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our mission:

Helping people with developmental disabilities lead productive, happy lives and connecting with the human spirit in us all.

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Fun & Fit Family Day Brings Community Together

The 4th Annual Fun & Fit Family Day took place on June 24, and a great time was had by all. Guests enjoyed a fun 5K run or two mile walk, starting at Lambs Farm and continuing through Old School Forest Preserve. Over 300 people participated as well as many community vendors and sponsors, helping raise nearly \$15,000 to benefit the men and women of Lambs Farm.

A few attendees are shining stars as they raised funds on their own. Seven year old Will Thake from Lake Forest raised \$250. Will's mom said he went out on his own

through the neighborhood and simply asked people to donate for a great cause. Kids like Will are so special and Lambs Farm is honored to have his support. A family member of Lambs Farm Participant, Stephanie Scliabba, Elizabeth Lewis of Team Stephanie raised over \$2,000.

After the run and walk, guests were invited to join in some family fun activities, including a free yoga class, hosted by Blue Sky Yoga of Libertyville and JG's Reptile Road Show. Angie Miller, owner of Blue Sky Yoga, hosted an all ability yoga class and JG's Reptile Road Show put on a wild display of animals. Folks were able to get up close and personal with the snakes, a tortoise, an alligator and other creepy critters.

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Special Olympics Sports Banquet

In its fifteenth year, the Wellness Center at Lambs Farm hosted the annual Karen Buron Sports Banquet, recognizing Special Olympics athletes, coaches and volunteers. It was an evening filled with friends, family, dinner, speeches, awards and photos to commemorate and reminisce on the past year's memories and achievements.

This year, there were two athletes who won the athlete of the year award. Wellness Center Manager, Kreig Alm, shared how both of the athletes won six gold, two silver, and two bronze medals and a fourth place ribbon. They each had great attitudes, even when things didn't go their way. They both exemplify the true meaning of an athlete, both on and off the court. Congratulations to Libby Creigh and Mike Kurschner for winning this prestigious award!

Sports Banquet Winners

Outstanding Performance at State
Josh Johnson

Big Achievement Award
Marianne Weber

Sportsmanship Award
Andy Wernick

Athletes of the Year
Libby Creigh and
Michael Kurschner

Coaches
Kreig Alm, Elizabeth Barajas
Eric Kirch, Ginny Luptak
Scott Villareal

Volunteers
Mike Akutasawa
Paul Bruno
Bob Chikos
Marilyn Copeland
Steve Harris
Jim Hynan
Elizabeth Reder
Alison Zieroff

From the President and CEO's desk...

The word cultivate is defined as "fostering growth or development." Throughout our 56 years, cultivating has been an ongoing goal as our men and women have grown residentially, vocationally, athletically, and socially. There are options from which they may choose to live or work on our campus or in the community, visit the surrounding area to shop, have dinner, take in a movie or a play, attend a sporting event, or participate in other activities of their liking.

Although our campus businesses provide jobs for our Participants and generate a portion of the revenue needed to support our programs, their primary goal has always been to serve as an extension of the community in an effort to cultivate an overall understanding of our men and women and the numerous talents and skills they possess. Likewise, our Visitors Center cultivates understanding by sharing the story of the history and mission of Lambs Farm.

Over the years, we have added a number of events and activities that provide opportunities for members of the community to visit Lambs Farm. In addition, our Special Olympics Golf Team joins other golfers each year at our Annual Golf Day. Participants in our Fine Arts program star in an annual musical at a local theater and perform at our Annual Benefit downtown. The purpose is to provide additional opportunities to those who may not otherwise have the opportunity to meet and share an enjoyable experience with the men and women we serve. What better way can there be to foster growth?



Although the issues of uncertainty with the State of Illinois and its long-time reluctance or inability to adequately support our population continues, our goal of cultivation remains the same as we endeavor to provide as many opportunities as possible for our Participants to learn, to grow, and to broaden their horizons. At the same time, our efforts to familiarize members of the community with their remarkable achievements continue, whether on the Farm or off.

We remain eternally grateful to those of you who have and continue to support our efforts. Any encounter with one or more of our Participants, whether on our campus or in the community, would most certainly assure you that your generosity has had a significant impact on their lives. They are proud of their accomplishments and hungry to learn even more. We, of course, are anxious to assist them in that effort.

Over the years, the men and women we serve have exceeded all expectations, and our hope is that your appreciation for them as individuals has grown in tandem. None of this would have been possible without your support. Thank you for your continued belief in our mission.

Sincerely,

Dianne M. Yaconetti
President and CEO

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Will Thake with Special Events Coordinator, Kathy McMeins

This event would not be possible without our wonderful sponsors and volunteers. Lambs Farm is grateful for the volunteers we have throughout the year, and this event was no exception. Thank you to the Libertyville Running Club who brought in over thirty volunteers to help along the course and aid station. Thank you also to the volunteers who helped with registration and guidance throughout the day - we could not have done this without all of you.

