



2025 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



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Dear Friends and Supporters,

2025 was a year of new beginnings at The Barn at Spring Brook Farm... we are excited to share with you the smiles, laughs and fun times that were shared!

Our year began with an incredible act of generosity. The Barn received a Capital donation that changed The Barn, both inside and out. A new tractor allowed us to transform our outdoor learning center. Brush, bramble and overgrown bushes were removed, opening up areas for new activity stations. Inside, a soft sensory gym created a space where children could improve balance, coordination, and motor skills, all while encouraging play with others. A whole Barn generator was installed meaning we would never have to cancel programming due to a power outage. These changes were transformative and we are so grateful for the kindness of those who made them possible.

It was a year of transition for our staff. We said goodbye to dear friends but welcomed new ones. Kelly Williams, our new Program Director, brings so many wonderful new ideas and we are beyond excited for what the years ahead hold. Thank you to everyone for understanding our need to cancel spring programming to make these changes to our facility and our team.

Each year we continue to strengthen our programs and services to meet the changing needs of our community and provide a safe and supportive environment in which our children and families thrive. Our animal-assisted and nature-based programming provides children with unique experiences. The Barn is a place where children can just be children. They gain confidence, socialization skills and find lasting friendships.

There is something truly magical about The Barn, that simply cannot be explained. Our furry farm friends warm our hearts through their unconditional love for the children we serve. Our amazing staff share compassion and love every day. It is a place where you just can't help but smile! I am truly blessed to be a part of this special place.

We have a strong supportive community and are continually working to expand our reach to serve more children and families each year. We welcome new campers, schools, children and teens to our programs in the hopes of enriching their lives and bringing joy. Thank you for an AMAZING 2025! Adventure awaits in 2026! We can't wait!

With gratitude and appreciation,

Jeanette Corgnati, Executive Director

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ABOUT THE BARN

The Barn at Spring Brook Farm was a passion project developed by our 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 special way. She believed that children who are differently abled would benefit physically, psychologically, cognitively, and developmentally from interactions with farm animals. These Barn experiences would create 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. Through our mission, we continue to uphold the valuable and beneficial connection between animals, nature, and children.

Our beautiful barn is home to 18 small-sized farm animals who are there to work and play. While at The Barn, children and teens are able to care for these furry friends by feeding, walking and grooming them. In doing these activities they often develop a special bond with the animals which can be very empowering and life-enriching.

This relationship has a unique impact, often breaking down barriers and allowing children and teens to just be themselves. They gain confidence and find themselves trying and doing new things. In caring for the animals, they discover what it's like to be in a caretaker role. This experience builds invaluable skills which lead to future growth, success, and happiness.

In addition to our wonderful animals, we want children and teens to enjoy our beautiful grounds and explore the natural world. By engaging in natural environments, children with disabilities explore science concepts through hands-on activities adapted to their diverse needs. The Barn's Outdoor Learning Center includes sensory gardens, raised beds for growing vegetables, a musical soundscape, mud kitchens and more. The Barn and its grounds are designed to be handicapped-accessible, so everyone is able to enjoy our special experiences. The Barn's setting and programming allow for unique learning experiences that set our programs apart from more traditional learning programs.



Mission Statement: To enrich the developmental skills and lives of children with disabilities through animal-assisted and nature-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 inspire them to pursue their best lives.

OUR PROGRAMS

The Barn at Spring Brook Farm was established to provide a safe and nurturing environment where children can have fun while gaining real life skills. The experiences provide a unique opportunity for children to experience connections between animals and the natural world.

Individual Program

Our Individual Program (IP) enables children with disabilities to participate in animal-assisted and nature-based experiences, one hour a week in the fall and spring. During weekly visits, children enjoy planting/picking vegetables and flowers from gardens, exploring nature among 17 acres, and interacting with farm animals through grooming, feeding, and animal exercise. These activities are designed to promote confidence, as well as cultivate communication, socialization, safety awareness.

