



2020 ANNUAL UPDATE

FOCUSED ON SUCCESS



*We continue to focus our efforts
within the community, recognizing that
we could not meet our goals or be successful
without YOU!*

- Diana Wallace, Executive Director

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A Note from Our Executive Director...

The Northville Community Foundation (NCF) has been serving the community for 23 years with a focus on growing and enriching education, primarily through the operation of Maybury Farm. The mission of NCF and Maybury Farm is to educate children and their families in the surrounding communities about the animals and agriculture that are essential to a working farm in Michigan – both historically and today – through hands-on experiences that are engaging, informative and fun!

Due to the pandemic, NCF and Maybury Farm (MF), like most organizations, had a very challenging year. 2020 was all about safety first – for our employees, volunteers and guests. Whether working, visiting or learning from our team at the farm, we all learned to wear a mask and social distance, even while spending time outside, enjoying the fresh air. Our team and our guests did a great job of following safety protocols, protecting themselves and each other, while having a good time at the farm!

Although opening late in the 2020 season, MF saw a record number of guests visit on a daily basis! We all needed to get outdoors, and the community found MF the perfect place to enjoy themselves safely. While pandemic concerns kept us from hosting our much loved StoryTime and wagon rides, we were able to offer a few of our popular signature educational programs. By limiting the number of participants, wearing masks and social distancing, we were able to hold Farm Camp, Watch-Me-Grow and farm tours while keeping everyone safe.

Most of our yearly fundraising events which raise money primarily for animal care and maintenance projects, were also canceled due to the pandemic. We were, however, able to hold two events by reservation only: “Corn Maze” and “Spooktacular.” Happily, both were successful and brought in much needed funds!

NCF/MF also received a few grants in 2020 that allowed us to continue to improve on our educational programs and fund some small maintenance projects at the farm. To complete our 2019 fencing project, we updated the fencing behind the barn, worked on building a new wagon for events next season and we were fortunate enough to have a new animal shelter built as an Eagle Scout project. We also updated our website and added an online Farm Market, allowing us to sell merchandise from our General Store all year long. In addition, with improvements to our garden, this season we were able to sell fresh produce to our guests at the farm.



Despite the challenges, with the help of our employees, volunteers, donors and the community, we enjoyed much success in 2020! We made and will continue to make progress at the farm. We'll continue to focus our efforts within the community, recognizing that we could not meet our goals successfully without YOU! The support that the community provides to NCF ensures that our programs and partnerships will continue into 2021. Your donations help us enhance and enrich Northville and its

surrounding communities now and into the future.

With deepest gratitude,

Diana L. Wallace, Executive Director

2020

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

With only our first weekend of Making Maple Syrup Tours completed, the farm was forced to close due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

After a delayed start to the season,

we were finally able to reopen the farm to visitors on June 12th.

Despite the restrictions in place for reopening and the cancellation of most of our tours and events, we did have a number of successes to celebrate!



Once again, we hosted New Hope Center for Grief Support's Grief Camp. This 2-day camp provides time for children ages 5-14 to meet others who have experienced a loss and to learn positive coping skills from the animals at the farm. We truly value our partnership with New Hope and the service they provide to the community.

JULY



New Hope Center for Grief Support campers meet one of the horses from Bridgewater Support Services.



AUGUST

We launched our online Farm Market with curbside pickup. Shoppers can now enter the online store through our updated website and shop for items from the farm's General Store all year round! The online store also provides an additional source of revenue to the farm when it closes to the public at the end of each season.

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SEPTEMBER



We celebrated the opening of our 10-acre Corn Maze and saw record attendance over its 7 weekend run! 2020's maze was designed by a talented team of volunteers from Ford Motor Company and included a scavenger hunt for extra family fun! To ensure everyone's safety and adhere to State guidelines, we used a reservation system allowing us to manage the number of guests both at the farm and in the maze.





Also in September, we created our first ever calendar! With the cancellation of many of our fundraising events, the calendar brought in much needed additional funds to support our work at the farm. The 2021 calendar features photographs of many of the animals at the farm and was a fun way for people to support the farm and its mission.

SEPTEMBER



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OCTOBER

Anticipating few opportunities for kids to celebrate Halloween this year, we held our first ever Halloween Spooktacular event! This event gave families a chance to dress up and celebrate Halloween safely, while enjoying the farm one last time before it closed for the season.





Tidings & Tinsel

NOVEMBER

Unable to host our annual Holiday Home Tour, one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, we provided a way to celebrate the holidays virtually with Tidings & Tinsel! The online fundraiser provided site visitors the opportunity to post pictures of their own home holiday decorations in a Showcase Gallery - allowing for a sharing of ideas and inspiration.

