



# Strong Family Farm, Inc.

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022**

JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022



"Preserving Family Farm History"

***About:***

Strong Family Farm, Inc. (SFF), is a private non-profit 501c(3) organization. Organized in 2013, the purpose of forming the organization was, and is to take responsible ownership of the historic Strong Family Farm with the goals of preservation, agricultural and local historical education as well as modern programming designed appeal to all segments of our population.

***Mission:***

Our mission is to provide a historic agricultural learning center where children, families, individual and community groups can experience an authentic family farm environment.

***Vision:***

Our vision is to provide the community with a place to go that:

- preserves the area's rich farming tradition,
- educates all about agriculture, and
- provides for families to meet and embrace the tradition of farming life;

A place that will be used not only as a learning tool, but also to:

- rekindle fond memories for older generations,
- interests everyone who visits, and
- awe children with the experience of farming life.

The farm will preserve agricultural tradition and create a space for memories to be made, while preserving and enhancing the character of the historic Strong Family Homestead.

***ABOUT THE COVER:***

***Front:*** Every year a local farmer makes hay from the field behind the barn, very similar to the way Norman Strong and his fathers before him did. It is done later in the summer, after the Red Winged Blackbirds are finished nesting on the ground.

***Back:*** Thank you to Cynthia Ferguson for sharing this picture from the Meetinghouse Hill fence. The hammer had been left on the fence post years ago. It was almost like Norman Strong hung it there so it would be waiting for the next person to come along and pick up where he left off.

***Additional Photo Credits:*** A big thank you to all the SFF photographers and those sharing pictures, especially Dan Villeneuve and Andre Garant!

# **Strong Family Farm, Inc.**

## **Annual Meeting**

July 24, 2022

### AGENDA

2:00 pm Annual Business Meeting for Members

President's Report

Approval of Minutes – 2021 Annual Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Election of Board Members

2:30 Adjournment, Annual Business Meeting

2:30 Guest Speaker – John Roe, Local Historian

Topic: History of Meetinghouse Hill

(Part of Strong Family Farm's preserved pastures.)

3:00 pm Refreshments and Mingling

## **Report of Secretary–**

### **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of July 2021**

President Brian Motola welcomed all present. At the excellent suggestion of Wendy Wanchak, everyone present introduced themselves.

PRESENT: Michael Nelson, Tenley Nelson, Brian Motola, Walt Moody, Beth Quinby, Jacqui Roraback, Barbara Muldoon, Jon Roe, Lori Sanchez, Lynn Johnson, Loyd Johnson, Theona Wheelock, Tom Barnas, Donna Barnas, Cheryl Hazen, Wayne Reiske, Wendy Wanchak, Richard Steele, Claudia Steele, Gordon Gibson, Carl Schaefer, Polly Schaefer, Julie Clay, Nancy Rowe-Huebner, Dan LeBlanc, Katie Riordan-Napolitan, Wil Nicholson, Nancy Strong

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the last annual meeting be accepted as written. This was voted in the affirmative.

Treasurer's Report - Claudia Steele, Treasurer directed people to page 11 of the Annual Report. This has been a very good year in most part due to the increase of 170 new members. A membership campaign went out to those who supported the preservation of the farm pastures. The store sales did the highest sales last year due to the pandemic and people wanting fresh local food from small stores.

New Business: Polly Schaefer asked if we could look into extending or changing store hours to 6 p.m. She has been asked by many if this could be possible. Nancy Strong and Claudia Steele will look into this and it might be a good experiment in the future.

Wendy Wanchak read the slate for the Board of Directors and Officers nominated for the 2021-22 Fiscal Year

President – Brian Motola

Vice President – Wendy Wanchak

Secretary – Nancy Strong

Treasurer – Claudia Steele

BOD at large:

Katie Riordan Napolitan

Michael Nelson

Carl Schaefer

Dr. Ellen Marmer

The motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of officers for the 2021-22 year. It was voted in the affirmative.

Old Business:

Annual Report – Highlights of 2020-2021 and future plans – Nancy Strong gave a quick review of the year with our Backyard Chicken Classes and Raised Bed Garden programs filling up to capacity by the end of March and all are thriving now. She urged all to read the annual report for more details. Upcoming plans for the near future include bigger and better Harvest Festival, walking trails recently cleared again in pastures and search of new Executive Director. Carl Schaefer discussed progress on the pastures and removal of fences. Future work might be done as Eagle Scout projects.