Each child is paired with a trained volunteer who encourages them to participate in and enjoy all aspects of Barn life. Our programming is designed to ensure that everyone benefits from our Barn experiences by embracing their personal goals and abilities. After completing our 6-week program, families are provided with an overview of accomplishments and achievements.

Teen Individual Program (TIP)

This program is geared towards teens ages 13-17. Teens have the opportunity to explore and take part in farm experiences like grooming, feeding, and exercising our animals, mucking stalls and tending to our gardens. They gain real life experience that leads to future growth.

Camp Geronimo

Camp Geronimo serves children ages 6-12 and welcomes campers of all abilities. It is a unique and fun summer day camp experience incorporating animals and nature. A one-to-one ratio of counselors to campers allows children with a range of abilities to participate safely and successfully. During the week campers learn new skills, experience exciting new adventures and make new and lasting friendships. Each week a registered Nurse is on site to ensure each child's medical needs are met.



Field Trips

We offer local schools and organizations serving the special needs community the opportunity to participate in our educational field trips. Children will enjoy various experiences including: interacting with our farm animals (feeding, walking and grooming them), taking a hayride along our beautiful grounds, playing in our Barn loft which includes a sensory gym, creating a fun natural craft, and exploring our Outdoor Learning Center (which includes sensory tables, a vegetable, herb and sensory garden, a musicscape and handicap accessible treehouse).

Quarterly Socialization Events

The Barn hosts several socialization events throughout the year which are open to our Barn Family and new friends looking for a fun time at the farm! These seasonal events are wonderful opportunities for Barn families to meet one another and for prospective families to visit The Barn to learn more about our programming. Visitors enjoy a hayride, and meet our farm friends, explore our Outdoor Learning Center and enjoy our barn loft.





2025 STATISTICS

364 CHILDREN & TEENS SERVED, 2,762 PROGRAM HOURS

Children from the greater Philadelphia region come to us with diagnoses of autism spectrum disorder (ASD), Down syndrome, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, cerebral palsy, physical disabilities, epilepsy, genetic disorders, and intellectual and developmental disabilities. In 2025, The Barn served 364 children from 61 schools and 28 school districts located in the Pennsylvania counties of Montgomery, Delaware, Chester and Philadelphia. We had 3 participants join us from Wilmington and Newark, Delaware as well.

100%

OF ALL **CAMP GERONIMO CAREGIVERS**
SAID THAT THEIR CAMPER REALLY
ENJOYED CAMP

95%

OF ALL **CAMPERS** CAN'T WAIT TO
RETURN NEXT SUMMER!

100%

OF ALL **INDIVIDUAL AND TEEN INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM
CAREGIVERS** SAID THAT THEIR CHILD OR TEEN REALLY
ENJOYED THE PROGRAM

Rating the Camp Experience on a
scale of 1-5, 5 being the best

- 95% rated their camp experience a 5
- 5% rated their camp experience at 4



Program Breakdown

60 Campers

2,370 Program Hours

26 Individual Program Participants*

282 Program Hours

6 Teen Individual Program Participants

66 Program Hours

164 Children at 4 Socialization Events

11 Program Hours

90 Field Trip Participants

33 Program Hours

***NOTE:** Our Spring Individual and Teen Individual Program Sessions were cancelled due to facility improvement projects and staffing changes. Individual and Teen Individual Programs reflect only a half year of programming.





