

“What’s Your Challenge” 48/10

This year, our fundraising efforts, we would like to do things a little differently. “What’s your challenge” is an invitation to ask and explore that very question. Everyday, here at Bethesda Farm, we see our dear friends face their challenges with courage and grace. They inspire us to look at ourselves a bit differently, a bit more honest. In our field of work, “what are your challenges” is a question that we often ask but when we ask the mirror, we see things a bit different indeed.

It’s a simple question but can cause a profound trajectory in your life... an exciting chapter in your story. So this question is our message and it’s one we plan to ask and face as we pursue our own challenge. This is where the 48:10 comes in.

The Ride:

Now the 48:10 part of this is that my friend Vern Hyndman and myself will be riding our motorcycles around the country touching all 48 states in 10 days. How’s that for a challenge? We’re going to be leaving from White River Junction Vermont on July 12th and returning to Allendale on the 21st.

This ride gives us a great platform to share the divine inspiration we receive here at Bethesda Farm from the amazing people who attend. Just telling a brief story about what we do and asking the challenge question will evoke thoughts and stories that needs to be shared. Regardless of the circumstances, we’re going to meet many great folks. Motorcycles and cross-country trips are story magnets. We will be filming the events of the trip and assemble a documentary at the end. We will be sharing the events along the way and then at the end, we will be telling you the whole story. So we invite you to follow us along

Support:

It’s a message worth supporting. It’s a message that we experience everyday and was that very question that started turning the wheels of Bethesda Farm and it changed our lives. Please join us as we go. We so appreciate your prayers, financial contributions, as well as your involvement by tracking our daily progress and share our posts to your social sites. We would love to meet some “viral friends” along the way. We’re very excited about this one and we appreciate your consideration for support.

How the funds will be used

So what are we doing with the funds raised... great question. Our day program is being received very well and we are just about at capacity. Our next phase is to open a resident home right next to our current property. Our plan is to open the doors early next year. The home has been paid in full but we still need to do some renovations before we have folks move in. The money raised will go towards new windows, renovation of the one of the bathrooms, and a vehicle for the home. We are also constructing a small out building that will be used as our “fine craft center”. As we grow our program, it is important to have separate spaces for various activities that offer a meaningful purpose as well as best health practices. So Bethesda Farm is becoming more of what God wants it to be; a place to experience His love whether you are receiving it... or giving it. Thanks for your belief in what we are doing and ultimately, who we do it for!

What is Bethesda Farm?

So, what really happens at Bethesda Farm? We offer opportunities for friends who may not be able to experience otherwise.

The most important things we pursue here is relationships; relationships that are rooted in respect and trust. Throw in some unconditional love and the sky is the limit! During the week we offer a quilting class, cooking class, we offer community inclusion by offering our help at a local restaurant, the Grand Coney, a local resale shop called the Ripple Effect and once a week we clean and vacuum the bowling alley, Hudsonville lanes, We offer classes in money management, sign-language and bible studies. We offer a science class where we can explore God hand at work in creative and imaginative ways. We also fulfill Amazon orders for a virtual storefront company. We also offer 2 very popular activities. Bingo and bowling. On top of all this, we are a farm with animals to care for, gardens to tend to and nature walks to explore. Did I say we like to go fishing? Well we like that too.

Volunteers

We have a group of incredible volunteers that do an amazing job offering their time, talent and love with our daily groups. They all bring such diverse gifts but very similar loving hearts. They are a blessing to our daily groups and to Marcia and I!! If you are looking for a place to invest a couple hours per week of your time, we'd love to give you a tour. These folks will touch your heart and change your life.