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DECEMBER

The Detroit News



We were invited by the Detroit News to participate in their 4th annual holiday fundraising campaign, Holiday Cheer for Charity. Holiday Cheer for Charity is their way of supporting local non-profits and highlighting the important work they do in Southeast Michigan while helping each non-profit raise funds for their organizations. We were so grateful for the opportunity to be 1 of 15 charities chosen to be part of this year's event, and especially to be voted in as 1 of 5 finalists. Not only did we raise much needed funds for the farm but we also had the opportunity to introduce many new people to the farm and the work we do here!

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Although school tours were cancelled in 2020, we were able to hold two of our most popular educational programs this season: Farm Camp and Watch-Me-Grow. Our educational programming plays a vital role in our mission to educate those in the surrounding communities about animals and agriculture. We believe that everyone should understand where our food and fiber come from and the important role agriculture plays in our lives.

Again this year, our 3-day Farm Camp was a sell-out! 170 kids, aged 5-11, registered for Farm Camp which ran weekly June through August. Our farm camp, held entirely outdoors, provided each camper with the chance to get their hands dirty as they helped in the garden and with daily chores on the farm. As they did, they cultivated an awareness and appreciation for the role of farmers, the land and the animals, and learned how each contributes to our daily lives.



FARM CAMP



Each camp session ended with campers producing a video presentation about their experience at the farm, allowing us to continue to keep parents informed while following safety protocols.

WATCH-ME-GROW

With its rise in popularity, our Watch-Me-Grow preschool program grew from a Summer program to include Fall programming as well! In 2020, 200 preschoolers, aged 2-5, participated in the program! Each session featured a new topic and was filled with hands-on experiences, music, crafts and games that created an engaging time of fun and learning.



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BREEDING WITH A PURPOSE

In 2020, 21 babies were born at the farm! Through our breeding program we are able to educate children about the lifecycles and roles of animals on the farm, as well as in our food and fiber systems.

But it doesn't stop there... Jacob sheep, a threatened species with less than 5,000 remaining in the world, can be found at the farm. And, this spring, we birthed and registered 3 new Jacob ewe lambs! Maybury is one of only a few dozen farms around the world who raise and breed Jacob sheep. Collectively, we are making a huge impact toward stabilizing the global population of this species!

Jacob Sheep



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THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

We owe a great deal of thanks to the more than 200 volunteers who served the Northville Community Foundation and Maybury Farm in 2020! Volunteers assisted NCF with events and outreach programs. And, at the farm, with maintenance, events, gardening, hay baling, education, and animal care. We are incredibly grateful for our volunteers who give so much of their time and talents to our organization. We couldn't accomplish our mission without their remarkable generosity!

Want to Get Involved? To learn more about volunteer opportunities for individuals or groups, please call (248) 374-0200, visit our website www.mayburyfarm.org or email us at farmteam@mayburyfarm.org

EVERY PENNY MATTERS



Maybury Farm provides valuable education to children, teaching them about where their food and fiber comes from as well as giving them hands-on experiences with animals and agriculture.

Year over year, we see the number of visitors to the farm increase, assuring us that we are headed in the right direction with our continued enhancements to the farm and our programming.

However, all this is not possible without you!

With the rising costs of animal feed and care, ongoing updates and repairs to buildings and equipment necessary to run the farm safely for our animals and guests, we need your help.

*No donation is too small. Please consider giving to the farm today!
If a monetary gift is not possible, please consider volunteering!*



Website:

Go to our website
www.mayburyfarm.org
and click on "DONATE" or "GIVE"



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*Please make checks payable to NCF
Northville Community Foundation
195 S. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167*

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Needed items can also be purchased for the farm through our Amazon wish list:



<https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
& MAYBURY FARM

March 6	Farm Opens for the Season <i>(weekends only)</i>
March 6 – 28	Making Maple Syrup Tours
April 10.....	Eggstravaganza
April 13 – October 24.....	Farm Open Tuesday - Sunday
June 5.....	Farm Fest
June 13 – September 5	Guided Educational Farm Tours <i>(weekends)</i>
June 16 – September 30	StoryTime <i>(Wednesdays & Thursdays)</i>
June 16 – September 30	Wagon Rides <i>(Wednesdays & Thursdays)</i>
June 22 – August 20.....	Farm Camp
July 6 – October 5.....	Watch-Me-Grow Preschool Programs
September 10 – October 24.....	Fall Corn Maze
October 9 & 10.....	Great Fall Festival
November 19 & 20.....	Holiday Home Tour
December 4, 5, 11 & 12.....	Santa's Visit

For more information on our upcoming events visit our website www.mayburyfarm.org

**Due to COVID-19 health concerns, dates for the above events may change or be cancelled.
Please visit our website or Facebook page for updates.*

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