



PREPARING THE SOIL
FOR LEARNING AND GROWTH

PEACEHAVEN COMMUNITY FARM

2016 Annual Report



Peacehaven
Community Farm



PREPARING THE SOIL

This time every year, Mark Socha, our farm manager, takes stock of the earth at Peacehaven. As vegetables grow in our beds and fields, they pull minerals and nutrients out of the soil and add new things back. Soil changes all the time. Mark may add some minerals or supplement with nutrients or rotate crops to ensure that the land will produce healthy, delicious vegetables the next season.

2016 marked another year of providing an affordable, permanent, supportive living community for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In these years, we have grown many important relationships, and a heck of a lot of vegetables, too. Just as those vegetables help nourish the bodies of our residents, these relationships give our mission life.

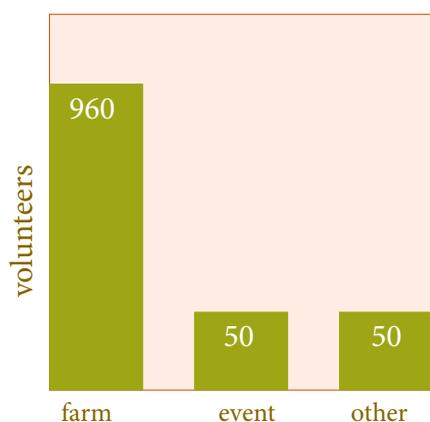
2016 was a year that we have taken Mark's example by preparing Peacehaven for another decade of growth in mission, vision, relationships and vegetables. This year our new Resident Assistant Sean Wilson worked with a senior at Elon University with a cognitive disability to install a brand-new three-bin compost system. This student brought his expertise and gentle guidance, and Sean his strong hands and vast capacity for friendship, to ensure that our plants will have healthy, nutrient-rich fertilizer come spring.

This year has been full of stories like this, ones that supplement the work of Peacehaven with the nourishing gifts of this great community.

PREPARING THE SOIL *through relationships*

1060

volunteers at Peacehaven



As we dream and prepare for a future horticultural rehabilitation day program, we welcomed a **cohort of four individuals with disabilities and caregivers** to join us in the Buddy Program, a special garden work day once a week.

As plans for another house on the farm come together, **4 new Resident Assistants and a Home Life Coordinator** joined our team. They have worked hard to develop a sustainable and healthy way of life for Susan's View.

As we see our staff, volunteers, and community become more diverse and multifaceted, we **crafted an inclusivity statement** that expressed our commitment to be a place of peace and a haven to all.

Three new bright and compassionate minds joined our Board of Directors to help us prepare for this next season of growth.

Our **Cultivators donor group formed** as a consistent and reliable source of funding that enables us to plan ahead by donating every month.



“The Buddy program represents the type of community the mission of Peacehaven seeks to embody - a gathering of folks with and without disabilities, learning and growing together side by side, cultivating work and relationships. I witnessed participants complete the workday with a sense of purpose and positive energy from simply having the opportunity to socially engage with others. This is important work, and a wonderful way for Peacehaven to widen our reach into the larger needs of the community.”

— Olivia Smith, Housing Volunteer Coordinator

“My new friend from Elon wrote in a paper that just as Peacehaven values everyone for their gifts by creating the right environment, composting allows the gifts of food waste to be revealed by creating the right environment. The message rang clear to me: what we often understand to be disposable is in fact rich with value. This is true for plants as well as humans.”

— Resident Assistant Sean Wilson, reflecting on his composting project with an Elon student

PREPARING THE SOIL *in the ground*

8000

pounds of food grown
at Peacehaven in 2016



Our Resident Assistant Sean Wilson and an Elon student **installed new compost bins**, ensuring that our vegetables will have the healthiest soil possible next year.

15 new photo voltaic panels, installed late summer, now provide even more solar energy to our buildings and build a more sustainable future.

We transformed a corner of Greensboro's LeBauer Park with an artwork that contains an array textures, colors, shapes, and ways for people with sensory challenges to interact. **The Peacehaven Sensory Space** invites people with disabilities to participate more fully in public life and reminds the greater Greensboro community of our commitment to advocating for inclusivity.

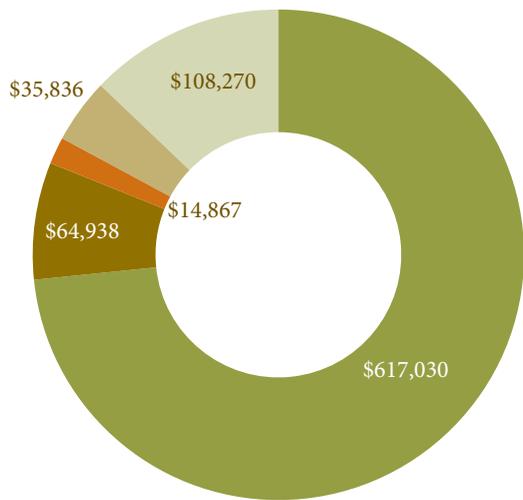
Peacehaven received a **gift of 20 acres of land near the farm**. We constructed and started planting in our first full-sized greenhouse this year to prepare for transforming the 20-acres into a greenhouse horticultural therapy program.

We **added 7 beds to our gardens** to produce even more food and allow us to welcome even more volunteers to our garden work days.



Peacehaven Sensory Space

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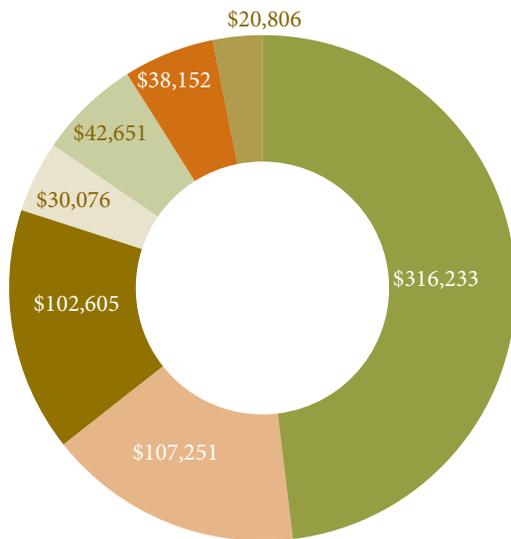


Revenue

- Individual Donations
- Institutional Donations
- Sales
- Fundraising Events
- Program Income*

Total Revenue: \$840,941

*Program Income includes VISTA and Susan's View earned income.



Expenses

- Salaries
- Susan's View
- Contract Services
- VISTA
- Development
- Operations
- Farm expenses

Total Expenses: \$657,774

DONOR DATA

Number of donors	673
Number of new donors	257
Farm Walk	\$36,000
Seeds of Hope	\$243,000
Fiber Arts Sales	\$4,800
Honor Card Sales	\$1,100



"I visited Peacehaven last summer with friends and was very impressed with everything about the farm. What a wonderful program and such a dedicated staff. The residents prepared lunch and gave us a tour of the farm. They were so happy and were perfect hosts. It was quite obvious that they care for each other and love their home."

— Bonnie Waynick, donor



AND THINKING AHEAD ...

Because of the outpouring of gifts and continued support of our community, Peacehaven is well-positioned for continued growth. To further support our mission and vision, we continue to plan for a community center and more houses - enabling us to provide additional housing and programming opportunities. Thank you for your continued support.

Our mission is to connect people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to their community through shared living and the work of a sustainable farm.

Our Vision is to provide a nurturing home offering a rich, family-like destination for people of all abilities.



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