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VILLAGE VOICE
WINTER 2017

See inside for the list of over 35 individuals who contributed to this campaign in 2016.

Introducing Red Star

In last winter's newsletter, we asked for your support in meeting our challenge grant from the Mary Morton Parsons Foundation to complete funding for our new Farm Workstation building. Our community quickly rose to the challenge and a year later, we are reaping the benefits. Red Star, named for the breed of chickens we raise, is all we hoped it would be! Thank you to everyone who made it possible!



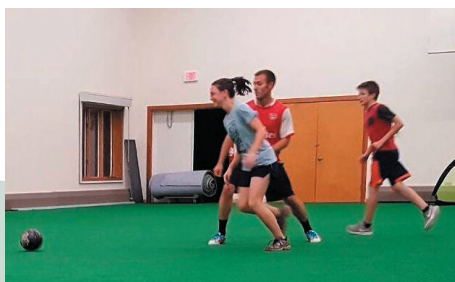
The new workstation building complete with a weathervane



Katie cleans wool to be washed and spun.



Eggs sit in baskets waiting to be washed.



Volunteers enjoy playing soccer on the new turf every Wednesday.



The turf is a great place for sports, but also a great place for floor games like Twister!



Margaret and Connie at spinning wheels in the new building

Playing it Safe

Our gym floor got a makeover this fall thanks to founder, parent, board member, and longtime supporter Barbara Fried! Our new artificial turf improves safety and is being enjoyed by volunteers and coworkers alike! Thank you, Barbara!

In Memory

Sally Carpenter

March 8, 1961 – November 29, 2016

Sally was less verbal, but she gave me a lot of things beyond words. I enjoyed being with her and learning from her. She is one of my BFF's who taught me love, joy and hope in the beauty of Innisfree.

Akemi Fuji

Sally's quiet mischief was sometimes a cause for frustration and always a source of humor. How often when it came



Waving to friends at an Innisfree event.

time to brush her teeth, her toothbrush was nowhere to be found, and she would answer innocently, "I don't know" when asked where it was. And after a thorough search of Amity, you'd find it in her sock drawer or under her pillow, and Sally's eyes would twinkle with her characteristic giggle. Unlike some at Innisfree with big voices and out-there personalities, Sally was small and quiet, but her uniqueness and humor shined through. My favorite example of this came from paper-making in free school. A volunteer Margaret recounted the story to me: back when papermaking was in



Sally and Katie share a hug.

the downstairs of the old Meadow, coworkers and volunteers

were working together shredding and sorting colored paper.

Margaret

went to check in on Sally, and she had written in her careful, precise script the words "stupid people." When

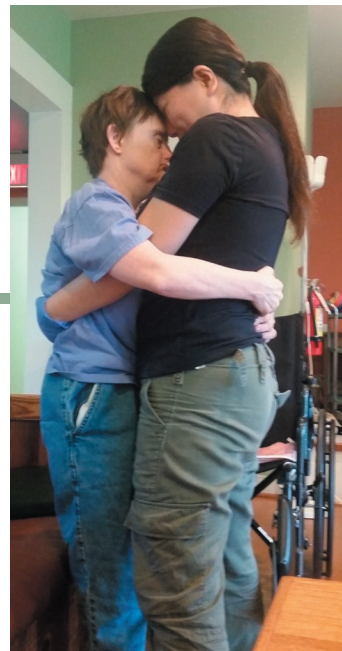
Margaret recounted this story to me and Nancy, we laughed so hard we almost fell out of our chairs.

Rhonda Miska

I had heard Sally liked music and got a first-hand surprise on one of our weekly trips to pick up cheese for Pasture Fence. Wednesdays on WTJU featured jazz and I had it playing while driving. As we drove through the fields, I began tapping on the steering wheel and making

sounds along with the music. As I turned to Sally, I was delighted to see she had joined me, bobbing her head, attempting to snap her fingers. I smiled and said "Nice Sally!" and she too smiled.

Raphael Engel



Akemi and Sally in Amity



Showing off some dance moves at a Halloween party.