FAMILY TESTIMONIALS

"We just love Camp Geronimo so much, and really loved the opportunity for parents to attend the talent show at the end of camp! Thank you for creating such a wonderful, accepting environment!!!" - **Camp Parent**

"This camp exceeded my expectations. The activities, counselors, programs, staff- all was excellent. The counselors were patient, kind, and were very attentive to Natalie's personality and needs. She could not wait to go back each day! Because Natalie is not always very verbal, I appreciated the list of activities they did each day as well as the counselors recap of the day at pick up. I also appreciated that she was able to spend some time in an air-conditioned space if she got too hot. " - **Camp Parent**

"As a mother I feel so happy that there is a beautiful place like this one for my son James. To see James smiling every time when we have to go to the farm is priceless. James loves the farm and he definitely enjoys it , thank you so much!" - **Teen Parent**

"The program at the barn was amazing. It allowed my son to be himself and connect with nature. He really enjoyed it, and we saw a lot of progress and one step directions and communication where he started to verbalize many words. He was excited each week to go, and it seemed to be his favorite "therapy." I don't think he considered it a therapy, just being a kid. I hope that this program can continue to help other children and young adults as it has helped my son." - **Individual Program Parent**

COUNSELOR TESTIMONIALS

"I loved being able to interact with campers 1:1 and adapting to their specific needs and personalities throughout the week. Seeing the campers discover new things they love and grow more comfortable around their counselor is deeply rewarding. Dramatic play is always a highlight! I loved sharing genuine smiles and laughs with their cute or funny moment." - **Counselor**

"As a counselor at Camp Geronimo, I got to see my campers find happiness in unexpected places, such as activities they didn't think they would enjoy, or imaginative play that can only be thought up in a place like the Barn. The children and I share the same camp activities, but they experience things in a different, brilliant way. Talking to them often brought very genuine and meaningful insights." - **Counselor**

"Camp is one of the best parts of my summer because it creates such an amazing environment for the campers and the counselors. This year especially I felt such a strong connection with my campers, seeing them grow comfortable throughout their time at the barn and watching the joy on their faces as they create new memories. My time at the barn will definitely stay with me forever." - **Counselor**

"My time here at The Barn was such an amazing experience. The staff were so helpful and cheerful with everyone; they have a deep care for these children and it definitely shows, as well as being a great example for new counselors. I loved seeing the kids laugh and interact with other campers as they opened up to the activities and surroundings. Even counselors with separate campers helped each other out despite their being busy. The understanding between all of us makes us feel included and appreciated. I feel like I could talk with anyone as if I'd known them for years. I would definitely work here again!" - **Counselor**

OUR VOLUNTEERS

CORPORATE & GROUP VOLUNTEERS

- Lease Direct
- First Crew
- BlackRock
- Crane Payment
- Incyte
- PECO/Exelon
- Longwood Garden -Continuing Education Team
- Penn State Master Gardeners - Chester County



Thank you to our 345 volunteers who served over 4,300 hours

With only three full-time staff, two part-time camp directors and a part-time barn helper, The Barn is reliant on volunteers to help with program delivery, facility maintenance, office help and more.

Volunteer Group	Number of Volunteers	Total Volunteer Hours
Camp Volunteers	61	1,711
Adult Volunteers with Disabilities	10	168
Corporate Volunteers	126	462
Individual Program Volunteers	38	651
Board & Advisory Board	25	362
Socialization Event, Field Trip & Fundraiser Volunteers	74	387
Professional Clinical Volunteers	11	607
TOTAL VOLUNTEERS	345	4,348

In addition to volunteers from our community, we partner with various colleges and universities allowing students earning clinical credit toward their professional degrees to gain experience working with children in a unique setting. This year we hosted students from the following college and universities: Salus, Thomas Jefferson, West Chester, Neumann, Pennsylvania College of Technology and Immaculata.



2025 EXPENSE/REVENUE ALLOCATION

Every year, we work diligently to ensure the majority of our revenue directly supports program expenses (81% this year). Due to facility improvements and staff changes, we had to cancel our 2025 Spring Individual & Teen Individual Program. This reduced our Individual and Teen Individual Program Fee revenue by nearly 50%.