Other business: Theona Wheelock mentioned that thanks needs to be given to Claudia Steele for all her hard work in being Treasurer and also doing all the canning and preserving for the farm store. Last year there was a shortage of canning jars and all went above and beyond to find them. A round of thanks was given.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voted in the affirmative.

Introduction of our member and guest speaker, Apiarist Walt Moody, who introduced the farm to bees in 2013 and has mentored our students and volunteers over the past 9 years.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Strong, Secretary



## ***A Word from our President***

Dear Fans and Supporters of Strong Family Farm,

Another year of success and progress for the Strong Family Farm! A wonderful and dedicated group of volunteers led by the relentless Nancy Strong has brought us further down our path. It's unbelievable! Nancy's leadership has created a healthy, focused and energetic organization.

This past year we have been progressing nicely, but it has not been smooth and easy.

- We have entered the seventh year of our Farm Store! Vernon and surrounding towns support the store and enjoy the Connecticut grown and made products we bring to our communities. We continue to add new products and expand our variety. Our "Treasures Room" may hold your next conversation piece or a collectible that enhances your own collection.
- We are partnering with "Mon Soleil Farm" as a pickup point for their CSA. This program brings all kinds of produce to the CSA clients and the "extras" can be found for sale in our store.
- We continued our own "home grown" events. The Chicken Run continues to be a popular spring event. Due to COVID concerns we canceled the Harvest Fest last fall, but it is on our schedule for this October. We have introduced our "Sundays at the Farm" program, mixing special events with farm animal visits. Something for everyone who stops by.
- Strong Family Farm continues to be good stewards of our "heritage." We are working with a farmer to bring back the parcel on West Road into a farmable field and continue the farming on the Route 30 parcel. We are expanding the useable acreage on the Route 30 site and looking to preserve the Red Barn.
- The backyard chicken program continues. The chickens are learning experience every year and an attraction for every visitor.
- Our bees are prospering this year. We have 3 healthy and productive hives.

We will continue to progress thanks to all of our supporters. But let us remember what came before us and bring that strength, direction, focus, hard work and thought into the future. We have an organization that we can be proud of, the Town of Vernon can be proud of and, if I dare say, Norman and Geraldine Strong would be proud of. We reap what we have sown and the Strong Family Farm is the result of what has been sown before us. With all our supporters help, we continue to sow and we see the truth of this statement in the progress made, preservation captured and the programs and events held at the Strong Family Farm! Here is to a wonderful and vibrant future.

Brian Motola, President

# The Year in Review

## **Community Outreach** –

The farm acts as a meeting place for community organizations. Monthly the 4-H Hop-A-Long Gang Club meets at the farm. We always participate and support Vernon's National Night Out in August. Girl Scout Troop #10715, who have been with us since the beginning, held their Earth Day Roadside Clean Up Day meeting place at the farm. This year after the Chicken Run on May 15<sup>th</sup> we participated at Center Road School's Spring Fling where we passed out farm backpacks to all students present. We went with our former Clucky T. Rooster who had just returned from college. Strong Family Farm is an active member of Vernon Volunteers Collaborative, a group of 13 nonprofits in Town that meet 4 times a year to discuss our organizations activities and collaborate.

## **Business Development** –

Membership: As of June 30, 2021, we have a total of 258 memberships.

Fundraising: This year we received a total of \$12,878 in membership donations, \$16,435 from individual contributions. Because of COVID precautions, we held two 5K Chicken Runs in this fiscal year with an income of \$8,892. We continue to put plaques on the rails and posts of the fence surrounding the farm. The bee replacement fundraising was very popular raising over \$700 to replace our bees.

Grants: This year we received two grants. One was from the CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant and one from the CT Summer at the Museum Grant. Both are administered by CT Humanities. These enabled us to hire a program director and offer programming free to all who visit the farm on Sundays during the summer.

Staff and Hiring: We want to thank Judy Olivieri for her continued dedication to running the farm store and Liz Bologna for administering our website, newsletters, press releases and social media. Our new hire this year is Katie Riordan Napolitan. She is doing a great job at developing programming and executing programming on Sundays here at the farm.

