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GROUNDED IN HOPE

Newsletter from Memory Lane Farm, Inc.



Christmas in the Barn

Magical! This is the one word that comes to mind as we recall Christmas in the Barn which captured the attention and built the spirit of Christmas in our guests of all ages. Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude after welcoming 900 visitors and volunteers to Memory Lane Farm over the first weekend in December. The Live Nativity was beautifully alluring, with a hushed reverence encompassing Bethlehem while our storyteller, Tom, shared the performance. Volunteers created a memorable atmosphere with detailed props, true emotions, real animals, creativity, and even live babies during a few of the performances. After each performance, sweet and angelic voices spontaneously echoed classic Christmas tunes; Joy to the World, Silent Night.



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Over 130 volunteers helped to build the excitement throughout Memory Lane Farm. Their kind diligence helped to create priceless memories for guests. From meeting the Nativity and Petting Zoo animals, interacting within the Bethlehem Markets, viewing the blacksmith, trying the 2-man log saw, or completing a craft, there was an activity for children and adults of all ages to enjoy. We watched families smile, laugh, explore, and saw the glimmer of tears during heartfelt encounters. In short, Christmas in the Barn was genuine, magical, unique and unforgettable. As one of our biggest community outreach event, our goal is to bless our community. In lieu of admission, guests donated winter gloves and hygiene products for local schools to give to children in need. Our collection barrels were overflowing with donations. We are thrilled and honored to bring back Christmas in the Barn annually.

As you entered
the barn, you felt
the presence of

God

stepping back
into time with

the real
meaning of

Christmas

- Guest



It's not
how much we

GIVE

but how much

Love

we put into

GIVING

-Mother Theresa

The Season of Giving

It's hard to look back on 2022 and not be in awe of the incredible gifts we have received at Memory Lane Farm. Many of these gifts were not tangible, but rather sweet memories of transformed lives through mentoring, wide-eyed campers who learned a new skill or the joy of volunteers who realized that serving was much more beneficial to them than they expected.

With our current programs and dreams of new opportunities for our communities, we welcome financial donations which also enables us to carry out our mission, feeding and caring for our animals, program development and other year around expenses.

Thank you in advance for your expression of love to our community by literally cultivating hope, building confidence and creating spaces for children and adults to learn, explore and discover a new world.

Your donation can not only help us with general business expenses, but also provides:

- \$150 supports one child for camp
- \$150 supports three horses foot care every six weeks
- \$270 supports six weeks (of the 12 week program) of Cultivating Hope Mentoring Program

Donations may be made online, by check or cash. Giving details are found on page six, below.

Thank you for your support of Memory Lane Farm, Inc.





New Life to MLF Grain Bin

One thing is certain about our MLF Staff, we are resourceful! This fall our amazing volunteers and staff created a much needed storage facility using an empty grain bin on the farm! It is a creative, functional use of space to organize supplies and store props. Volunteers added a door, porch and hearty shelves, making accessibility a breeze. Our amazing volunteers cleaned the new facility making it ready for our supplies. We are grateful for our creative and hardworking team!

Teamwork
makes the
Dream
Work.



CHOOSE Hope



During the month of giving, we were blessed to receive donations from the AgCountry Farm Credit Services employees (pictured) and two Marshfield Clinic Family Health Center employees, who used their Employee Donation Dollars to help support the mission of Memory Lane Farm. Thank you for your support and consideration!

A Year in Review

Acres of Fun Foster/Kinship Farm Camp

This year we added an additional week of camp, meeting needs of additional foster care and kinship camper opportunities by providing adventures to build hope!

AgriVenture Farm Camp

Roots & Shoots! Our campers prepared and planted raised garden beds, funded by the Marshfield Area Community Foundation. These gardens provided fresh produce to local families in need.

Blazin' Boots Horse Camp

This new camp allowed horse-loving campers to share their passion and learn more about the basics of horsemanship, grooming, riding, and communication.

Cultivating Hope Mentoring

This year our mentoring program rose to new heights with gifted new mentoring staff and mentees who were hungry to make a real change in their lives!

Grit & Grace Women's Gathering

Another new event, this faith-based gathering provided powerful speakers, testimonies and opportunities to share stories of hurt, hope and healing.

Kick Up Your Heels Senior Day

Who doesn't like to have fun? In August we featured a farm experience for local Senior Citizens with wagon rides, carting the miniature horses, and rowdy bingo in the barn! We are excited to be hosting more seniors days in 2023!

Special Events

We expanded our farm opportunities with Leadership Development/Team Building (Equine Assisted Learning) days, Field Trips, and Foster Care Family Nights. Stay tuned for more new events next year!





Yes! I believe in the mission of Memory Lane Farm, Inc. Here is how I can help:

Sign me up to volunteer:

- Mentor (Cultivating Hope Program)
- Horse Handler (Cultivating Hope Program)
- Camp Volunteer
- Special Events
- Other (please list): _____

Please mark above, then complete the name & address portion below or visit www.memorylanefarm.org/volunteer

I'm happy to donate - use my donation for:

- Use it where it is needed the most
- Scholarships for programs

Payment Method:

- A check payable to Memory Lane Farm Inc. or MLF for \$ _____

Donations may be sent to: Memory Lane Farm, Inc.,
8640 Heritage Drive, Marshfield WI 54449

- Donations may also be made online (see Donations button) at www.memorylanefarm.org

Please make my donation a gift:

- In honor of: _____
- In memory of: _____

Please send gift acknowledgement to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

New Online Store!

We are excited to announce the opening of the MLF online store!

We have an inventory of MLF apparel available by emailing memorylanefarm86@gmail.com.

Other Memory Lane Farm merchandise can be purchased throughout the year, with shipping and local pick up options available. Visit our Online Store to order Tumblers, Mugs, Bookmarks and more!



Partner Program

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