

The Barn Bulletin



Laura Woyak



Laura has been volunteering at The Barn for almost 2 years and just joined The Barn Board of Directors.. "I love everything about The Barn! The animals, the children, the staff and most importantly, The Barn's mission!" Outside of The Barn, Laura enjoys pottery, gardening, and baking bread.

April is...

Volunteer

Appreciation Month!

Along with the coming of spring, April is also the month to celebrate our wonderful volunteers and recognize all that they do for The Barn at Spring Brook Farm.

In this Barn Bulletin issue, we highlight five Barn "Stars," nominated by Barn staff, and recognize the profound impact and lasting change these volunteers bring to our organization.

The Barn at Spring Brook Farm depends on a strong base of volunteers to help serve our children and families. Each year, over 300 volunteers dedicate more than 5,000 service hours to The Barn!

Thank You,

on behalf of The Barn at Spring Brook Farm and the children and families we serve.

Your generosity and dedication is truly what makes The Barn the amazing place that it is.

If you'd like to be a part of what makes The Barn so special, join us at our upcoming Volunteer Open House on Saturday, May 6th, from 10am to 12noon. For more information and to RSVP, visit the link below:

www.springbrook-farm.org/vol-open-house

Evelyn Norton



Evelyn has been a dear friend of The Barn for over 15 years! Evelyn enjoys seeing the positive changes in the children at The Barn. "I have worked with children 1-on-1 and as a camp counselor. The children are so caring when interacting with the animals, and those skills often carry over into their interaction with people."

Mia started volunteering at The Barn in the Fall of 2022. "I love seeing the kids create new friendships and discover their interests. If I could be one of the animals at The Barn, I would be one of the goats! I love being around people and new opportunities make me so excited!"



Mia Giancola

Lizzy has been volunteering at The Barn for almost a year. "I enjoy the strong friendships I've made with the children - the kids are always cheery and excited to be there. With every child I've spent time with, I've been able to build trust and gain true friendships which have greatly impacted me."



Lizzy Stahelek

Enriching the developmental skills and lives of children with disabilities through nature-based and animal-assisted experiences.

The Barn at Spring Brook Farm is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization and is registered with the PA Bureau of Charitable Organizations.



A Successful Spring Fundraiser

The Barn at Spring Brook Farm's Spring Fundraiser Wine Tasting featuring Coach Dick Vermeil and Vermeil Wines with special guest, Adam Junkins, General Manager & Sommelier of Sovana Bistro, raised over \$80,000 in support of The Barn's mission to enrich the developmental skills and lives of children with disabilities through animal-assisted and nature-based experiences! There's still time to donate and be entered into our raffle! Donations for raffle entries are due by April 14, 2023. We will be announcing winners of the raffle on Monday, April 17th at 1:00pm on Facebook Live at /TheBarnatSpringBrookFarm - For more information, visit the link below:

www.springbrook-farm.org/spring-fundraiser

Sponsor Our Newest Barn Members

Notice some new faces around here? The Barn added 3 new hens to the flock - a Sex-link and 2 Silkies who need your support. You can sponsor one of our newest Barn members, or any one of our animals, by visiting the link below. If you're looking for other ways to contribute to The Barn, you can make a monetary gift via cash, credit card or check, or donate an item from our Amazon wish list.

www.springbrook-farm.org/donate



Heather is pictured above with former Barn participant, Ethan Schwartz, and his favorite Barn animal, Bum-Bum

Join Us For SPRING FLING! SATURDAY | APRIL 29TH

A FUN activity-filled socialization event for children with disabilities and their families. Suggested donation of \$5 per child GREATLY appreciated! No RSVP necessary. Scan the QR code to donate today!



12 to 3PM
RIGHT HERE
AT THE BARN!

Animal Activities,
Hayrides, Sheep
Shearing, Crafts &
More!



Get To Know: Heather Carlino

What is your profession/role outside of The Barn? I am a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and I teach at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing in the Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program.

What is your role here at The Barn? I have had many roles at The Barn. I have been a volunteer for IP, a camp counselor, and Vice President of the Board. I am now on the Board and the Chair of the Program Committee. My favorite role is always when I am working directly with the children.

How long have you been a Friend of The Barn? 14 years.

What about The Barn is your favorite/keeps you "coming back"? My favorite part is watching a child's face light up when they interact with the animals.

Name a fun fact about yourself? I'm a new grandmother!

What is your favorite food? Dessert :)