

Dear Friend of the Farm,

A heart felt thank you to our members for your continued support this past year. We had an unprecedented year in many ways, and are very thankful! As 2021 comes to a close, the Board of Directors would like to share some good news and highlights from the year:

- The **Taste of Summer fundraiser** brought in \$27,000 profit and broke all previous records. Thanks to the amazing support from member volunteers, the event was a huge success!
- Our **membership** numbers reached an all-time high of 350 families. As a result, we will be implementing a new member management system in 2022.
- Generous **grant funding** was obtained from **Xcel Energy** to expand our environmental education program. The garden layout was revised to be more accessible for all, and sensory gardens, composting and pollination education were a focus.
- The garden provided 550 lbs. of nutritious produce for the local **food pantry**.
- Our new cultural program for individuals with early to mid-stage memory loss and their care partners, titled **SPARK!**, was launched this fall and is meeting a huge need in our community.
- Merchandise featuring a popular new design has been flying off the shelves. Check out our new sweatshirts and tees on Facebook and our website.
- Attendance at our Halloween **Spooktacular** was another record, and fun was had by all!
- We had amazing engagement from member **volunteers** in the overall management of the farm this year. Our dedicated animal, grounds and garden teams worked tirelessly to maintain our unique family-friendly setting. Their commitment is remarkable!
- Other volunteers unloaded hay or helped at work days, Spooktacular or the Haunted House. Additional people decorated the grounds to make the farm beautiful for members to enjoy.
- Behind the scenes we also have incredible members who donate their expertise and talents:
 - Sincere thanks to Allison L. for her amazing graphic design support, Katie W. for her impressive website design and maintenance, Tom P. for his endless handyman skills that continue to improve the farm, Derek K. for the photos that capture the beauty of the farm setting, and Steve F. for regularly plowing the snow all winter.
 - **We sincerely appreciate all of our volunteers!**

A special thank you goes out to our **sponsors** and all those who donated so generously this past year. Your giving spirit along with our volunteers helped us to realize our mission in 2021. Mission accomplished! Our goal for 2022 is to renovate the small barn and add permanent restrooms, which are costly. Please consider Clearwater Farm in your end of year giving.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season!

With gratitude,

The Clearwater Farm Board of Directors: Shari Collas, Amber Joswick, Joyce Mlsna, Naomi Moeller, Tom Smith, Nick Dobbs, Frank Collas, Barb Peplinski, Lora Kirschner, and Keaton Collas