

OUR VISION...

is a program centered around farm activities such as animal care, vegetable gardening, crop harvesting and general farm maintenance. Participants would also have the opportunity to live in a supportive setting where they can find independence and self-confidence living with friends while getting needed support services.

The list of services that we see as a need in our community include respite care for children, youth and adults with ASD as well as support services to families of persons with ASD. Additional programs will include speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, therapeutic horseback riding, Special Olympics, and personal enrichment in the arts and woodworking.

OUR MISSION...

to develop Hiram Farm Living and Learning Community as a nonprofit organization that provides opportunities for people with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) to grow, learn, work, and live in a setting focused on respect and support for individuals and the environment.



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Hiram Farm Opens to Participants

After months of planning and preparation, The Hiram Farm Living and Learning Community is finally open to participants! The first day for participants was June 3rd, when they began their farming program with crop planting and garden education.

Since the 3rd, the participants have taken part in all sorts of farm activities, including garden planning, planting, weeding, watering and general farm upkeep and maintenance. Under the guidance of Hiram Farm Staff,

the participants spend three hours each morning working in the garden, completing tasks both as individuals and in a group. After lunch, the participants spend their afternoons working on arts and crafts. Their recent projects include painted rocks, crop signs, and a big, looming scarecrow to keep the black-birds away from our corn!

So far, the hard work of the participants and staff has paid off. Our pumpkins have big, lush leaves and the peas are coming along nicely. The green beans are

filling out well, and some of our corn beat the "knee-high by the fourth of July" mark.

Our dedicated group of volunteers have also been a big help. They've done everything from weeding the garden to building livestock sheds and fences. With so many helping hands at the farm, our fall harvest should be bountiful.

Visit us on the web at
www.hiramfarm.org

Animals Arrive to New Home at Farm

Thanks to the generous support of many volunteers and beneficiaries, The Hiram Farm is now home to livestock. Goats, sheep, pigs, and even two donkeys now inhabit our large, enclosed pasture and two livestock sheds. The animals have arrived throughout the summer, and have adjusted nicely to their new homes.

Weaving animal husbandry into the daily routine is the next step in

providing educational, meaningful work for the



Hiram Farm's new participants. The animals need fed and watered twice daily, giving the participants an opportunity to interact with the animals on an individual basis and to learn their care procedures and habits. The animals have been a big hit so far, drawing attention from Hiram Farm participants, staff and volunteers. Soon the farm will be host to chickens as well, which will soon be laying fresh eggs!



Our history...

In 2008 a dedicated group of parents and professionals came together to fulfill a dream. This dream is a place for adults with **autism** to live and work, a place for them to be productive and successful. This group is working to make this dream a reality for the many families in Portage County and surrounding area that need this service.

To Donate

Checks can be made payable to Hiram Farm.

Mail to
P.O. Box 157
Hiram, OH 44234

Remember, your donation is tax deductible. You will receive a confirmation and thank you letter in the mail.

The Hiram Farm Wish List

As everyone knows who has spent time in rural Ohio, farming takes a few things: patience, practice, a little luck, and tools! Unfortunately for us at the farm, we're a little short on the latter. Therefore, we came up with a wish list of things that we need/could use. So far, we've received many tool donations and are very thankful to everyone who donated, but we could still use more. If you have spare or unused items on this list, please contact Kim Hummell at (330) 569-3441 for donation info.

Things We Need:

- Office Supplies
- Garden Stakes.
- Carpentry Level and Square
- Garden Cart
- Lumber
- Farming-Related Books and Videos
- Plastic Weed Barrier
- Cordless Saw and Drill
- Wheelbarrow
- Cleaning Supplies
- Gift Cards
- Arts/Crafts Supplies
- Rakes
- Riding Lawnmower
- Gardening Gloves (including kids sizes)

This and That: Facts and Events

Events Calender:
September 26th-To celebrate our fall harvest, Hiram Farm will be having an "open house." Fresh vegetables and crafts made by our participants will be for sale, tours will be available, and there will be activities for adults and children! Fresh veggies will also be available from now until then at our roadside stand, so stop by and pick up some fresh produce.

Hiram Farm On The Web:

The Hiram Farm's new website is now officially up and running. The site features information on the Farm's vision and philosophy as well as a calendar of events and current press releases. Also, visit Hiram Farm online to create a volunteer profile for yourself so you can get updates on farm news and volunteer days!
www.hiramfarm.org

Get Involved:

Interested in helping fulfill the Hiram Farm's vision? There are many ways to get involved: The Hiram Farm needs you! First, we need weekend volunteers for everything from gardening to light construction. We're also looking for fun, creative ideas for fundraising. And of course, donations are always appreciated. Check us out on the web for more information or call (330) 569-3441.

Contact:

Info about the farm can be found by calling the Hiram Farm office at (330) 569.3441 or on the web at www.hiramfarm.org