*A drawing by Nan LaCaille:
Sally working in the woodshop*

*Nicky with his friends at
Christmas dinner*

Nicholas Von Hohenberg

August 30, 1962 – January 18, 2017

Whether it was the weekly trips to Whitehall, or the thrill of the monthly movement of his pictures and dresser, it didn't take much to inspire Nicky to be the best person he could be. Anyone close to him knew the repetitive reminder of "are you being a gentleman" that always sparked Nicky's desire to please those around him, offering a deep look into the nature of his soul. Motivated by simple joys he strived every day to be his best and bring happiness to the people he cared about. Nicky taught us all lessons on appreciating the little things, unconditional love, and of course patience. Gratitude for having been blessed by the pure love shown to me by Nicky has forever changed who I am. His time with us here may be over but the unity of his love lives on in all those lucky enough to have received his lessons on how to be a gentleman.

Casey Fabbri

*Nicky
and Casey
hang out
together on
Halcyon's
deck.*



*Nicky with one of his favorite
animals at the C.A.R.T. program*



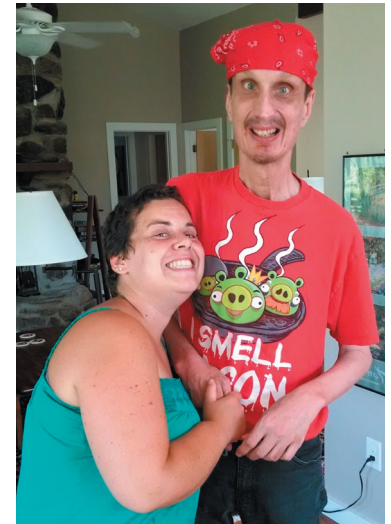
Me and a girl from another house, Jill from Northern Ireland, where chatting with him and asked Nick what his father looked like, whom he talked very affectionately about. He looked at us bewildered. "What my father looks like? My father?" He pointed at his eyes, "eyes," at his nose, "nose," at his mouth, "mouth," the whole face, "face. My father." And then he gave us a big grin and that was that.

Moritz Denis

Nicky conquered my heart the first day I met him. Was it his smile and beautiful blue eyes; his humor; our common love for John Denver; his screaming around the house every morning, as he did not want to take

a shower, go to work or have breakfast?! I'm not sure, but living with Nicky was the best. Every day I had some excitement with Nicky. I enjoy remembering how strong and simple he was in his living. He only wanted to have soda; lie down in his couch; get flowers and redecorate his bedroom. He liked order, routine, and no physical contact... I was the opposite... We both adapted and I enjoy thinking we were best friends.

Susana Felix



Nicky and Susana at Halcyon

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SAVE THE DATE!

Innisfree will host a music festival Saturday, June 24, 2017. Stay tuned for details!

Please see our web site at www.innisfreevillage.org

Many hands make many pretzels!

Fresh from the Oven

Thanks to the support of KOVAR and the Bama Works Fund, the



Fresh rolls baking in the beautiful new ovens

Innisfree bakery is enjoying their brand new steam injection artisan bread ovens. The difference is in the crust! If you haven't tried it yet, come on by on a Monday or Thursday for a fresh sample!



Maggie shapes pretzels out of dough.

Pretzels all in a row ready to be baked

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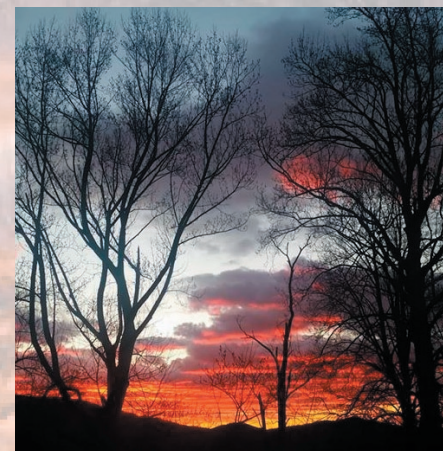
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