Volunteers and RHS ASTE Students: Strong Family Farm would have a hard time surviving without its faithful volunteers from all over our community. Besides individuals who give up their time to work and support us, we pull in volunteer groups from all over including 4-H Clubs, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Summer Church Camps, CERT, Vernon Explorers and Rockville, Tolland, East Catholic High Schools community service students. Weekly, our Rockville High School Agriculture Science Technology Education program students were Jacob Niemczyk and Olivia MacFarland. We say goodbye to Jacob who graduated and is off to the University of CT majoring in Natural Science and Resources. Emma Skidgel, Jill Booney, and Ava Reid all joined us this year as freshmen and are very enthusiastic and hard workers.

Strategic Planning: A planning meeting was held to start work on our Strategic Plan in May. We thank Laurie Bajorek and Jen Smith for their guidance and we will continue this in 2022-23.

## **Buildings and Land–**

Memorial Fence: We continue to offer fence rails and posts for people to donate to support the farm, to honor someone or as a memorial. This year we placed plaques on 15 more rails and 2 posts. There are still a few posts available and many rails if anyone is interested.

Bees: We harvested our own honey! Over 2 gallons came out of our hives. Thanks so much to Walt Moody, Walt's Bees, for facilitating this and also the restocking of the hives this year and educational talks. It is a labor of love.

The Pasture Land: Hytone Farm in Coventry just finished up their second year of bringing the farmland back to prime agricultural land. Many notice a new smell in Town! We employ the help of Robert Arthur to keep the trails open and brush cleared on other parcels of land, as well as behind the barn. Morgan Strong has put a stone bench at the top of Meetinghouse Hill so people can sit and enjoy the view.

## **Annual Features and Programs–**

Chicken Run: This fiscal year we had two Chicken Runs due to COVID precautions. The September run brought out more runners than we ever had and the May event was well attended. We want to thank the sponsors for stepping up and sponsoring us twice in one fiscal year. We have the best followers.

Farm Store: Every year the customer base at the store goes up. It is the place for fresh CT Grown and produced items, which lacks in Vernon. This year we have partnered with Mon Soleil Farm in Union to offer Community Supported Agriculture shares to our community that so lacks in the offering of fresh picked vegetables and greens.

Backyard Chicken: This is the 9<sup>th</sup> year of Alexis Carmicheal's Backyard Chicken Program here at the farm and we have a full house again this year. Families come every other Wednesday to have a chicken lesson, a chicken game or craft and then visiting the chickens while exploring the berry bushes for goodie for them and the "girls".

CT Open House: June 11<sup>th</sup> was the first CT Open House Day since COVID and was well attended by the public. We had the store open for people to see, activities for all and farm tours were held.

Raised Bed Gardening: Raised bed gardens were as popular as ever in 2021-22 with Master Gardener Dan Gallagher being ever present on Wednesdays giving gardening advice. Claudia Steele did a canning workshop for our members. This year Cecily

Robinson adopted the compost bins and extra garden. It is hard work, but Cecily enjoys talking about it, doing it and having the farm to come to. We thank her for her hard work.

Kids' Civil War Camp: Unfortunately, our organizer, Frank Niederwerfer, could not rally the troops to put on the Civil War Kid's Camp this year, but we are beginning to plan for May of 2023.

Community Tag Sale: In early June, people put their junk in their trunk and rented a space in our field for a community tag sale. Our store and tag sale room were open and well attended.

Scarecrow Contest: The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Scarecrow Contest was a success again this year with more creative and interesting scarecrows adorning the farm on the fence line. We are looking forward to a big celebration this coming fall making it 10 years of scarecrows!

Harvest Festival: The Harvest Festival was cancelled again due to COVID concerns. We are looking forward to a bigger, better festival on October 22, 2022.

### **Special Projects—**

Sunday Summer Events: Starting June 17<sup>th</sup>, Program Director Katie Riordan has Sunday programs at the farm from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Anywhere from 65 to 100 people have come to participate in the crafts and see our visiting animals.

Eagle Scout Projects: We are honored this year to have been chosen the site for two Eagle Scout Projects at the farm. These are amazing young men from Troop 27 in Manchester who have to project plan, facilitate and direct the project of their choice. Ryan Brown chose to make the trail and create a parking area at the Meetinghouse Hill pasture. Ron LoCicero took down the falling down chicken coop, leveled the ground and fundraised to purchase a garden shed in a similar design for us from Kloter Farms.

