

THE LANDS AT



## **PLOWING FORWARD Winter 2020/2021**

### **Our Mission**



The Lands at Hillside Farms is a historic, non-profit 501(c)(3), 412-acre educational dairy farm that teaches sensible and sustainable life choices which, if enough of us adopt, will allow those born in 200 years to inherit all the resources and opportunities we have now.

### **Thank You**

We want to thank our customers for supporting us throughout this tumultuous year. At a time when tensions are at an all time high, we are grateful to have the most delightful customers and friendly visitors who modeled following safety measures and social distancing. Our community is a very special place and we are very grateful!

### **Annual Giving**



Most of us would agree that this past year had daunting challenges. Here at the farm we, too, experienced unprecedented times that affected our employees and business operations. What did not change was our commitment to mission. Despite the difficulties, our small, dedicated staff continued to care for our dairy herd and non-dairy animals, maintain this magnificent community-owned property, serve our loyal customers, and provide farm-based respite to grieving children. This would not be possible without the support of our community members. We would be deeply grateful if you would make a financial contribution of any size so we may serve even more during the coming year. Thank you.

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## Thank you 2020 Volunteers!

We are so fortunate to have several volunteers invest their time at The Lands at Hillside Farms each year. A special thank you to our 2020 volunteers:

- Boy Scouts
- Cigna Insurance
- Dallas High School
- Days Inn
- Events Committee
- Girl Scouts
- Helping Hands at Hillside
- Highmark
- Holiday Inn
- King's College
- Lake Lehman High School
- Liberty Mutual Insurance
- Misericordia Cheerleaders
- Misericordia University
- Pa American Water
- Solomon Junior High
- St Theresa's Church
- United Way
- Wilkes University

- Wyoming Seminary
- Wyoming Seminary Day School
- Wyoming Valley West

If you are interested in volunteering some of your time, there is more information on our website.

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## University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine Students Visit Hillside Farms



Recently, we welcomed students from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine who spent the day learning about Hillside's practices of sustainable agriculture and animal welfare. The 2nd year vet students are studying the Human Animal Bond led by Dr. Carlo Siracusa. There is a critical connection among animal welfare, human health, and the environment. Chet Mozloom, Joe O'Brien, Sierra Krohnemann, and Suzanne Kapral shared farm-based lessons on our dairy operations, pastured hens, heifers, swine, and non-dairy animals with an emphasis on Dr. Ayers' message, "we all live downstream." Penn Vet student, Amanda Santos, stated, "It was wonderful to learn about how Hillside maintains animal welfare to the highest standard. There is a real bond between the workers and the animals, and quite frankly some of the nicest cows we've ever met." Another Penn Vet student, Hayley Hawkins, added, "It was an amazing experience, and I would HIGHLY recommend that future or past Human Animal Bond students opt to take a field trip here, they will not regret it. I cannot wait to go back and hopefully do some real

volunteer work next time."

## PA Environmental Council Award

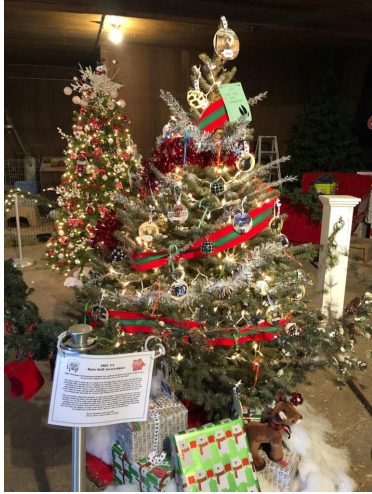
We are humbled and grateful to be recognized by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council as a winner of the 2020 Northeast Environmental Partnership Award for our sustainability efforts and impact. The Pennsylvania Environmental Council is a statewide organization that brings people, government, and business together to find real world solutions for environmental challenges. These solutions bring about sustainable communities, protect our water resources, and address energy and climate issues. To read more about this organization please [CLICK here](#).

## Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food

We have experienced dramatic changes in our lives due to the pandemic this year. With food supply chains interrupted, many grocery stores had empty shelves, restaurants closed and processing plants stopped operating. As uncertainty and unemployment grew, many families needed assistance getting food on their tables. More than ever, many Americans were affected by food security issues and began to question where their food comes from.

Local farms are a reliable source of fresh food. They sustain their communities and keep the local economy healthy. Now, more than ever, local farms and small businesses need our patronage. Your dollars make a big difference in impacting our local food supply and keeping local farms and retailers in business. Thank you for your support!

## Parade of Trees



Our creative staff found new ways to bring joy of the Christmas season to our visitors while practicing social distancing. In December, Christmas trees decorated by Hillside staff members were on display at the Coach Barn. Visitors voted on their favorite trees and a winner received some delicious Hillside goodies. All money raised will be used to help feed our non-dairy animals throughout the winter. We hope you enjoyed the beauty of our barns and thank you to all who participated.

## Visit our Mercantile



The Mercantile is overflowing with local, US, and fair trade artisan items, including our popular Peruvian Alpaca! We are again offering vintage and repurposed furniture. Stop by today!

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