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The Ed, Olga and JJ Rogan Tribute Garden Dedication

Family, friends and community supporters of Lambs Farm gathered together for the dedication of the Ed, Olga and JJ Rogan Tribute Garden on July 23. After many hours of heartfelt planning and execution, the unveiled Garden exceeded all expectations.

According to Lambs Farm President and CEO, Dianne Yaconetti, this Tribute Garden, which serves to bridge the public and private areas of the campus, is a place where visitors and residents alike can disregard differences and celebrate commonality.

Title sponsor Ed Rogan and many of his family

and friends were a part of this special dedication. Mr. Rogan shared his many memories of his parents and uncle, Ed, Olga and JJ, and their special tie to Lambs Farm which inspired his generous gift.

Mr. Rogan recounted how his parents as naturalized citizens understood the value of meaningful work as they struggled through the Great Depression. Eventually, they founded their own company, Rogan Corporation, that is now in its 81st year. When JJ became ill in 1973 and was receiving treatment at a nearby facility, the family found the Lambs Farm restaurant and became loyal customers. They admired the way Lambs Farm provided a nurturing place for people with developmental disabilities to live and work with dignity.

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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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31st Annual Golf Day

On July 14, nearly 200 golfers teed off to benefit Lambs Farm! This year marked the 31st Annual Golf Day in memory of Jack Stein and we raised over \$177,00. Thank you to all who attended and to our generous sponsors. Save the date for next year's Golf Day on July 12, 2016!

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From the President and CEO's desk...



Someone once told me that "the reason Lambs Farm has such great name recognition is because it can be seen from

the highway". Really, I thought, could that be all it is? I had a hard time accepting that as the reason, and have spent much time over the years pondering just what it is exactly that makes people smile when I mention where I work.

It is amazing to learn of the variety of ways people have come to know Lambs Farm, and to see how excited they are to tell me about their experiences. There is, of course, the stereotypical, "My mother used to bring me there when I was small", or "That is where we got our first dog." There are those who came here for lunch and had the good fortune to meet our Co-Founders; others come to buy our cookies or other goodies, to visit our Thrift Shop, or to bring their little ones to our Farmyard.

We often provide tours for people from all over the country and many parts of the world who come to learn more about our mission in an effort to somehow replicate our programs when they return home. Others come because their family includes a person with developmental disabilities who they hope will one day live and/or work here.

The story of the Rogan family demonstrates one of the more profound ways in which Lambs Farm has touched lives. It was the compassion of staff supporting our Participants who worked in our restaurant that so intrigued them, taking them back to the time when they first arrived in the United States just as the Depression had begun and

could not find work. Because of their own experiences, they understood more than most the value of having a job, and how important it is for people with developmental disabilities to live and work with dignity - and so Lambs Farm became an important place for their family. Serving as Title Sponsor of our new Ed, Olga and JJ Rogan Tribute Garden was a way for Ed Rogan, Jr. to honor his late parents and uncle and the special memories they shared at Lambs Farm over so many years.

Throughout our 54 years of existence, Lambs Farm has surely reached many people in many ways. It's just that kind of place - where people of all ages can enjoy their day knowing that they are supporting a truly worthwhile cause. Regardless of their reason for coming, everyone is enriched by sharing experiences with the men and women who live and work here - and they always remember how special it is. That is the reason so many people smile when I proudly proclaim that I work at Lambs Farm.

Having such great name recognition is a wonderful acknowledgement of our mission and the manner in which we fulfill it. It is true that Lambs Farm has touched many lives, but none more important than those of the men and women we serve. Our goal is, as it always has been, to provide programming that assures their lives will be productive and meaningful. Over the years, it has been your generosity that has served as an investment into their future. Now, more than ever, they need your help. Please consider a gift to Lambs Farm today.

Sincerely,

Dianne M. Yaconetti
President and CEO

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Rogan summed up his family's commitment to Lambs Farm by saying, "Laughter, compassion, exceptional people like Lambs Farm founders, dignity, pride, communication barriers, jobs and God's help are why we support Lambs Farm."

Many families, such as the Rosengartens and the Benhams, contributed generously to this project because of what Lambs Farm has meant to their family members.

"Lambs Farm's concept is very, very special," said Mr. Rosengarten. "It provides a meaningful place in the lives of Participants, where they are excited to live and work. Lambs Farm has truly been a blessing for us and for at least 250 other families."

Additionally, Lambs Farm family member Jeff Benham was long awaiting this chance to honor his late wife through a beautification project. As a result he generously sponsored many areas of the Garden including the North Entrance, the beautiful Rose Garden and Lambs Lake Fountain.



Tribute Garden Main Entrance



Seay Family with their memorial tree



The Anest Family enjoying the Dedication



Pergola overlooking Lambs Lake

As Bob Neiman, Charman of the Board, commented about the Garden, it truly is a place where all those at Lambs Farm can "honor our past, celebrate our present and grow our future." The Tribute Garden stands in honor of the scores of people who have left their mark on Lambs Farm.