Strong Family Farm Children's Book: Lori Sanchez, our long time "Author in Residence" finished and publish a story in her series entitled *Finding Friends Everywhere at Strong Family Farm*. Many of her books reference the farm, but this is the first one to focus on a visit to the farm. It's for sale in the farm store.

### **On the List –**

As part of the strategic plan, we will incorporate our long term vision for:

Commercial Kitchen and Classroom:

More Landscaping and Gardening:

Parking Area:

More Infrastructure:

Red Civil War Era Barn Repair

Event Rentals



## **Board Members – 2021-2022**

The Board of Directors is looking for individuals who feel strongly about our work to serve with the members of the Board, on the Steering Committee, Programming Committee, Building/Grounds Committee, Store Committee, Marketing/Publicity Committee and Financial/Fundraising Committee. If you are interested in joining any of the committees, please call or e-mail [info@strongfarm.org](mailto:info@strongfarm.org) for more details.

### *Board of Directors 2021-2022*

- President: Brian Motola
- Vice President: Wendy Wanchak
- Treasurer: Claudia Steele
- Secretary: Nancy Strong

### *Steering Committee:*

- Lori Sanchez
- Lisa Moody
- Richard Steele
- Judy Olivieri
- Alexis Carmichael
- Lynn Johnson
- Loyd Johnson
- Theona Wheelock
- Jen Smith
- Members of B.O.D.

### *Board of Directors Members at Large:*

- Michael Nelson
- Dr. Ellen Marmer

Interim Executive Director: Nancy Strong

## **Strong Family Farm, Inc. Treasurer's Report**

For the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

The major financial highlights for the fiscal year are:

-Available cash at the end of the fiscal year is \$101,730, up \$4,195 from last year.

-Many thanks to Laurie Bajorek in stepping up to assist in data entry into QuickBooks during the store season.

-Town re-evaluation saw an increase of \$26,610 in the value of the Strong Family Farm preserved pasture land.

-Two grants to help with programming received through CT Humanities were secured.

-IRA distributions were received from two members this year who see the value of preserving the farm for the future.

-IRS 990 was completed and filed in time with the help of our friend and volunteer CPA Michalina Pietras.

-Funds were saved this year with a vacancy in the position of Executive Director.

-Our goal in the coming years is to secure a strategic plan for the future and apply for grants to facilitate the needs to accomplish the goals.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Steele, Treasurer

**STRONG FAMILY FARM, INC.**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs/ Actual**  
**July 2021 through June 2022**

	<b>Jul '21 - Jun 22</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
Direct Public Grants (CARES Act)	6,825.00	20,000.00
Individual Contributions	16,434.87	25,000.00
Store Sales	18,750.59	23,000.00
Program Income		
Adopt a Chicken	933.00	1,000.00
Chicken Run	8,892.27	3,000.00
Membership Dues	12,878.23	14,000.00
Program Service Fees	1,102.00	1,500.00
Total Program Income	23,805.50	19,850.00
Rentals	400.00	400.00
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME</u></b>	<b>66,215.96</b>	<b>88,250.00</b>
Minus Cost of Goods Sold	10,263.82	16,000.00
<b><u>GROSS PROFIT</u></b>	<b>55,952.14</b>	<b>72,250.00</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
Business Expenses - Fees	100.00	200.00
Contract Services- Acct., Legal, Contracts	18,746.37	21,700.00
Facilities and Equipment		
Equip Rental and Maintenance	1,658.33	10,000.00
Property Insurance	1,485.00	1,500.00
Property Tax	5,393.46	1,600.00
Rent, Utilities	4,550.07	9,000.00
Facilities and Equipment - Other	3,550.00	
Total Facilities and Equipment	16,636.86	22,100.00
Operations - Mailings, supplies, etc.	3,715.42	2,100.00
Other Expenses - Program, ins., etc.	3,596.97	3,850.00
Payroll Expenses	11,580.99	21,400.00
Conferences, Travel and Meetings	1,157.37	900.00
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>	<b>55,533.98</b>	<b>72,250.00</b>
<b><u>NET INCOME</u></b>	<b>418.16</b>	
<b><u>ASSETS -</u></b>		
CURRENT SAVINGS/CHECKING	June '22 \$101,730	June '21 \$ 97,535
PASTURE ACREAGE	\$252,580	\$225,970