Next year's Fun & Fit Family Day is on Saturday, June 23, 2018. All Sponsorship and donation inquiries may be sent to Kathy: kmcmeins@lambsfarm.org.



Volunteers from the Libertyville Running Club take a photo with the Chick-fil-A mascot



5K runner Dick Willix during the race

A special thank you to our 2017 Fun & Fit Family Day Sponsors:

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Kids participated in their own Kids Dash after the Run and Walk

33rd Annual Lambs Farm Golf Day

Nearly 200 golfers supported the mission of Lambs Farm during the 33rd Annual Lambs Farm Golf Day on Tuesday, July 11, at ThunderHawk Golf Club in Beach Park, Illinois. Over \$165,000 was raised to support the men and women of Lambs Farm. Golf Day is the longest running fundraiser Lambs Farm hosts.

The day featured a morning best ball and afternoon scramble, a luncheon presentation from President and CEO Dianne Yaconetti recognizing the Lambs Farm golf team, and a cocktail reception and award ceremony.

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Save the dates for our new event at Lambs Farm:

Saturday, October 7
 Sunday, October 8
 10am - 4pm

\$15 for kids, \$8 for adults
 Includes crafts, activities and entrance to Farmyard & Attractions

Fall on the Farm will feature activities for kids such as painting pumpkins, sand art, face painting, cookie decorating and more.

The Lake County Heritage Association will be on site with tractors for kids to explore and take fun rides in a barrel train.

During this time, we'll also have a Tent Sale open to the public in the main parking lot. Vendors, crafters and local businesses are welcome to purchase space and sell their items.

For more details, please contact Kathy at kmcmeins@lambsfarm.org or 847-990-3749.

Free Entertainment

Saturday, October 7
 WTTW BIG IDEA Traveling Lab
 Balloon Twisting
 Aladdin Cast performance

Sunday, October 8
 An Exceptional Chorus
 Balloon Twisting



Lambs Farm Participants and staff getting ready to start the parade route

Libertyville Days Parade

The Libertyville Days festival hosted their annual parade on June 17. This year's theme focused on the 100th anniversary of Libertyville High School.

Lambs Farm decided to participate this year and bring staff, Participants and volunteers together to make it happen. Ginny Luptak, Wellness Specialist, led the effort with help from the Quest Parade class. Participants brainstormed different ideas and then set out building the float with assistance from Ginny and volunteer, Paul Bruno.

During the parade, staff and Participants handed out Lambs Farm Famous Butter Cookies to those along the route. Farmyard Manager, Jodi Miller, brought a special guest to walk in the parade as well, Joseph the Camel! To top it off, the Lambs Farm float won the Peoples Choice award and brought home a trophy!

"I can't believe we haven't done this before. It was so much fun to be part of the community parade and have Lambs Farm be recognized," Ginny said.



Special appearance from Joseph the camel

"Participants had a great time waving to people, handing out cookies and being a special part of this community event."

If you missed out seeing Joseph, stop by the Farm today! Our Farmyard hours are Monday through Friday, 10am - 4pm and Weekends 10am - 5pm. All other businesses at Lambs Farm are open daily. Visit our website for more information at www.lambsfarm.org.



The 2017 cast of Aladdin

Musical Theater Presents Aladdin!

Established in 2011, the Fine Arts program has grown each year. Participants continue to learn new skills and identify additional ways to express themselves. The Musical Theater program has given many Participants an opportunity to try something that they may have never done in the past by exploring new boundaries and going beyond their comfort level.



Doug and Marianne practicing their lines

Participants thrive on being able to share their hard work with their audiences.

The Musical Theater is performing the Disney classic, Aladdin, on September 23 and 24 at the

Gorton Community Center in Lake Forest. Participants have been working hard rehearsing lines, choreographing dances and understanding firsthand how a musical comes together.

Co-Directors Janine Neumann and Paige Rodriguez champion the effort needed to bring this musical to life. From organizing set displays to designing costumes, Janine and Paige have been busy to say the least.

"This is Participant Marianne Weber's first year in Musical Theater, and she has been outstanding. She has never had experience with Musical Theater and she has really amazed us on how well she has learned everything so far," Co-Director Janine Neumann said.

"Ron Kishony has come so far from the past theater performances. He has really impressed us, working hard and memorizing lines. He has earned the lead role this year as Aladdin."



