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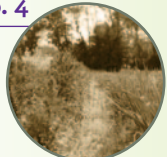
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Another Ford Foundation

Teddy likes to cook, and does so whenever the opportunity arises. As one of the original residents of Homefields, Teddy is comfortable in his home and participates regularly in household chores and activities.



That he is able to do so can be attributed directly to the Community Services Group (CSG) staff at Homefields. One of the longest-employed staff members is Edith Ford, who has served at Homefields for 16 years. Edith works at the ranch house, Ted's home, every week Wednesday through Saturday. She cares for the residents, prepares meals, guides their interactions with others, and helps them set and attain functional and social goals.



Edith has been at Homefields longer than almost any other present staff member; indeed, longer than

most professional caregivers at any residence. She cites several reasons for this—the pleasant rural surroundings, the parental involvement with the residents—but primarily she talks of the establishment of a permanent home for the residents. “They have the opportunity to bond with someone,” and the staff members also find it easier to serve the residents because the long-term relationships allow them to develop better communication with the residents over time, which in turn promotes a more peaceful, cooperative atmosphere in the homes. That makes Teddy's life much more pleasant, and makes Edith's work easier and more effective.

Teddy is an integral member of Homefields. So is Edith.



This is the house where Edith has worked, and Teddy has lived, for 16 years.

EXCITING NEW WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES

We're launching a series of informal talks from respected local individuals and organizations, on topics related to well-grounded living. You want to know more about eating healthy? Check! Cheese? Bread? Apiaries? We have you covered. Come to the field and hang out for an hour. More offerings will be posted to our Facebook page and our website and, if you've shared your email address with us, watch your “in” box for new offerings and updated information.

WHEN: Saturdays from 10:00am–11:00am...ish (stick around, enjoy the farm and visit with our experts)

WHERE: 150 Letort Road (turn at the big yellow barn).

WHAT TO BRING: Bring a chair, just in case. Maybe a hat, and we'll bring the water.

WHERE TO PARK: Use gravel parking lot beside the yellow barn.

HOW: Registration is open to the public and is free. Space is limited. To register, please email events@homefields.org or call the office at 717-872-2012, and leave a detailed message. Registration confirmation will be provided.

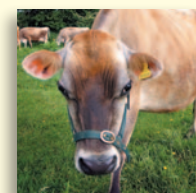


5/4/13 IKE & LISA KERSHNER NORTH STAR ORCHARDS
North Star Orchards is a

family-owned farm focused on growing safe, sustainable and succulent fruits and vegetables. Learn more about backyard fruit-growing and their farm.

This year North Star Orchards celebrates their second year of offering a fruit share through the vocational training program at Homefields.

www.northstarorchard.com



5/18/13 MANDY ARROWSMITH: HILL ACRES PRIDE FARM
visits us to talk about everything

cheese! If you ever wanted to know how to make cheese, this is the time to find out. Bring your desire to taste truly fresh cheese! This Lancaster County farm is home to three generations of Arrowsmiths. This season, the vocational training program offers a cheese share through Hill Acres Pride Farm.

www.hillacrespride.com

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Distinguished Civic Leadership Award

Dr. Victor DeSantis introduced Homefields, the proud recipient of Millersville University's Walker Center's Distinguished Civic Leadership Award by saying, “When I say close to home, I mean you could throw a stone from here—a second away from Millersville University.”

Dr. DeSantis is the head of MU's Civic and Community Engagement and Research Project (CCERP), charged with finding “individuals or organizations that make noteworthy civic and community contributions of local, regional, national or international impact and who have been a catalyst for encouraging civic engagement on the part of others.”



(L. to R.) Dr. John M. Anderson, the new President of Millersville University, with Scott Breneman and Dr. Rich Mehrenberg. Photo courtesy of Russell G. Frost, Frost Imaging.

On April 11, a dinner was held at the Lehr Ballroom where Dr. Rich Mehrenberg, Homefields' board member, and Scott Breneman, Farm Manager of the Goodwill at Homefields Farm, accepted the award. Dr. DeSantis continued, “Millersville University could not be prouder of our ongoing relationship

with Homefields.” And, Homefields could not be more grateful to Dr. Mehrenberg for nominating Homefields, and to the CCERP project for recognizing the good work of Homefields' and her circle of supportive friends.

Jersey cow courtesy of Phil and Pam Gradwell.



