

Albion Hills Farm gets added help from Mars

Workers from the Mars Food Corporation visited Albion farms to volunteer their time recently.

Employees from Mars Food visited the farm to celebrate their five-year partnership with Downey's farm and donate their new organic Seeds of Change to the farm.

More than 30 workers from the Mars Corporation brought their skills to engage in jobs, like building deer fences, raking the planting grounds and planting their organic seeds.

The seeds are expected to be harvested in early fall to be given to Caledon Community Services.

Albion Hills Farm was recently certified in growing organic and this will be a big step in that direction for their farm with Mars donations and help.

Many individuals attended the event including Caledon Councillor Rob Mezzapilli, event coordinator Saira Absar and Director of People and Sales Lisa Taillefer, who volunteered their time.

Taillefer said her company believes that starting with rice is the route to healthiness. They help sponsor community groups and organizations through Mars Grants.

“We are excited to create a partnership with Albion Hills and are looking forward to helping this community farm grow,” said Mars Food Canada General Manager Shawn MacLeod. “We are proud to call ourselves a Thriving Foodie Community and efforts like this where we can use our brands as catalysts of change to make a difference in our community is at the root of Mutuality, which is one of our company's Five Principles.”

“It is very helpful to have a great partner like Mars in the community and we're very happy to bring this initiative to life,” said Shannon Lee, farm manager at Albion Hills. “Through both our farm team's work and the work of the Mars Associates, we are thrilled to be able to once again this year provide farm fresh local food and gardens to the Bolton/Caledon area. This not only positively impacts us at Albion, but helps to provide produce for the Exchange and Caledon Community Services.”



Farm Manager Shannon Lee was demonstrating the proper raking technique to the volunteers.



Mars Food Corporation volunteers Spencer Jean, Siobhain Hennigan, Lisa Taillefer and Jay Jackson were hard at work at Albion Hills Community Farm recently.



Albion Hills Community Farm draws lots in the way of volunteer effort. Members of the 2nd Bolton Girl Guides were at the farm recently, planting onions. Rylee Arnold, Kendra Ageropoulos and Samantha Corleth are seen here hard at work.