

Peace Ranch getting a greenhouse at its Albion farm property

Good things are growing at Peace Ranch.

Even the frigid temperatures and continual snowfall can't dampen spirits, as an exciting project is taking shape with the installation of a new greenhouse.

Through the support of The Rotary Club of Palgrave and funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the new greenhouse will enhance the newly named Left Field Farm Market Garden program that has been such a success at the ranch.

"The participation of Palgrave Rotary continues to be outstanding," commented Peace Ranch Executive Director Eric Tripp-McKay. "They have walked this project through every step of the way with their support and expertise. It is heartening to have such a strong community partner connected to Peace Ranch and we are grateful. We are also most appreciative of the Trillium Foundation funding, and excited by the new possibilities this project will set in motion."

The Left Field Farm Market Garden program provides employment for people recovering from mental health issues, through the planting, growing and selling of quality organic produce to the community. It offers meaningful employment and helps build skills and confidence in a supportive environment.

"We call it 'produce with purpose,'" Farm Manager Tom Robson said. "The program has been a great success for the people we have been able to employ. They have expressed what a positive impact it's had on their lives, and community customers have told us how impressed they are with the quality. The new greenhouse will help us expand this program, employ more people and serve more customers. Community customers can shop locally and support an important mental health initiative, and that means everyone wins."

"It has been a rewarding experience for our club to have participated in the building of the greenhouse, throughout its conception and construction phases," observed Craig Robbins, director of public relations for the rotary Club. "Most importantly, we have enjoyed working with the many staff members and volunteers who work so hard on behalf of clients."

As the new greenhouse project continues, sourcing interior supplies, equipment and set up will be the next phase. Continued community support, through donations of time, expertise and funds, will help this unique project to thrive.

Volunteers, donors and customers are most welcomed to take part in the good things growing at Peace Ranch. For more information, contact Robson at 647-308-2608 or tom@peaceranch.com