# Membership List 2021-2022

Chery J. Abbott	Rebecca Daigle	Adam & Rachel Huntley
Dale Abbotts	Mary DalPorto/Michael Fulks	Bob & Lorraine Hurd
Andresen Electrical Services LLC	Thomas Davenport	Beverly Hyde
George & Shirley Arthur	Dottie Davies Jo-Ann Dean	Charles Iadaresta
Fred & Cherie Arzt	David & Janet Dexter	Karin James
Laurie Bajorek	Ellen Donadio	Janet Jandreau
Tom & Donna Barnas	Jeanne Dowd	Claire Janowski
Carol Barry	Lindsey Dunlap	Kurt & Ann Johnson
Mariellen Baxter	Suzanne L. Dunlap	Lynn & Loyd Johnson
Don Bellingham	Joe & Etienne Duplessie	Angela Johnson
Maryann Bienkowski	Miriam Epstein	Joyce Jordan / Dave Conant
Roger & Rachel Blais	Tim & Lynn Fahy	Dennis & Tamara Joy
Kristina Blanchette	Cynthia Ferguson	Barbara & Richard Jubinville
Blumers Family	Gregory Furuolo	Sandra Justin
Vincent & Peggy Bologna	Matt Faherty	Beth Kellogg
Carol Bowman	Carol Formica	Beverly Kelly
Judy Braese	Katherine Fowler	George & Marge Kelly
June Bray	Maryann Fusco-Rollins	Judy & Russel Kelly, Jr.
Carol Brennen	Carol A. Gadbois	Heather, Josh, Pilar, Oola Keton
Sandee Brittain	Edward Gaines	Devin & Melanie Keyes
Laurie Brooks	Peter Gavarrino	Susan & Frank Knorr
Linda and Dick Brown	Mary Gelezunas	Kurt & Kelly Knotts Family
Paul Brown	Gordon Gibson	John Koziol
Richard & Annette Burgess	Fred Goff	Chris Kunz
Carol Burke	Daryl-Lynne & Eric Gottier	Ed & Louann Landsberg Family
Cindy Butler	Barbara Greenleaf	Robert & Suzanne Langone
Barbara Campbell	Maureen Gregoire	Shirley Lanz
Jerlyne & Christopher Caron	David Grunberg	Daniel J. Leblanc
Denise & Ed Caron	William & Diane Gutzmer	Joe & Paige LeBlanc
George & Gail Carroll	Thomas & Linda Hamlin	Stephen & Marsha Ledger
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Salvatore & Catherine Cerrigione	Judy Hany	Ann & Bob Letendre
Emily Aberle Champ	Karl Hasel	Ron & Maryann Levesque
Carol Chappel	Dan Hayden	Donald J. Lewie
Phyllis Chase	Phil & Cindy Hays	Kathleen Lewis
Charles & Carol Chatterton	Cheryl Hazen	Maurine Lewis
Nancy Choma	Maureen Hevey	Michael Lewis & Family
Richard & Julie Clay	Virginia Hickton	Elizabeth Loglisci
Thomasina Clemons	Barbara Hinsdale	Jean & Bruce Luddy
Michael & Cindy Colombaro	Jean Hopkins	Bob & Kathy Lyle
Audrey & Joe Courtney	John & Marcia Horan	Victoria Madden Alexandra
Stan & Judie Culy	Gordon Howard	Susan & James Malanga
Robert & Terri Cusson	Nancy & Richard Huebner	George & Mary Males
Kathie & Al Cyr		Steve & Candy Malinoski



