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## A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

*On July 2nd of this year, the Northville Community Foundation (NCF) celebrated our 20th anniversary of enhancing and enriching life in Northville and the surrounding communities. To mark the occasion, we celebrated with approximately 20,000 (!!) of our closest friends and neighbors at the Northville Independence Day Parade —an event that we have planned and executed for 19 years.*

*Over the course of these 20 years, we have enjoyed serving our community in a variety of ways. From coordinating the parade, to annually awarding grants to nonprofit organizations, to providing holiday gifts for senior citizens, we have aimed to meet a wide range of needs. For the past 14 years, the NCF has operated Maybury Farm in Northville in an effort to educate the community about animals, agriculture, and the food and fiber they provide. This year, we continued building on the momentum of our efforts in 2016 and made improvements to the grounds, farm tours, and events (turn to page 6 to learn more). Inside this update you will find a timeline of our 2017 year in review. We hope it gives you insight into the multi-faceted roles of the NCF within the community, the many ways we work to accomplish our mission, and the many successes we've had at Maybury Farm.*

*Though we have made tremendous progress and have impacted our community in many ways throughout the last 20 years, none of this would be possible without YOU. Your support of the NCF and our work in the community ensures that our programs and partnerships continue to thrive. By making a year-end gift, you will help us continue to enhance and enrich the Northville community for the next 20 years and beyond. To donate, simply return the form on page 7 via mail or visit [www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org) to make an online donation.*

*Most Sincere Thanks and Happiest Holidays,*  
Jessica Striegler, Executive Director



### 2017 NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT AWARDS

BEYOND BELIEF SENIOR THEATRE | \$1,000 FOR PERFORMANCE EQUIPMENT  
FRIENDS OF MAYBURY STATE PARK | \$600 FOR MUSIC ON MONDAYS PROGRAM AT MAYBURY STATE PARK  
GIRL SCOUTS HEART OF MICHIGAN | \$1,000 FOR NORTHVILLE GIRL SCOUT STARTER TROOPS  
NEW HOPE CENTER FOR GRIEF SUPPORT | \$3,000 FOR INDIVIDUAL PEER SUPPORT/DROP IN PROGRAM  
NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE | \$2,500 FOR YOUNG ARTISTS AFTER SCHOOL ART PROGRAM  
NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BASEBALL | \$1,000 FOR 2018 ARMED FORCES DAY EVENT  
NORTHVILLE PARKS & RECREATION | \$1,000 FOR SENIOR ADULT SERVICES 2018 SENIOR FEST EVENT  
NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE | \$1,000 FOR NYA MENTORING PROGRAM  
SPECIAL MINISTRIES OF LIVINGSTON CO. | \$200 FROM THE RICK JONES ENDOWMENT FUND  
TIPPING POINT THEATRE | \$5,000 FOR TIPPING POINT RISING TIDE PROGRAM

## ENHANCING OUR COMMUNITY: NORTHVILLE SENIOR SERVICES



The Northville Parks & Recreation's Senior Services Department advocates for the 50+ community in the areas of personal growth, dignity, health, friendship, and overall quality of life. Their Senior Fest is an annual social event that encourages and educates this important population, while also paying tribute to those guests who have served our country.

Grant funds received from the NCF had a large impact this year on the quality, size and scope of the Senior Fest. Not only were they able to provide a free lunch to Northville City and Township firefighters, volunteers, VFW and Telecare friends, they also were able to maintain event quality without raising ticket costs. This would have otherwise been impossible, if not for the grant.

The need for social engagement and personal growth for our community's seniors is vital to their health and quality of life. This role is fulfilled to a large extent by the Northville Parks & Recreation's Senior Services Department and its outreach services. We are happy to partner with them to enhance the lives of senior citizens within the Northville community.

## ENRICHING OUR COMMUNITY: NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

The Northville Art House provides after-school art lessons to children from select Northville elementary schools, who may otherwise not be able to enjoy such an experience, due to school budget cuts and personal family income. The ability to create art has proven to relieve stress in children, improve socialization and enhance memory and focus.

The results of the 2016/2017 after-school art program were wonderful. The Art House was able to teach after-school art classes to a total of 346 children. Some of these students went on to host art-themed birthday parties or participate in classes at the Art House, and others continued on in the Art House's first Young Artist Juried Art Fair.

The funding provided by the NCF helped the Art House to streamline and secure their art supply purchases for this program. This allowed them more time to plan and implement targeted classes, activities and art fairs. Additionally, due to the popularity of the program and the grant award from the NCF, the Art House was able to start a scholarship fund for those students who wish to participate in the classes but may not have the funds to do so. Two students were awarded scholarships in the spring of 2017.

We applaud the work of The Northville Art House and are thrilled to support an organization that enriches our community in this way. We are excited to see the positive impact the Art House will continue to make in our children's lives.