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RESIDENTIAL MISSION:

To create financially secure, long-term homes for adults with special needs 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 MISSION:

To provide 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.

The official registration statement and financial information of Homefields may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS

The Homefields Board of Directors is very excited to have several new members “on board,” as it were, expanding not only the membership but the interests and expertise of the collective body. Here are three of our new members.



DR. RICH MEHRENBURG is a professor of special education at Millersville University. He first heard of Homefields through one of his students, who presented a report on Homefields’ mission to address the needs of individuals with disabilities. “I was surprised that I had not heard of this group that was doing such great things in our own backyard.”

Because he lives in Millersville, he received one of our newsletters and made the connection with the student’s report from a few semesters earlier and realized that this would be a great place to lend his time and talents. He contacted Tom and Linda Strauss and took a tour of the farm. That tour solidified his desire to get involved.

When asked what, in particular, draws him to Homefields, Rich says, “Lancaster County is known nationally, if not internationally, for its rustic beauty and bountiful agriculture. I am proud to work for an organization that is committed to those priorities in their residential and vocational programs. I am very excited to explore future partnerships between Homefields and Millersville University. I strongly believe that there are numerous opportunities for the two organizations to work together to create valuable educational programs in a variety of fields.”



DEB DEBERDINE came to know Homefields as a local resident and shareholder participant in the Goodwill program. Her interest in Homefields grew as she saw the pleasure

her children took in going into the fields and picking the flowers and produce themselves. The weekly share pickup became a fun event for them.

Deb became interested in becoming a board member when she saw an article in the newsletter that articulated the need for additional members to serve on the board. She met with Jay Groff to learn more about the organization and the mission and purpose of the board and decided to sign on.

Her particular interest in Homefields is piqued most by the farm and farm training mission. “I love how Homefields helps so many in our community. We provide housing for our residents, a farm for Goodwill to run their training programs, and fresh vegetables to our shareholders.” She particularly looks forward to the Food in the Fields event in Sept. and the monthly programs we are hoping to have at the farm, so that others can learn and see what makes Homefields a special place.



KELLY BAYLIS joined the Homefields board of directors in November 2011; an injury sidelined her for several months. Now back on board, Kelly serves on the Media Committee. She learned about Homefields by volunteering at the golf tournament. Kelly is committed to encouraging people affected by IDD (Intellectual Developmental Disability), to create the lives they want. She provides respite services for families and works in a community-based program that services adults with IDD living in their own apartments.

Kelly is deeply interested in our mission because she works directly with IDD (Intellectually Developmentally Disabled) adults and has a real passion for the people that CSG serves; very much appreciates the goals and residential arrangement at Homefields and the way the organization cares about every aspect of the residents’ lives. Her main area of interest is raising funds for the people we serve, in whatever capacity she can, and as much as she can.

Homefields has been truly blessed this past year in the board members who have joined our organization.

Exciting New Workshop Opportunities *continued*



6/8/13 STEPHANIE BRENEMAN FROM ABENDESSEN BREADS

visits us to talk about bread-making and to share samples of her locally-made, German-inspired breads. This season, the vocational training program offers a bread share through Abendessen Breads. Questions to AbendessenBread@gmail.com or see www.facebook.com/AbendessenBread



6/15/13 SUSAN HOHENADEL

a Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator, visits Homefields to talk about healthy eating. You already know that food from the farm is good for you. Susan will explain the benefits for your health, weight and well-being, of eating fresh, local, organic fruits and vegetables. Take home recipe ideas!



6/29/13 DANIELLE FREDERICK-RHOADES

a Backyard Bee Keeper and owner of “Belle’s Bees Apiary” shares her knowledge about beekeeping. Learn about beehives, the colony, fun facts about honey and, if we’re lucky, a short walk will allow you to visit the hive and witness a honey extraction. Bring your sweet tooth to enjoy sticky and yummy samples.

HIT 18, COUNT YOUR BEST 17!



This is the theme for our 17th event—do the best you can and knock off the worst stroke. The opportunity to shine with your friends in Homefields’ backyard, *Crossgates Golf Club*, will return on Friday, September 20, 2013. Save the date on your calendar, and look

forward to the fun of the Homefields 17th Annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament.

Planning for this year’s event is just beginning, but it is clear that there will again be morning and afternoon rounds, giving golfers a choice of one or both schedules. Breakfast,

lunch, and dinner will be available, depending upon your choice of playing time(s). As always, prizes will be there for the claiming, as well as fellowship with friends old and new.