Thank you to everyone who has thus far contributed to the Tribute Garden and to the special dedication day. There are still many more opportunities for people to honor and memorialize their loved ones. Visit www.lambsfarm.org / support to see the full list or contact Joanie Bayhack at 847.990.3733 or jbayhack@lambsfarm.org.

Making Popcorn Days "Pop!"

We were delighted that so many of you pitched in for the 7th Annual Popcorn Days on May 1 and 2. We had 125 volunteers at 75 locations in 23 communities and distributed thousands of bags of popcorn -- compliments of The Popcorn Factory. New this year was the engagement of local corporations who tagged during the week of April 27 - in their lobbies, cafeterias and other high-traffic areas.

Thank you to Trustmark, Sodexo/Siemens Health, Beam Suntory, Abbvie, Cardinal Health, Zurich NA, UL, Akorn Pharmaceutical, Idex, United Stationers, Allstate, Cancer Treatment Centers of America, North Shore Bank, First Midwest Bank, BMO Harris and Brightstar.

Many of these corporations also matched their employees' contributions and recognized the Participants working at their locations. We also invited merchants, restaurants and retailers in Libertyville to create popcorn displays during their "First Friday" event. Thank you to Mickey Finns, Julie's Studio, Shakou, Townee Square, Lee's Famous Donuts and many more.

Popcorn Days raised nearly \$36,000. We are already planning for next year's event. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated!

Fun & Fit Family Day: 5K Run/ 2 Mile Walk

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 2015 Fun & Fit Family Day on June 27! Nearly 300 runners/walkers and volunteers joined in the festivities and helped to make the day memorable!

We raised over \$5,000 for our new Wellness Center that provides a personalized, holistic approach to health for our men and women!

Thank you to all of our sponsors and donors who contributed: Advocate Condell Child & Adult Day Center, Chick-fil-A, EDTV Media Creations, Weil Foot and Ankle Institute, Michael McMeins, Sunset Foods, 3 Goldens and a Mutt, Sysco, funflector, Rockin' Jump and many more who donated their services for the event.

This year the Libertyville Running Club also helped to organize, advertise and run the event alongside our Special Events team. We are grateful for their support as well.

Stay posted for more information on next year's event!



Participants learning relaxation through yoga

Providing Holistic Care

Since the Wellness Center officially opened in January, our Recreation and Dietary staff have been hard at work providing new and exciting wellness opportunities for our men and women. Each month they tackle a wellness topic, such as hydration, stress and sleep habits, and create incentives, educational components and host guest speakers around these concepts.

Over the past six months, staff, families and the surrounding community have embraced the new initiatives and joined forces to help make this program successful. Staff have eagerly volunteered to exercise with Participants in order to draw interest and many professionals from the community have generously donated their services and expertise each month.

For the wellness topic of "sleep," Dr. Steve discussed the benefits of good sleep. Jewel-Osco Dietitian Aimee Zajc reviewed the benefits of healthy eating during National Nutrition month and Diabetes Awareness Month. Gymnastics instructor Kelly Lilja hosts ability sensitive exercise classes each month, and a group of instructors conducts a yoga class each month.

In upcoming months, there will also be a question and answer session with physical therapist, Vicky Guralnik, and a cooking demonstration for our Heart Healthy month by Sysco Chef Klaus Mandl.

One of the biggest successes of the The Wellness Center has been the new token-operated water vending machine. This program is designed to increase the Participants' water intake by offering a free bottle of water every time they exercise. Thus far over 250 bottles of water have been given out as part of this program!

New nutrition classes have also been added to the Quest docket such as "Mission Slimpossible" and "Eat This!" Both classes encompass the most current curriculum followed in the University of Illinois at Chicago Health Matters program, an initiative aimed at improving and promoting health among people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our new initiative. It is truly having a positive impact on our Participants!



The cast for Beauty and the Best accepting their roles

Beauty and the Beast

Join us for a “tale as old as time” when the Lambs Farm Participant Musical Theatre presents *Beauty and the Beast*. The well-known and beloved Disney tale was chosen based upon feedback received from Participants, families and staff.

For nearly six months, members of the Musical Theatre class have been rehearsing their lines, honing their skills and learning their roles. Sets and props are under construction and costumes are being made by members of the Set Building and Costume Design classes. All are eagerly awaiting September when they will have the opportunity to display their hard work for family, friends and the community.

This year’s cast includes many Participants who are new members of our musical theatre program. We also have a new Co-Director, and the theater itself has recently undergone renovations.

“People will enjoy the show because they will love the familiar songs, the amazing costumes and the special effects,” said Co-Director Janine Neumann.