*The NCF grant award program supports a wide variety of needs within the Northville community. Each year, we award grants to nonprofit organizations and programs that work to meet these needs. Above are two ways grants awarded in 2016 impacted Northville this year.*



# 2017 YEAR IN



## MARCH

The Foundation opened its 14<sup>th</sup> season of operating Maybury Farm! We welcomed guests with a newly renovated Maybury Farm General Store. The store is overflowing with Maybury Farm products, made in Michigan food and gifts and educational farm and garden themed toys and books. And, of course, tasty treats for our guests!

## APRIL

Together with other Northville community organizations, we hosted the community Eggstravaganza and had over 1,800 people participate! This fun spring event was the kick-off for the grand opening of the Farm season.



## MAY

Over 2,600 students and teachers from schools throughout southeast Michigan attended Maybury Farm Educational Farm Tours in the 2017 season. We enhanced our farm tours this year to integrate with state science standards, and incorporate more science, music, art and place-based learning. Our primary mission at Maybury Farm is to connect kids with animals and agriculture and the food and fiber they provide through hands-on experiences.

## JUNE

We hosted Farm Fest to a record crowd with beautiful weather and many partners, new and old, joining with us to make it a wonderful experience for young and old alike. Farm Fest is fun community fellowship as well as an important fundraiser for the Farm.



## JUNE

We hosted eight weeks of Farm Camp to kids ages 5-12. This camp is designed to provide sustained connections for kids with animals and agriculture to cultivate attitudes of care, cooperation and conservation. We enjoyed a wonderful camp season and saw a 22% increase in the number of farm campers compared to 2016.

## MARCH

Channel 7 covered our Making Maple Syrup Farm Tour on their morning show. We had to increase the number of tours from four to five daily to accommodate the number of families that wanted to attend this informative and delicious tour!



## APRIL

Through a grant from Ford Motor Co. and help from our volunteers and resident beekeeper, Dave Zurek, we were able to install an observation beehive in our main barn. This interactive hive allows students and guests to observe over 10,000 bees in their important activities of pollination and honey production.

## MAY

We awarded \$1,000 college scholarships to three students who are making a difference in the southeast Michigan community through volunteerism:

Lauren Fane  
Stephen Freeman  
Matthew Lee

## JUNE

We made a significant investment to remediate the pond that had failed. In partnership with Specialized Land Service, a phased construction of the pond was begun that will create another opportunity for education and enjoyment at the Farm for years to come.



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## FUN FACT!

July of 2017 marked our 20th anniversary of serving the Northville community! We thank you for your continued support of the NCF and belief in our mission!



# REVIEW

## FUN FACT!

In 2017 we provided free admission to Maybury Farm to over 3,700 children under the age of three years old.



## JULY

We began the conversion of a portion of our existing maintenance shed into an indoor classroom space in order to expand our educational opportunities. We had grant and hands-on support from Ford Motor Co. and their wonderful employee volunteers!

## SEPTEMBER

The fall Corn Maze is the largest annual fundraiser for the Farm. This year, we doubled the size of the corn maze and used a custom design to provide a fun and challenging experience for all ages. We had over 4,000 people enjoy the corn maze and through it support the work of the Farm!



## NOVEMBER

For 19 years we have celebrated the beginning of the holiday season with our annual fundraiser—the Northville Holiday Home Tour, which this year, raised over \$22,000!

## NOVEMBER

Maybury Farm was the host site for the Southeast Michigan Agritourism Regional Meeting. This important association helps farms like ours who are open to the public by offering promotion, advice and partnerships. Owners from area farms were treated to lunch and a tour of the farm.

## DECEMBER

Santa visits Maybury Farm! This free event is offered December 9, 10, 16, & 17 from 10am to 4pm. It's our way of saying *thank you* for supporting Maybury Farm throughout the year!



## AUGUST

The Farm partnered with local organizations and schools that serve those with special needs to create opportunities for job shadowing and training through our volunteer program. We had over 35 special need volunteers help us at the Farm this season.



## OCTOBER

Our resiliency was tested when the original date for our Great Pumpkin Fest was rained out. Staff, volunteers and partners rallied and we held the event a week later in superb weather for a record crowd of over 2,000 people!

## NOVEMBER

The NCF awarded over \$16,000 in grants to local nonprofit organizations who are serving our community!

## DECEMBER

Through our annual Senior Gifts program we will be delivering holiday gifts and visiting with residents of a local assisted living facility.



## DID YOU KNOW?

In March of this year, we moved our main office to the Northville Chamber of Commerce (the purple house on South Main Street). We feel that this move enables us to make better use of the funds entrusted to us and, by sharing space with the Chamber, we are able to lower our overhead costs and share resources with another wonderful community organization!