Showtimes

Saturday, September 23 at 7pm
 Sunday, September 24 at 2pm
 Gorton Community Center
 Lake Forest, IL

Tickets

\$20 for adults
 \$10 for kids 12 and under

Purchase your tickets online at www.lambsfarm.org or call Katie Bouwens at 847-990-9703

Co-Directors

Janine Neumann
 Paige Rodriguez

Cast

Ron Kishony - Aladdin
 Stephan Koss - Abu
 Liz Rancourt - Genie
 Brayanna LaConte - Jasmine
 Richard Bloom - Sultan
 Sari Still - Sultana
 Tom Durbin - Jafar
 Erin Thill - Iago
 Doug Ardito - Razoul
 Jon Lazar - Guard
 Marianne Weber - Narrator 1
 Sarah Komperda - Narrator 2 and Soloist
 Doug Wagner - Narrator 3

Set Design

Richard Bloom
 Jeff Collinson
 Michele Hendrickson
 Pattie Horgan
 Jessica Peterson
 Mary Volz

Set Building

Brian Fisher
 Marc Henry
 Josh Johnson
 Wayne Sima
 Doug Wagner
 Sue Wallis

Namaste On The Farm

Goat yoga, have you heard of it? It's a yoga class... with goats! On July 25, Lambs Farm hosted Namaste on the Farm with Blue Sky Yoga of Libertyville.

It was a beautiful summer evening to practice yoga in the round at the Farmyard surrounded by animals. Yoga instructor Angie Miller, Owner of Blue Sky Yoga, led an hour-long class which was open to any skill level. She guided the class every step of the way with a variety of poses.

Also enjoying the class were our farm friends including baby goats, ducks, chickens, a tortoise and a pig. The animals interacted with the attendees making for a fun and interesting experience for all.

The event was well received and we're excited to plan another yoga class in the Farmyard this Fall! Until then, watch a video from the event on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/lambsfarm



Jessica, Jim and Sue from our Bakery will be featured on the cover of our holiday catalog this year

Products Made with a Mission



New this year: Chocolate Tower (left) and Lambs Farm Coffee Mug with Macchiato Mix (right)



The 2017-2018 Gift Catalog will be available soon with a handful of new products to fulfill your sweet tooth! Some of our new products include toffee brownie bars, granola bites, honey cake cookies and more!

Share the mission of Lambs Farm by giving great gifts to those on your list such as colleagues, business partners, customers and more, while making a difference in the lives of people with developmental disabilities. Each product is carefully made, packaged and shipped by the men and women of Lambs Farm.

Orders can be customized with your business or greeting cards. Simply send us your gift list and we'll ensure everyone receives a gift with a personal note from you. For corporate or large orders, please contact our Sales Manager, Elizabeth Reder at 847-990-3706 or email at ereder@lambsfarm.org. You may place your order by calling 847-362-4636 Mondays - Fridays from 9am - 5pm, or order online anytime at www.lambsfarm.org.

Products from Lambs Farm are made with a mission and we invite you to participate in sustaining our mission with your purchase directly supporting the men and women of Lambs Farm.

Donor Salute

Lambs Farm is grateful for the support we receive from our many friends. Listed below are the names of those especially generous individuals, foundations and corporations whose gifts of \$1,000 or more were received from May 2017 - July 2017.

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We are always especially honored by the decision to honor and remember friends and loved ones with a gift to Lambs Farm. Below, we list the names of those individuals who have been honored or remembered with a gift received from May 2017 - July 2017.

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Upcoming Events

Participant Theater Presents: Aladdin!

Saturday, September 23 | 7pm

Sunday, September 24 | 2pm

Gorton Community Center

Join us for the musical production of Aladdin performed by the men and women of Lambs Farm. Call 847.362.4636 for more information or to purchase tickets.

Fall on the Farm

Saturday & Sunday, October 7 & 8

Lambs Farm

Enjoy family friendly fun with fall themed crafts, entrance to the Farmyard and Attractions, and the Lake County Heritage Farm Association will be on site with Tractors and Barrel Rides! There will also be a tent sale, food and beverage tent and live music open to the public. Call Kathy for more info at 847.990.3749 or email kmcmeins@lambsfarm.org.

Lambs Farm 2017 Annual Benefit Harvesting the Spirit... DownTOWN on the Farm

Saturday, November 4

Venue SIX10, Chicago

We'll be back in the saddle again for another "gala affair with some country flair." It will be a wonderful evening of gourmet dining, great music, dancing - all with a country twist. There will also be high-spirited bidding in both silent and live auctions and much more. Contact Mary McGonigel for more information at 847.990.3733 or mmcgonigel@lambsfarm.org.

37th Annual Lambs Farm Gift & Craft Fair

Thursday, November 30 | 1pm - 9pm

Friday, December 1 | 11am - 9pm

Saturday, December 2 | 9am - 6pm

Sunday, December 3 | 10am - 5pm

Arlington Park Racecourse

This is holiday shopping made easy! Choose from hundreds of vendors at Chicagoland's largest show of its kind. This fair has it all - from candy to jewelry. Don't forget to stop by our booth for delicious homemade products such as our famous butter cookies, chocolates and jams.

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 9

Sunday, December 10

Saturday, December 16

Sunday, December 17

Magnolia Cafe & Bakery

Ho Ho Ho! Despite his very busy schedule, Santa is making his annual trek to Lambs Farm to celebrate the holidays. Enjoy a delicious brunch, visit with Santa and participate in several crafts and activities. Seatings are at 9am, 10:30am and 12pm. Brunch is \$16.95, \$7.95 for children 23 months and younger with activities. Call 847.362.5050 for reservations.