Performances will once again be at the Gorton Community Center in Lake Forest at 7:00 pm on Saturday, September 19, and 2:00 pm on Sunday September 20.

Tickets will go on sale August 24th and can either be purchased over the phone by calling Martha Neigel at 847.990.3703 or online at www.lambsfarm.org

Volunteers Make a Difference

Every year corporations and other groups take part in volunteer activities at Lambs Farm. Without their time, energy and donations we would not be able to complete so many projects that enhance our campus.

The summer season is always particularly busy with these groups helping with landscaping, painting, cleaning, light construction work around the farm and more!

Thank you to these organizations who have generously volunteered in 2015:

- Abbvie
- Aon
- Astellas
- Baxter Interns
- Bob Dold Interns
- GCG Financial
- Keller Williams
- Maurice Sporting Goods
- Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital
- Omron
- Target
- Youth Conservation Corp
- Walgreens

We look forward to the many more groups who are volunteering this fall and winter as well!

If your business or corporation would like to host a day of service at Lambs Farm, please contact our Volunteer and Group Coordinator Angela Ramert at asr@lambsfarm.org or 847.990.3864.

Barn Burner BBQ 2015

Up to 50 teams will be competing in our 10th Annual Barn Burner BBQ competition on October 16 and 17 in our main parking lot.

Our competition is a Kansas City Barbecue Society sanctioned event and teams compete for the Grand Champion title and the chance to compete at national events.

On Saturday, October 17 there will also be food trucks, live music, raffles and more!

Visit the event page at www.lambsfarm.org for the up to date list of vendors.

Community Tent Sale

Join us on Sept 11-13 for a bargain hunters dream weekend! Our Community Tent Sale hosted by the Cedar Chest Thrift Shop will not only feature some amazing deals from our stores, but will also include many other vendors from the community selling their products, crafts, services and more.

We already have 18 vendors joining us and there are more signing up each week!

Additionally, Lori Degman will be doing an interactive reading of her book *Cock-a-Doodle Oops* and a coloring activity on Saturday, September 12, at 11am and 2pm; Sunday, September 13 at 1pm.



The Great Hall in Chicago's Union Station decorated for the 2014 Annual Benefit

Harvesting the Spirit: Downtown on the Farm 2015

Lambs Farm will be back in the saddle again . . . for another "gala affair with some country flair" at our Annual Event: Harvesting the Spirit, Downtown on the Farm 2015 on Saturday, November 7th at historic Union Station in Chicago.

Dazzle in your cocktail attire or put together a stylish mix of denim and diamonds or black tie and boots. We'll be kicking' it up a notch . . . you won't want to miss it!

A host of sponsorship opportunities are available and there are many ways to participate.

For more information, please contact Joanie Bayhack at 847.990.3733 or jbayhack@lambsfarm.org.

You will enjoy a fantastic reception with tempting hors d'oeuvres and gourmet dining in a magical urban country-chic setting. There will be electronic bidding for fabulous Silent Auction items, a Live Auction and a Paddle Raiser to benefit Lambs Farm programs, and much more.



The evening will also come alive with the dynamic music of the Gold Coast Orchestra, a nine-piece band.



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 January 1, 2015 to April 30, 2015.

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The decision to honor and remember friends and loved ones with a gift to Lambs Farm is always considered a very special honor to us. Below, we list the names of those individuals who have been honored or remembered with a gift received from January 1, 2015 to April 30, 2015.

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Cedar Chest Thrift Shop Community Tent Sale

*Friday, September 11
Saturday, September 12
Sunday, September 13*

Lambs Farm

Shop for great bargains from our thrift shop! We have also invited many other local thrift stores to join us and you can come to sell your own items. Call 847.990.3749 for more information.

Participant Theatre presents: Beauty and the Beast

*Saturday, September 19
Sunday, September 20*

Gorton Community Center

Join us for the musical production of Beauty and the Beast performed by the men and women of Lambs Farm. Call 847.362.4636 for more information.

10th Annual Barn Burner BBQ

*Friday, October 16
Saturday, October 17*

Lambs Farm

Teams are cooking low and slow to compete to be the winner in each category and qualify to compete at other Kansas City Barbeque sanctioned events! For information about entering your team or becoming a vendor please contact Kathy McMeins at 847.990.3749.

Lambs Farm 2015 Annual Benefit Harvesting the Spirit... DownTOWN on the Farm

Saturday, November 7

Chicago Union Station

We'll be back in the saddle again for another "gala affair with some country flair." It will be a fantastic 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 Joanie Bayhack for more information at 847.990.3733, or email her at jbayhack@lambsfarm.org.

35th Annual Lambs Farm Gift & Craft Fair

*Friday, December 4
Saturday, December 5
Sunday, December 6*

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 like our famous butter cookies, chocolates and jams.

Breakfast with Santa

*Saturday, December 12
Sunday, December 13
Saturday, December 19
Sunday, December 20*

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.