Providence Farm is

a supportive community nestled in the heart of the Cowichan Valley since 1979.

Today, with your help, Providence Farm provides over 100 weekly program spaces to adults living with developmental diversity, neurodivergence, physical disabilities, mental health concerns and age-related illnesses; working together to care for the land and each other in a nature based. therapeutic setting.

Community:

Community is an integral part of what makes us thrive at Providence Farm. Together we steward the earth and care for each other, creating opportunities for renewal and learning in safe and supportive spaces. Our commitment to addressing the needs of the Cowichan Valley remains at the forefront of our efforts.





The past year has been an exciting time of reconnection with the greater community. On so many levels we leaned into the support offered to us from the wider community to ensure our organization is running efficiently and providing the best possible Nature-Based, Therapeutic Programing to the clients we serve. It is my pleasure to share with you a few highlights from the past vear:

- The management team joined the Island Executive Director Group and the BC CEO Network, to exchange valuable information with like minded agencies.
- Providence Farm Programing partnered with Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association to offer an Equestrian Assisted Learning Program to our Participants
- We forged a mentorship relationship with Nanaimo Association for Community Living for the development of their Nature-Based Programing.
- Our Participants and staff participated in the 84,000 Project in collaboration with the Xwulqw'selu Connections Project
- Students from the Nature Collective engaged in cross-over projects with Senior Participants in our St. Ann's Garden Club

- We hosted the Metis Nation Ministry of Children and Families for an informational session on the efficacy of Nature-Based Programing
- Providence Farm Programing partnered with the University of Victoria School of Social Work to provide internship placements for practicum students.
- We joined together in celebration with community members who have contributed to our foundation and long-term success at our 45th Anniversary Celebration.

We continue to gratefully receive the ongoing financial support from hundreds of community members, over fifteen community groups and multiple businesses who provide donations throughout the year.

As we work towards large-scale projects and capital investments, we are confident that our relationships with the broader community will continue to flourish, presenting new opportunities for partnership and support.

With Warm Regards, Leah Boisvert Director of Operations

Help Us Help Others!

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Raising Sheep with a **monthly** pledge of **\$250** Planting Garlic with a **monthly** pledge of **\$100** Feeding Chickens with a **monthly** pledge of \$50

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1843 Tzouhalem Road Duncan, BC, V9L 5L6
Telephone:
250-746-4204
Online:
www.providence.bc.ca/donate

A charitable tax receipt will be issued for all donations of \$25 and over. Membership fee's are not tax-receiptable



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Our Mission

"Trusting in Providence, and building upon the faith-centered heritage of our founding members, we are committed to serving needs and to fostering talents of people in the Cowichan Valley, especially of those not easily accepted elsewhere, through our therapeutic community at Providence Farm.

Our focus shall be upon the renewal of body and spirit, and upon people caring for the soil, and the soil nurturing the people."



'We need to give each other the space to grow, to be ourselves, to exercise our diversity. We need to give each other space so that we may both give and receive such beautiful things as ideas, openness, dignity, joy, healing, and inclusion.' – Max de Pree

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It is an honor to uphold the foundation of Providence lent to us by Jack Hutton, Sister Frieda Raab, Jack Pearce, and Devon Mills (founding members) and the tremendous efforts of all those who came alongside them since 1979.

"...the Farm was intended to be a place of opportunity, open to those with unmet needs... a place to grow (figuratively and literally), take risks, support collective dreams, and create social change" Jack Hutton – Founding Father



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