THE BARN AT SPRING BROOK FARM



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I am honored to present to you The Barn at Spring Brook Farm's Impact Report for 2022. The Barn is a nonprofit organization committed to enriching the developmental skills and lives of children with disabilities through animal-assisted and nature-based experiences located among the rolling hills of Chester County Pennsylvania. As the Executive Director of this organization, I am proud of the incredible work that we have accomplished this past year and I am excited to share our progress with you.

As you read through this report, you will see the impact of our programs and services on the lives of the children and families we serve. We have continued to provide innovative programs that promote socialization, self-esteem, and overall well-being. I am pleased to report that we have increased the number of children we served since 2021, and we are exploring ways in which to serve even more children in the future.

Last year, despite the lingering challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, we strengthened our programs and services to meet the changing needs of our community and were able to continue to provide a safe and supportive environment for our children and families to thrive.

None of this would be possible without the generous support of our donors, volunteers, staff, and partners. Your contributions have helped us to create a world where children with disabilities are celebrated for their abilities and not limited by their challenges.

Thank you for your continued support; we look forward to another year of empowering children with disabilities to reach their full potential.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

The Barn at Spring Brook Farm

INTRODUCTION

The Barn at Spring Brook Farm was developed from a passion project of founder Mary Beth Drobish, the former owner of the 17.5-acre West Chester, PA farm property on which The Barn resides. She felt called to combine her love of children with her passion for farm animals and sought to develop an environment where the two could co-exist in a healing way. She believed that children who are differently-abled would benefit physically, psychologically, cognitively, and developmentally from interactions with specially-selected, kid-sized farm animals—opportunities for learning not provided in a traditional education setting.

In 2005, The Barn was incorporated as a 501(c) (3) organization, and shortly thereafter, welcomed children with disabilities through its doors and into its lush fields and gardens. Through our mission to enrich the developmental skills and lives of children with disabilities through animal-assisted activities and nature-based experiences, we have substantiated Mary Beth's belief in the valuable and measurably beneficial connection between animals, nature, and children.



MISSION & VISION

Mission Statement: To enrich the developmental skills and lives of children with disabilities through animal-assisted and natured-based experiences.

Vision Statement: The Barn strives to be the leading regional organization and resource committed to providing children with disabilities and their families with nurturing and interactive, animal and nature-based experiences that bring joy and inspires them to pursue their best lives.



OUR PROGRAMS

The Barn accomplishes its mission through several programs: Camp Geronimo, Individual Programs, Educational Field Trips and Socialization Events. These programs are unique in that they utilize small farm animals and an Outdoor Learning Center to facilitate child-directed activities in a nurturing setting. The small size of our animals and our many gardens, allows children to become caretakers - an empowering experience since many of these children are accustomed to being a care recipient much of the time.

Camp Geronimo: The Barn offers children with disabilities a unique summer day camp experience - an opportunity to have fun in a safe, secure setting while learning new skills and making new friends. Camp Geronimo is offered in six one-week sessions and can accommodate up to 96 children (16 per week) each summer. A minimum one-to-one ratio of counselors to campers allows children with a range of abilities to participate safely and successfully. A Registered Nurse on site each day ensures each child's medical needs are met. In 2022, a total of 67 non-duplicated children filled all 96 spots in Camp Geronimo.

Individual Program (IP): IP is a one-on-one goal-based program offered to children on a weekly basis for 12 weeks (two six-week sessions) each spring and fall. Each participating child is paired with a trained volunteer for a weekly one-hour session. Using a Barn Activity Plan which sets goals for the child and tracks progress over time, child/volunteer pairs participate in activities that may improve fine or gross motor skills, develop communication skills, and/or build self-esteem. In 2022, a total of 47 non-duplicated children occupied 58 program slots.

OUR PROGRAMS CONTINUED...

Educational Field Trips: The Barn offers in-person and live-streamed educational field trips to groups of students from schools and organizations catering to the needs of differently abled children. Local participants include the Chester County Intermediate Unit, the ARC of Chester County, Greenwood Elementary School, Overbrook School for the Blind, St. Edmund's Home for Children, and others. Prerecorded digital and live-streamed Field Trips are available as an alternative to the in-person version, removing the barrier of geographic proximity so children everywhere can experience all The Barn has to offer. In 2022 The Barn hosted 93 children for in-person field trips and 170 children for live-streamed field trips.

