, recently retired from her full-time job with ARC of Harrisonburg. Mary Ellen served with excellence for many years as treasurer. Mary Ellen hopes to be volunteering during summer camps this year.

Secretary, Arlene Reid, owns a nursery with her husband. She is also a frequent guest on WHSV-TV as a speaker about flowers and planting. Arlene has pulled many of her community members into helping and baking goodies at Still Meadows events.

As you can see, members of the Board are very busy people who make time in their lives for Still Meadows and our special friends.



Teachers, put Still Meadows in your plans for a Spring field trip.

“At Camp Sdell Medows, I laft on a hay ride. I saw goats. I touched a soft bunny ear. My weellcher went in the tree-hose. It went on a swing.” Ella , a school visitor.



Porto Charities Helps Still Meadows

On February 9, 2013, the Interim Executive Director, Katie Chittum and her assistant, Diana Umbel, attended the Founders Day Banquet of Porto Charities, Inc. in Vienna, Virginia. This function was attended by groups who were chosen by Porto Charities to receive grants funded through their fundraisers. Still Meadows was fortunate to be one of the chosen groups. Following a Tex-Mex Buffet, checks were presented to these groups. Katie accepted a check for \$1,000 earmarked for The Healing Gardens. Katie’s plans are to purchase gravel for the garden paths, mulch for the raised beds, repairs to the hydrant, and new bird feeders. This all supports the continued goal and dream of nurturing our special friends through nature.



“Still Meadows...a place where folks can fly like eagles, if only in their minds.”

JANET E. MAASCH
1945-2012

Sixteen years ago, Janet Maasch sat on her back deck gazing over the rough terrain behind the house into which she just recently moved. As she sat, deep in thought, there appeared before her, the buildings of Still Meadows. She saw, with amazing clarity, the picnic shelter, the barn, the maintenance building, and a lodge. Sixteen years later, all of these buildings stand on Still Meadows grounds, with the exception of the lodge. With determination and very little money, Jan began working on her dream of providing a place where disabled folks could “fly like eagles, if only in their minds.” She envisioned a place where bodies that are bound by chairs, machines, and medicines could be a part of nature and its beauty.

Janet Maasch left us on December 19, 2012, but her spirit will always be the heart and soul of Still Meadows. The Board of Directors will be hosting a public **“CELEBRATION OF JANET MAASCH’S LIFE”** on **Saturday, April 27th**, at **11:00 a.m.** The celebration will be followed by a carry-in lunch with Jan’s favorite menu item provided by the Board, hot dogs. A handmade, three-bowl, fused glass, bird bath will also be dedicated in Jan’s honor. This was created by members of the Board of Directors.

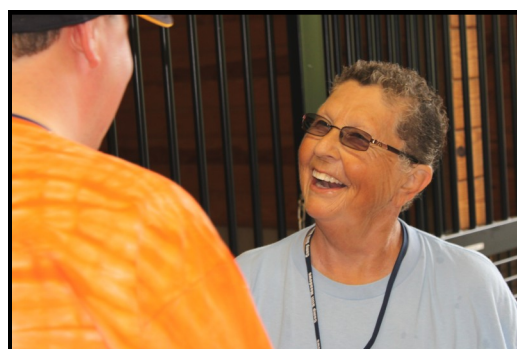
Jan’s family thanks everyone for the many gifts of food, prayers, cards, memorial donations, and other acts of kindness which were showered upon them during Jan’s illness and passing. Her sisters, Nancy Morgan and Kay Doak, have also asked that her friends write down any interesting stories about Jan and to either bring them to the Celebration or send them to Still Meadows. Their goal is to combine the stories and anecdotes into a book, which should be funny and touching at the same time. Jan is missed by so many, but we will move on to fulfill her vision.

Jan always let everyone know that laughter was required at Still Meadows.



**CELEBRATION OF
JAN’S LIFE
April 27th
11:00 a.m.
Bring a Chair & dish
to share**

Jan’s brightest smile could light up other’s shadowed worlds.



A TRIBUTE TO JANET MAASCH BY A LOYAL STILL MEADOWS VOLUNTEER, PHIL EWALD

Janet Maasch was a woman of faith and had a deep love of God and people. When I needed someone to talk to she was always there. She was always there for anyone in need and, somehow, she always knew of someone who could provide assistance.

As I look back over the years that I’ve spent as a volunteer I am amazed at the effect Jan has had on me and others. In many ways, she taught me what faith is – the Tree House, that she told me about the first time I met her, was a reality less than two years later.

I am so thankful for the day when Jan encouraged me to be a volunteer. I once said I couldn’t work with “those people” and now they give me more than I could ever hope to give back to them. My daughter, who observed one of the camp’s riding sessions just before she moved from the area, said “Dad, if I wasn’t leaving I’d love to volunteer here.” When I asked why, her response was very simple, “everybody is smiling.”

I keep thinking about what Jan said about the volunteers being a family. I think we really are – all of us who volunteer in many ways for the camp’s programs – for those of us who donate to the camp either financially or in goods and services - we are all part of this family. We need to do what we can to help keep Jan’s dream alive.

I didn’t always agree with Jan – and she didn’t always agree with me – but family members don’t always agree – but we were always friends. Jan would often tell people that she wasn’t a saint, and was far from it - but to me she was, and is, a Saint. Rest in Peace my great friend.

WANT TO KEEP YOUR DESK CLEAN OF PAPERWORK?

**Sign up for online newsletters at
www.campstillmeadows.org**

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the backbone of Still Meadows. People like you continuously give their time to our special friends, and without this selfless act Still Meadows would not be a staple of this community. During day camps our volunteers bond with campers through dancing, hay rides, stories in the tipi, and charades in the tree house. Therapeutic riding volunteers join in on the fun by participating in potato sack races, dressing up like a scarecrow, and becoming a reassuring presence to riders.

Volunteers are also the muscle of Still Meadows. They can be spotted pulling weeds in the gardens, folding the newsletters, mowing our 15 acres, and tirelessly picking up sticks and fallen debris. Our army of volunteers never cease to amaze us here. They are truly a team of dedicated people putting in thousands of hours to keep camp looking marvelous.

We are always looking for more volunteers to join our family. Can you play a musical instrument? Do you have an eye for photography? Do you have a green thumb? Bring your “talent” and yourself to visit us. **Everyone** has a place here.

