



THE SAFE HAVEN WAY

Fall 2024 Newsletter

A parent's story

Loving and caring for an adult child with a disability can be a unique journey for every family. As a parent of an adult child with autism, I know firsthand the limited options available to my son compared to other young adults his age. The growing need for work opportunities, quality day programs, residential services, and therapeutic/behavior supports is a constant struggle for many families. Parents caring for a child with a disability sacrifice quality time with their spouses and their other children, struggle with work obligations, and feel isolated from friends and their community due to the lack of support and understanding. This becomes a lifelong struggle that can leave parents feeling exhausted and lonely, unable to socialize, and creating the biggest source of anxiety for caregiving parents - “who will take care of our child when we are gone?”

Safe Haven Farms was established in 2010 by parents who felt exactly this way and wanted a safe and enriching life for their adult children. Your gift to Safe Haven Farms continues that mission to support adults with developmental disabilities in finding that loving, caring community, that extends beyond the individual attending our day program or living on site, but to the parents/guardians who need to know they are not alone.

Thank you and best wishes this holiday season!

Janie Rattman
Executive Director

Please donate today by going to www.safehavenfarms.org/donate or by mailing your gift in the enclosed donation envelope.

SAFE HAVEN FARMS DAY PROGRAM NEWS

increase in day
program
clients in 2024

129%

49%

of clients receive
transportation
services to and
from day program

increase
community
integration in
2024

75%

**18 - 60
YEARS**

Age range of
adults served

of daytime
clients have
vocational goals

49%

5
BUTLER, WARREN,
CLERMONT, HAMILTON
MONTGOMERY

Number of
Southwest Ohio
counties served
in 2024

A donor's story

The Millstone Fund focuses on improving the quality of life of people throughout Greater Cincinnati by supporting nonprofit organizations that work to better our community. Thank you to the Millstone Fund for awarding \$15,000 to Safe Haven Farms to support our day services project, "Farm Life is a Good Life." The financial assistance provided by this grant will support meaningful daytime activities for adults with developmental disabilities - working in the gardens, caring for our animals, community outings, music therapy, building friendships, and more. Safe Haven Farms is honored to receive this award to grow our day program to serve more individuals in need.



Millstone Fund
doing good turns for others

Daytime Enrichment Program Funders

Animal Care, Equestrian, Horticulture, Art & Music Therapy, Sensory Activities

Edelweiss Foundation Henny Penny Employee Foundation
Unnewher Foundation Butler Rural Community Connections
Miriam Knoll Fund Millstone Fund Molyneaux Foundation
Helen Andrews Foundation Sutphin Family Foundation
Walmart Community Grants John & Shirley Davies Foundation
Middletown Moose Middletown Community Foundation
Middletown Elks Middletown Eagles Hamilton Eagles

A garden that grows story...

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vocational skills



Thank you
equestrian volunteers



animal love & care



making memories



A Thank You Story

It was an honor to be selected as the **2024 Union Centre Boulevard Merchants Association Food Truck Rally Beneficiary.**

A tremendous THANK YOU to the UCBMA membership and the countless volunteers who make this annual event possible. The one-day event hosted a record number of food trucks, 42 in total and in addition to the \$13,000 award for SHF, also raised thousands of dollars for other local charities serving Butler County.

Earlier this year we shared our new partnership with onsite care provider ViaQuest, Solutions for Independence, now meet the dedicated team providing quality care and meaningful programming for our folks at Safe Haven Farms.

Residential

Alycia Gloff - Regional Director, ViaQuest Residential Services West Region

Stacy Roberts - Operations Manager, Safe Haven Farms

Home Managers - Sharon Brown, Dawn Trinidad, Jessie Hull, Sarah Boykin

Day Services Program

Katie Paulus - Executive Director, ViaQuest Day & Employment Services - Central/East

Victora Draise - Operations Manager, Safe Haven Farms

Program Manager - Whitney Razor

Program Coordinators - Dennis Carter & Amber Sittloh

Farm Specialist - Mike Rogers

Nurse - Shirley Wilson-Staples, R.N.

Behavioral Support

Mariah Bailey - Behavioral Health Clinical Manager, ViaQuest

Jenna Stayton - Behavior Support Specialist Team Lead, Safe Haven Farms

Behavior Support Team - Matt Carter & Nim Stockwell

Matthew's Story

Meet Matthew, the newest resident at Safe Haven Farms. Matthew first visited SHF over a year ago with his Talawanda classmates and just fell in love with the animals and being outdoors. He joined our day services program this past spring and worked hard at making friends and helping in the gardens. Matthew has the sweetest personality and has a wide range of interests from listening to music, dancing and playing instruments -his favorite is the "Peruvian cajon" (a percussion instrument). He enjoys swimming, outdoor activities like hiking/walking, riding horses, gardening, and traveling. Matthew has visited several museums, cultural centers, festivals, etc. and through these experiences has been exposed to some highly diverse foods, so of course, he loves eating. He likes people and loves to help by volunteering in his hometown of Oxford. He is always ready to explore and enjoy traveling adventures with his parents Jacque and Bruce. Welcome to Safe Haven Farms Matthew!





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Your gift will bring joy to future stories at Safe Haven Farms!




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Let these smiles brighten your holiday season.