Socialization Events: The Barn offers four seasonal Socialization Events geared to local families who have children with disabilities. These include an Autumn Festival, Summer Splash, Spring Fling and PancakePalooza, a winter breakfast celebration. The goal of these events is to provide families with opportunities to interact with one another and with The Barn staff and animals. With the exception of Spring Fling which was cancelled due to very inclement weather, all socialization events were held inperson for the first time since 2019. A total of 116 children participated in Socialization Events throughout 2022.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- Raichel Barzilay joined The Barn as The Barn's Program Manager
- Kelsey Fraim joined The Barn as The Barn's Administrative Assistant
- Three new members joined The Barn's Board of Directors
- Camp Geronimo campers took part in creating a memorial mosaic bench in honor of founder, Mary Beth Drobish
- New garden beds built by First Crew of the First Presbyterian Church of West Chester, and planted by program participants, yielded over 200 lbs. of produce which was donated to the West Chester Food Cupboard
- Forward movement on The Barn's Strategic Plan included defining an expanded program model; determining requirements for a potential second property and identifying potential second properties.
- The Barn's designation as a Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Organization was renewed
- · A social media plan was put in place for the year
- A bi-monthly e-newsletter, The Barn Bulletin was rolled out
- The Barn's Profession Clinical Affiliation Program was expanded, providing a steady stream of committed volunteers to aid in the delivery of all programs.

2022 PARTICIPANT OUTCOMES

NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES SERVED

The Barn's programs reach children with disabilities far beyond its West Chester, PA location. In 2022, The Barn served 568 children from 62 schools; 561 children came from 24 school districts located in the Pennsylvania counties of Montgomery, Delaware, Chester and Philadelphia. Of the remaining seven children, five were from Delaware, one was from Maryland and one was from Arizona.

PROGRAM	# OF CHILDREN*	# OF PROGRAM HOURS
Family Barn Visits	75	68
Socialization Events	116	9
Virtual Field Trips	170	2
Field Trips	93	30
Individual Program	47	468
Camp Geronimo	67	150
TOTAL	568	727

^{*}Represents number of unduplicated children with disabilities.

Prior to the start of each Individual Program session, a Barn Activity Plan is developed using input from the participating child's caregiver and The Barn's Program



At the conclusion of each six-week Individual Program term and each week of Camp Geronimo, we surveyed caregivers of participating children to gather more specific data regarding observed program impact and satisfaction.

INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM CAREGIVER RESPONSES

SKILL	IMPROVEMENT	NO IMPROVEMENT MAINTAINED SKILL	NOT APPLICABLE
Communication Skills	87.5%	12.5%	0%
Safety Skills	68.75%	18.75%	12.5%
Social/Emotional Skills	93%	6.25%	0%
Sensory Skills	63%	25%	12%

Additionally, 100% of caregivers responded that their child benefitted from Individual Program all or most of the time.

INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM PARTICIPANT TESTIMONIALS

- "My son's walking improved (as well as) his willingness to interact with the animals. He is working on turn taking and appropriate social skills."
- "Participating at the Barn has been so tremendously impactful for my child's confidence, self-esteem, and general quality of life. She often feels excluded or 'less than' at school and extracurricular activities since her disabilities make participation difficult. The Barn is a safe place where she feels welcomed, loved, and supported, and where she is able to work on goals while having fun and just being herself. Having a special activity that is all about her has done so much for her well-being, and means more to us than we can say!"
- "(My son) does better when he is surrounded by warmth and patience and The Barn has this in abundance. There is no doubt in my mind that his visits there had a positive impact on his life as a whole."



- "(My daughter's) conversation skills have greatly approved on all fronts- home, preschool, therapies, etc. Participating at the Barn allowed for crucial "extra" support which really aided her development."
- "What a gift! My kids loved bonding with the animals and feeling like they had important jobs to do with feeding & grooming. They came home feeling accomplished and proud."
- "Our daughter has a wonderful sense of pride about her work at the barn. As parents, that's really what we want for our kids...to have a sense of purpose and fulfillment in life."