## *Connecting our community to animals and agriculture through hands-on experiences that are both engaging and educational*

"In all of nature, there is something of the marvelous." Aristotle

That's what we believe at Maybury Farm. And we believe it's important for children and adults to experience that marvel. That's why we exist. Our mission is to connect the community to animals and agriculture. Our 85 acres of farm, garden, field and forest provides countless opportunities for interaction with the joy and wonder of nature. The modern age brings many wonderful conveniences that improve our quality of life. But at times, these conveniences create a gap between the goods we consume and their sources. We forget that for every egg we eat, a chicken must be hatched, grown, fed and given a place to nest. We forget that for every wool piece of clothing we wear, a lamb must be born, raised into a sheep, fed and pastured. We forget that for every salad we eat, the land must be cultivated, the seed planted, watered, weeded and the fruit harvested. The gift of Maybury Farm is the opportunity to narrow that gap as children and adults alike come into contact with the animals and agriculture that are so integral to their daily lives. Children collect eggs, still warm in the nesting box, and then hold the chicken that laid them. They see a pregnant goat and a few weeks later watch the newborn kid as it nurses from its mama. Families explore the garden, deciding which new vegetables to try and pluck them right off the vine. Classrooms of students participate in the farm tours that use the disciplines of science, math, arts and more to explore the world of farming and relate it to their world. Farm Campers help care for the animals, learning what the feed, exercise, cleaning and veterinary needs are for the animals that contribute so much to their lives.

Through engaging hands-on experiences, we seek to cultivate attitudes of care, cooperation and conservation in those who visit the Farm and help the people of our communities become thoughtful consumers of their resources. We hope the children who visit the Farm and engage with its animals, agriculture, fields and forest will walk away with education but also with inspiration. Inspiration that will spark in them a desire to be intentional in how they interact with the people, animals and land they have been gifted with. And that the habits they create as they grow will have a positive impact on the world around them.

This past year we made significant strides in moving the Farm forward to fulfill its educational mission. We strengthened the programming of our educational farm tours and our connection with Northville Schools and other area schools. We utilized grant monies to build an indoor space to use as a classroom that can store resources and provide opportunity for additional educational offerings. We invested in a number of new animals to increase opportunities for engagement and learning including Scottish Highland cattle, Nubian goats, a roan pony, and twelve different breeds of chickens. A number of improvements were made to the grounds and buildings include a renovation of the General Store, a complete renovation of the pond, demo and reconstruction of the chicken coop, structural improvements in the barn, the installation of a new pavilion for group rental use, and the building of a new fence around a 4-acre pasture to expand the footprint of the Farm. We are so thankful for the huge increase in volunteers this season as the number grew from approximately 35 to over 70. And we were overwhelmed with the number of different businesses and organizations that came alongside to partner with us and help us move toward our goals.

As we look to 2018 and beyond, we are setting our sights on continuing to enhance and expand our educational programming to reach more schools in Northville and the surrounding communities within a 50 mile-radius. We also plan to offer more daytime programming during the hours we are open to the public to increase the educational impact for those families visiting throughout the season. Our animal acquisition plan will continue to focus on acquiring animals that are part of a traditional working farm and provide opportunities for engagement as well as contribute to the sustainability of the farm. We have some large capital expenses ahead of us with the primary project being that of our animal fencing. We need to replace all of our existing fencing which is over 30 years old. This is a \$70-100,000 project. To that end, we are working on a long-term strategic plan that will enable to us to garner grants and donations from partners who support our mission. We are thankful for your support of the Farm and ask for your continued help as we invest the necessary resources to make Maybury Farm not only a historical heritage but also a future heritage for the children and families of our community for decades to come.







## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2017 SPONSORS & PARTNERS:

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## FUN FACT!

The NCF relies on the help of over 400 volunteers each year! Volunteers assist with events, outreach programs, grants and scholarship selection, and with maintenance, events, gardening, and animal care at Maybury Farm. We are incredibly grateful for our volunteers who give so much of their time and talents to our organization. We could not accomplish our mission without their remarkable generosity!

To learn more about our volunteer opportunities, please call (248) 374-0200, visit [www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org) or email [themayburfarmteam@gmail.com](mailto:themayburfarmteam@gmail.com).

## GROW WITH US!



*Help us continue to grow and serve our community! Please consider making a year-end donation.*

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☐ Please contact me about joining The Farm Team or other volunteer opportunities with the Northville Community Foundation

RETURN TO: Northville Community Foundation  
195 S. Main St., Northville, MI 48167

OR DONATE ONLINE: [www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org)

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## 2018 EVENTS | NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION & MAYBURY FARM

MARCH—MAKING MAPLE SYRUP TOURS

APRIL 14—EGGSTRAVAGANZA

JUNE 2—FARM FEST

JULY 4—NORTHVILLE INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

OCTOBER 13 & 14—GREAT PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 16 & 17—NORTHVILLE HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

DECEMBER 8, 9, 15, & 16—SANTA VISIT & HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

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