# Membership List 2021-2022

Paul & Pat Margelony	Charles & Kerry Piader	Elaine & Gary Spieker
Mr. & Mrs. Carmine Margiotta	Dennis & Karen Plevyak	Joe & Judy Spillane
Dr. Ellen Marmer	Wayne & Julie Polansky Family	Madeline St. Germain
Martello Painting & Wallpaper	Glen Potter	Vernon Police Association
Gloria Martocchio	Scott & Beth Powell	Richard & Claudia Steele
Sandra McNally	Dick & Barbara Quinby	Nancy Steffens/Bob Felber
Harriet Mead	Richard Jr. & Lisa Quinby	Catherine Steinnagel
Karen Meehan	Beth Quinby Andresen	Mark & Molly Stephanou
Erik Meyers	Wayne Reiske	Thomas and Melinda Strong
Gail Meyers & Ed Jaworski	Barbara Richmond	Bob & Kathy Sumislaski
Greg Mias	Jaime Rizner	Elly Swan
Gloria Miller	Dr. Amanda Rizner Chrisman	Tom & Lynn Sweet
Cassie Miller	Anthony and Erin Rizzie	Mr. & Mrs. John Talcott III
Lisa Moody	John & Kathryn Rizzo	Sharon & Frank Tarala
Walter and Erin Moody	Chris & Sue Robare	Richard & Ruth Tavolieri
Julio Morales Jr.	Jon Roe	Don Tenerowicz
Sylvia Morgan	Jacqui & George Roraback	Elizabeth Thomas
Beverly Morin	Joanne & Winston Rose	Lori Thomas
Kirk & Maryann Morris	Blanche Ross	Valerie L. Thompson
Meredith Moseley	Sue Rubinstein	Ann Tremont
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Barbara Muldoon	Carol Rudert-Lyons	Irene Turner
Jan & Tony Muro	Lori Sanchez	Thaddeus Valenski
David Murphy	Pamela Satkaitis	Lisa Vivencio
Mike Nelson family	Steven Scanlon Sr.	Ann Carolyn Waltman
Marie & William Nelson Jr	Carl & Polly Schaefer	Wendy Wanchak
Ann & Rich Nevelos	Sherrie Schallack	Doreen Ward
Al & Marilyn Newton	Tom Schirmer & family	Betty & Bill Wardrop
Wil & Julie Nicholson	Jeff & Janet Schmidt	Nancy Weissmuller
Frank & Claire Niederwerfer	Tina Seekins	Emily, Steve, Lilly & Paul Westerberg
Karl and Sue Niederwerfer	Thomas & Pegi Shea	Theona Wheelock
Merrilyn Niederwerfer Cummings	Mary Shea	Dan & Isabelle Whelton
Bill & Millie Oliphant	Al & Diane Sheridan	Nancy & Tom Whitman
Nancy Orlovski	Paul Shimer	Scott & Mandy Wieting
Dorothy & Lee Paquette	Ann & Tony Silvestro	Michael & Phyllis Winkler
Amy & Gordon Patterson	Barbro Simmons	John Wraight
Blanche Percillo	Ed & Carole Slattery	Joanne Wright
Lisa Perrone	Charlyne Smith	Bradford Wright
Becky & Ross Person	Jen Smith	Lisa & Sheyland Young
Bruce E. Pfalzgraf	Joel and Gail Sokolov	
Eileen & Dick Phelps	Margaret Sorensen	
Erika Phillips	M/M Ralph Peter Sorenson IV	
Susan Phillips	Rose Spafford	

## Special Thanks to Our Faithful SFF Volunteers This Year!

All the BOD & Steering Committee members  
 Michalina Pietras, CPA  
 Lori Sanchez, Author in Residence  
 Judy Hany – Chicken Promotion & Supporter  
 Kris Viens, Alexis & Girl Scout Troop 10715  
 Carl Schaefer, BOD member for 8 years!  
 Robert Arthur clearing our paths and fences  
 Jon Roe and Vernon Volunteers Collaborative  
 Theona Wheelock  
 Nancy Rowe Huebner  
 Dan Gallagher, Garden Program Master  
 Robert Hurd, Architect  
 Liz Bologna, Marketing specialist  
 Judy Olivieri, Faithful Store Manager  
 Walt Moody, Walt's Bees  
 All SFF RHS AgEd students  
 Tom Barnas – Painter Extraordinaire  
 Richard and Claudia Steele  
 Loyd Johnson, Plumber/Gardener, and Lynn  
 Jen & Joe Smith  
 Cecily Robinson, Compost Extraordinaire  
 Nick West dedicated tractor attention (& dad!)  
 Allison Holloway for helping spring cleaning.  
 Erika Philips  
 Mike Lewis  
 The Izzo Family for chicken duty  
 Alexis Carmicheal, Chicken Program  
 Jack Cote and Alexis Hale – Clucky duty

### Our Farmer Friends

Hop-A-Long 4-H Club  
 RHS Ag.Ed. Department & Students  
 Aussakita Acres Farm  
 Hytone Farm  
 Schaub Family Farm

### Farm Photographers

Dan Villeneuve  
 Andre Garant  
 Community Voice Channel  
 Mike Nelson and Ron Sperry and all those who share their special photos with us!

**AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE OUR YEAR A SUCCESS!**

## Thanks to all our 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicken Run Sponsors



### Sponsors 2021



### Sponsors 2022





**2021**



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