Over the years, the planning committee has gone out of its way to keep our outings competitive, but lighthearted, creative, and interesting as well. You won’t be disappointed in that regard this year. At the same time, we have done all we can over the years to keep the pace of play quick, stimulating, and rewarding. That only multiplies the fun.



Our sponsors contribute so generously and selflessly to making this day of golf to benefit Homefields possible and profitable. We welcome their support again this year, and we invite new sponsors at any level to join us. Find information about sponsorship opportunities at www.homefields.org. Please direct questions about #17 to Terry Blue at twblue@comcast.net, or to info@homefields.org. Also, please

watch your email for notices about Homefields’ night golf experiences available this summer. During #16 last year, one of our golfers scored a hole-in-one on one of the most challenging par 3s. Come join us on September 20 to add more names to our list of heroines and heroes. We know you can do it.

*Terry Blue,
Golf Tournament
Committee Chair*



Register online for Homefields 17th Annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament:

www.homefields.org



For the latest events and happening at Homefields, like us on Facebook. Add Homefields to your Facebook news feed for regular updates and current events.



SHARE-ING CSA NEWS

Now planting for our 14th season...has it really been that many seasons already? Hard to believe, but yes, it's true. We are the longest-operating CSA farm in the county and so I guess we can pronounce ourselves "seasoned."

The farm is a bright spot for people with barriers to regular employment and we are witnesses to the joy and satisfaction that farming brings to those who work with the fields and the food. Our farming has been refined to the point where we know what works or should work, and we add in tweaks and experiments to each season in the hopes of bettering what we do and offer. New for this year, following at the heels of last year's fruit share addition from North Star Orchard, is a cheese share from Hillacres Farm, and a bread share from Abendessen Bread. Farm members can purchase fruit, cheese or bread shares from these other farms and then pick them up here at Homefields.

Everyone raves about our blueberries, so we will be planting two more rows to give farm members greater quantities of berries when they start bearing in 2015. We are anticipating a great season ahead for trainees, CSA members, and staff, as we build relationship and community and grow great food.



Farmer Elizabeth Swope and Cameron Coble take a break from seeding for a photo opportunity.



Potato digger:

One of the winter projects on the farm has been working on a potato digger that is able to lift the potatoes a bit and shake the dirt from them. In true farm fashion, we look around to see what is lying around, and start scrabbling bearings, bushings, mounting plates and brackets together to see what we can come up with that will do the job. Here's what we have so far—I think it is going to work, but there are some tweaks to add with making it shake. We anticipate a great potato harvest and hope for a great outcome with the potato shaker. We'll keep you posted.

Scott Breneman, Farm Manager



OPEN-AIR DINING

Homefields Board of Directors invites you to bring your fork, leave your fancy shoes at home, and join us on **Sunday, September 8, 2013** for brunch in the fields. Drop in between **11:00 AM-2:00**

PM. Meet friends old and new. Homegrown veggies and fruits, locally sourced eggs, grass-fed beef, cheese and more. Local music, all in our backyard. Catch more details on Facebook, and keep an eye on your inbox for registration information. **RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

Extra, Extra—Read All About It...



On November 30, 2012, the Lancaster County Community Foundation launched a first-ever for Lancaster County Community Benefit Organizations. The foundation committed \$250,000.00

to local non-profit organizations in an *Extraordinary Give* marathon. These funds "stretched" the giving pool, increasing every donation. The 24-hour Giving Marathon occurred from sun up to sun down, virtually from any web browser, or actually at the Ware Center, Millersville University. Musicians played, donors danced and everyone embraced the EXTRA.

Almost 200 local non-profit organizations received over \$1,600,000.00. Homefields received over \$13,000.00 in donations during the EXTRAgive, putting it in the top third in dollar amount as well as number of individual donations. Who says big things don't come in small packages? Thank you for your continued support.

GO GREEN: Homefields is committed to a responsible and sustainable future. Send your email address to info@homefields.org and we'll substitute an electronic version of this print edition. You'll get it earlier, in color, and our carbon footprint will be that much smaller!

FOCUS ON A FARMER



To talk to Glenn Weaver is to be reminded how good life ought to be.