CAMP GERONIMO CAREGIVER RESPONSES

- 86% responded Very Beneficial and 14% responded Beneficial when asked, "How beneficial do you think Camp Geronimo was for your child and why? Very Beneficial, Beneficial, Slightly Beneficial, or Not Beneficial?"
- 86% responded Yes when asked, "Do you plan to enroll your child in Camp Geronimo 2023?" 8% responded No due to their child aging out of the program, and 3% responded No without explanation. 3% did not respond to this question.
- 61.5% responded Excellent, 15.25% responded Amazing, 8% responded Great and 15.25% responded Good when asked to "Describe your child's overall camp experience."

CAMP GERONIMO CAREGIVER TESTIMONIALS

- "It is not always easy to find camps that are accepting of kids with disabilities -- so
 many places claim to be inclusive but then tell us that they can't accommodate our
 kids. It was incredibly reassuring to know that Camp Geronimo was set up for kids
 with disabilities and they have the staff available to support kids to have a
 successful experience."
- "Camp provided a safe place for (my son) to take a risk. Although he had a tough
 time transitioning to the new environment at the first drop off, the counselors and
 team made him feel welcome and helped him join the group. By the third day, (he)
 was willingly getting in the car for camp. And more importantly, he was able to
 experience that new things aren't bad, even when it's scary at first."
- "(My son) who usually does not verbally share what happened in his day, is telling us a sentence about what happened during camp. It's wonderful. He has made awesome friends."
- "Our son has come to this camp for five years, and Camp Geronimo gives him the ability to have independence with structure, and the chance to choose and be challenged. And so much FUN!"
- "My 10 year old son who has Down syndrome and is on the autism spectrum, attended for two weeks. Over the course of those two weeks, he really grew as a camper and came out of his shell. One of the areas of significant growth is he came home from camp and started singing the songs they did at circle time. I've never seen him sing before this was incredible for his speech development and also his ability to share events of what happened earlier in the day..."
- "It provided my son with a unique opportunity to participate in typical camp activities in a safe and supportive setting."
- "It gave (my daughter) a real summer camp experience in a safe environment and in a way that would not overstimulate her or be too overwhelming for her. The 1:1 counselor/camper ratio is a game changer for her so she could enjoy herself and be a kid!"





VOLUNTEER DATA

With only three fulltime staff, one parttime administrative assistant and two parttime barn helpers, The Barn is exceedingly reliant on volunteers to help with program delivery, facility maintenance, office help and more. In addition to volunteers from our community, many are students earning clinical credit toward their professional degrees through The Barn's *Professional Clinical Affiliation Program*.

VOLUNTEER TYPE	# OF VOLUNTEERS	# OF VOLUNTEER HOURS	
All Program Volunteers	150	4,143	
Camp Geronimo Volunteers	35	1,288	
Corporate/Group Volunteers	131	511	
Board & Advisory Board*	21	312	
TOTAL	337	6,253	

PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL AFFILIATION PROGRAM STUDENTS

		# OF	PROGRAM OF	
TERM	SCHOOL	STUDENTS	S* STUDY	HOURS
Spring	Gwynedd Mercy University	3	Occupational Therapy	124
Summer	Salus University	13	Occupational Therapy	455
Summer	West Chester University	2	Special Education	63
Summer	Jefferson University (East Fall	s) 7	Occupational Therapy	245
Summer	Widener University	7	Occupational Therapy	217
Summer	Temple University	10	Occupational Therapy	693
Summer	University of Pennsylvania	1	Nursing	10
Summer	Immaculata University	1	Psychology	31
Summer	Immaculata University	1	Social Work	92
Fall	Widener University	14	Occupational Therapy	306
Fall	Immaculata University	1	Social Work	90
Fall	Salus University	1	Occupational Therapy	28
TOTAL		61		2,354

^{*}Excludes Cheyney University and Temple University recreational therapy students and a nursing student who volunteered but did not receive clinical credit.