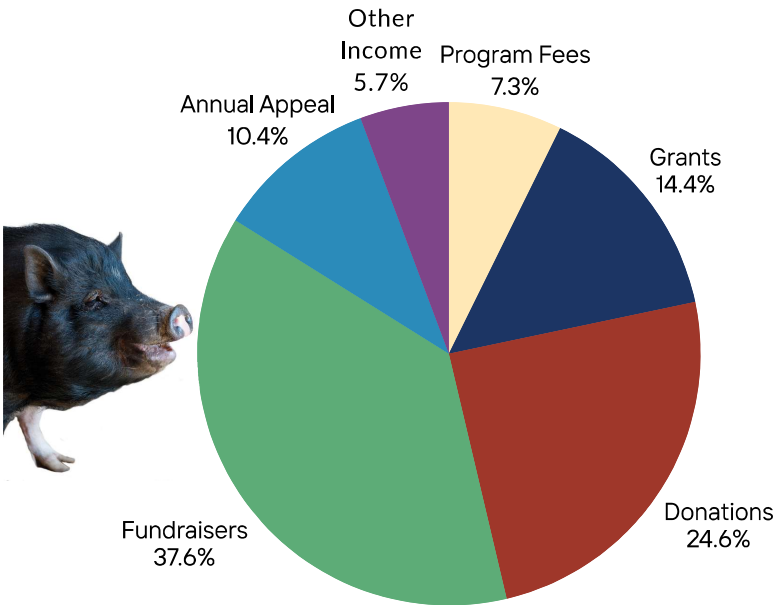
****This year The Barn received a very generous Capital Improvement Donation of \$125,740 which was used to purchase a new tractor, full Barn generator and Sensory Gym. (This number was not used in calculations for the pie charts below as the donation was slated for capital improvements)***

The Barn's ability to draw funders to support its mission continued to grow in 2025. Combined funds raised, even excluding the capital improvement donation, exceeded the prior year.

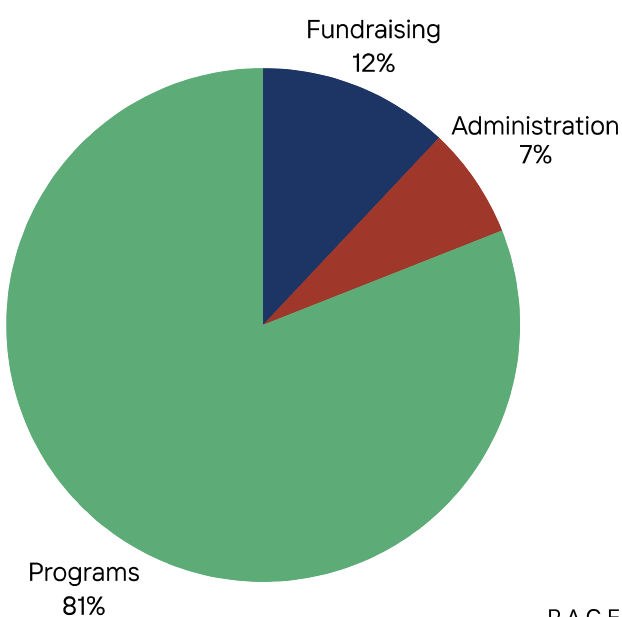
As part of our mission, we are dedicated to providing all children the opportunity to enjoy our programs. Each year, in addition to self-subsidizing our programs so they remain affordable, scholarships are awarded for need-based financial assistance for children whose families face financial hardship. **In 2025, The Barn provided financial aid awards to 27% of participants- 17% of the overall program revenue was subsidized by scholarships.**

INCOME SOURCE	REVENUE
Hoe Down Fundraiser	\$165,761
Spring Fundraiser	\$65,773
Individual Donations	\$151,420
Grants	\$88,850
Annual Appeal	\$64,682
Camp Fees (net after financial aid awards)	\$35,300
Individual & Teen Individual Program Fees (net after financial aid awards)	\$6,209
Field Trips	\$2,000
Family Barn Visits & Socialization Events	\$1,537
Other Income	\$34,968
TOTAL	\$616,500
*Capital Improvement Donation	\$125,740
TOTAL with Capital Improvement Donation	\$ 742,240

2025 Revenue



2025 Expenses



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