Glenn is a farmer trainee with the *Goodwill at Homefields Farm*. In fact, he, who will start his fourteenth year with the program, has been employed at Homefields from the first year that Goodwill Keystone Area established the pilot work program. He has worked with three farm managers and with more farm workers than he can remember. Glenn does most of the jobs on the farm, from weeding, hoeing, and harvesting to planting seeds, transplanting seedlings, and washing the produce for the shareholders. And almost everything in between.



If you ask Glenn what he likes best about working on the farm, he will tell you that he loves being out "in God's creation," the camaraderie of working with the others on the farm, the sense of family they all have for each other, and especially the opportunity to be constantly learning new things, new skills, new ways of doing familiar operations. He has become good friends with one of the residents at Homefields, whom he sees as another member of his Homefields family. Although he spends only one day of his four-and-a-half day workweek at Homefields, it is his favorite time of the week, and his favorite place to be.

Glenn actually lives in Millersville, which makes his day at Homefields really close to home for him. But he has worked for Goodwill Keystone Area for twenty years and still spends the majority of his workweek at Goodwill in Lancaster. Every Friday, however, from the beginning of the farm season until the last Christmas gift box is packed, Glenn is on the Homefields farm. If pressed, he will admit that his least favorite job is cleaning up the shareholder pickup area prior to storing that week's produce in the bins. But, even that chore doesn't really seem to bother him much. "I feel blessed," he says, over and over. "Really, really blessed."

This graphic illustrates what 20 years of community involvement, volunteer dedication, donations, relationships with other organizations, and careful planning can achieve.





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HOT ITEMS:

- Homefields will host a series of talks from local experts. See first page or check our website and Facebook!
- CSA program receives M.U.'s *Civic Distinguished Leadership Award*. See inside.
- Date and theme of the 17th Golf Tournament is announced on page 2.

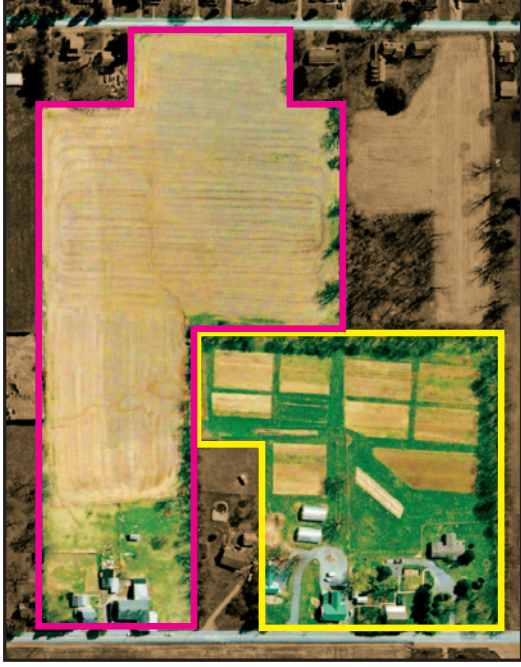


SAVE *the* LAND DRIVE

An update on this long-term project. Through an economic downturn, your donations have helped to preserve the 14-acre organic farmland outlined in pink, shown beside our current property in yellow. Now that construction is picking up nationally, we're planning creative uses that will protect it from urban development locally.

A *Future Farmer of America* planted on it. Housing developers have also approached it. Our future plans are to provide for more local families in search of chemical-free produce. Outdoor dining events. Workshops in the fields with local experts. Collaborative projects with local environmental groups. One acre will be pumpkins in the fall, and another soil-improving crop rotation.

We're brainstorming and connecting with local networks on this end. Join us to meet our goal. Help us make the monthly mortgage payments and preserve this farmland for future generations. Go to www.homefields.org to make a difference.



≡BENEFACTORS: October 2012–April 2013≡

\$25–\$99

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Robin Beazley
Jaime Blair
Kyki Bobotas
Joy Dietrich
Diane Fleishman
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Gillian Graham
Kathleen Gray
LaVon Harnish
Cecelia Harrington
Gail and Ron Hawthorne
Marty and Susan Hohenadel
Carl and Erma Horning
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Colelette Jakubowicz
Kisten & Timothy Johnson Martin
Carla Weber Kelly
Thomas Kruse
Kathryn Labosh
Wendy Letavic
Laurie Martin
Jeff Miller
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Karen Roberts
Sharon Roberts
Jesse Robinson

Virginia Robinson
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