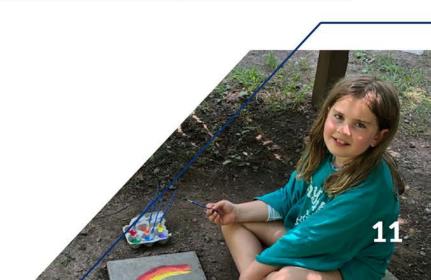
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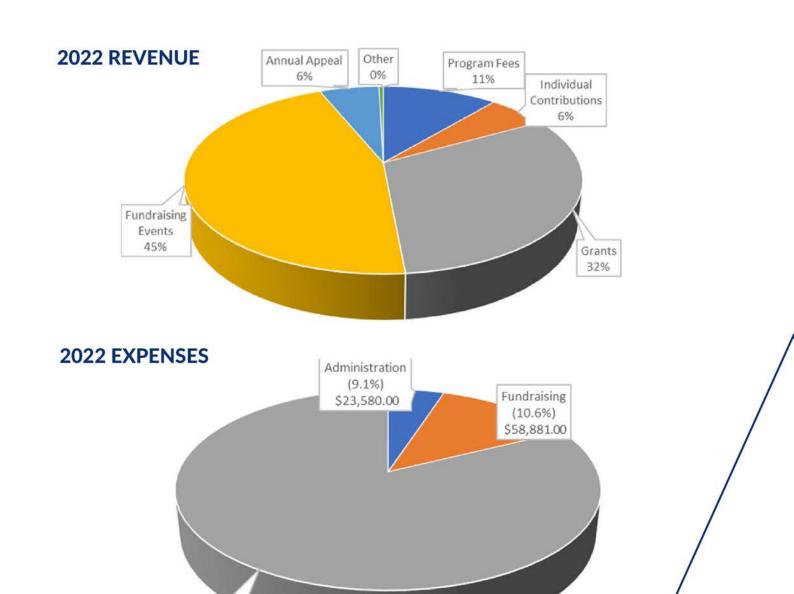
REVENUE BREAKDOWN (UNAUDITED)

Once again, we worked diligently to ensure the majority of our revenue directly supported program expenses (80%). 9% of expenses were attributed to administration and 11% of expenses were attributed to fundraising. **Total revenue in 2022 increased by 34% over 2021's revenue and expenses in 2022 were 33% higher than in 2021.**

The Barn's ability to draw funders to support its mission continued to grow through 2022. An increase in program revenue can be attributed to (1) Camp Geronimo operating at full capacity since pre-COVID; (2) the popularity of Family Barn Visits; and (3) an increase in grant revenue. Funds raised through the Spring Fundraiser and Hoe Down fall fundraiser surpassed those of the past, likely due to the excitement of being able to convene in-person for the first time since 2019.

REVENUE	2022 YEAR END	
Hoe Down	\$169,275	
Spring Fundraiser	\$73,345	
Individual Donations	\$44,754	
Grants	\$169,600	
Annual Appeal	\$30,774	
Camp	\$40,990	
Program Fees	\$12,315	
Field Trips	\$1,700	
Family Barn Visits	\$2,240	
Other Income	\$2,349	
TOTAL	\$547,342	







Programs (80.3%) \$383,993.00

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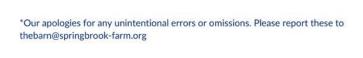
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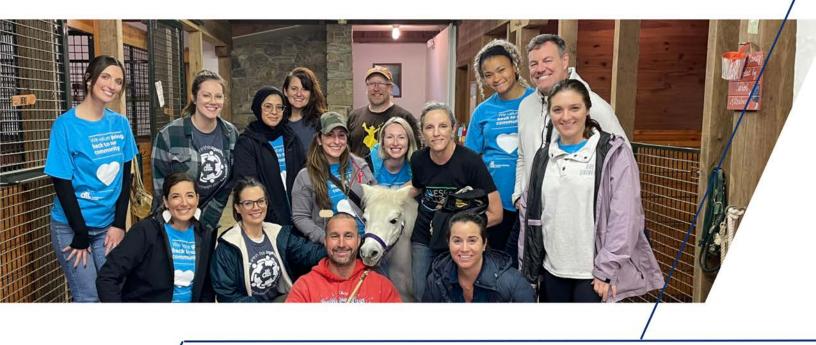
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