



One Way Farm

Shelter for Children

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May 2015 Newsletter



Dear Friend -

Summer will be here before we know it. Having the children at home all day equals extra expense, not only in food but we also must hire extra workers. We search for workers to care for the children in the summer and to assist us in giving them all of the recreation they need.

We have a summer-school program where the children learn everything from fun history to nature to dealing with their anger.

You can be a vital part of our summer by volunteering for these kinds of activities, including the daylily farm, where the children learn about the world they live in.

Thank you for all that you do for the children.

Lovingly,

Barbara J. Condo
Executive Director & Founder

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A letter from the Children

*I arrived here today alone and scared,
I sometimes feel like no one ever cared.
You came to me and reached out your hand,
I backed away because I don't understand.
You open your ears and listen with your heart,
This feels like a place to make a fresh start.
Time has gone past and now I must leave.
On with my life and all I can achieve.
As I leave I gently touch your arm,
Thank God for you and One Way Farm!*

Written by Barbara J. Condo

SPRING 2015 NEEDS

- GIFT CARDS TO MOVIES
- ZOO PASSES
- PUTT-PUTT PASS
- FOOD GIFT CARDS
- AQUATIC CENTER PASSES
- 100% FRUIT JUICE
- MEAT (LUNCH MEAT)
- CHEESE
- BACON



THANK YOU!!!

One Way Farm

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One Mother's Day, over 30-years ago, my family—five children—had made plans to get together and celebrate. One by one all plans fell through and I found myself alone and crying. It's interesting what perspective one can gain in those moments. This poem was written on that day.

The Mother Port

I am a shipbuilder as you can see, a mother port, that is me.
I made my fleet from timber strong, hoping that nothing would ever go wrong.
My fleet is a follows and a great part of me. My ships upon this earth, I set to sea.

The *St. Katherine*—great within The *St. Stephen*—steady and trim
The *St. Teresa*—gentle they say The *St. Laura*—strong in her way
The *St. Adam*—amidst them he be.

This is my fleet as you can see.

St. Katherine went to sea. The waves ripped and tore her sails as you can see. Closer to port was her choice. I am glad for I can hear her voice. (Her husband was killed in a traffic accident.)

St. Stephen decided to become a voyager ship upon this sea. I took great care and built him from timber within me. His sails are new and so is his crew. Great lessons he will learn and someday he may return. (He was getting married.)



St. Teresa became a ship of destination unknown. As she shoved off, she shone. Her port of call she has not found. Her ship, I feel, is very sound. She sails away from the Mother port to see other ports. With another small sailing one, she sometimes sails beyond the setting sun.
(She was divorced with a small child.)

St. Laura is a mighty ship; one of the finest I have found. She seeks a finer port and new sailing ground.
(She had gotten married and a in new home.)

St. Adam is not as might as the other ships of sort. He is the only ship that will not seek another port.
(Adam is Developmentally Disabled.)

My fleet has set off sailing expecting their return. For the Mother port keeps calling and within a deep concern.

It is had for me to listen to the winds that tell me so, that my fleet is now seeking greater ports where they can go.

My tears are like the sea rains upon the sails of each. I cry out from the “home port,” their anchor I want to reach.

How will I carry this burden of my ships at sea? My light burn brightly as I await to see...

St. Katherine—St. Stephen—St. Teresa—St. Laura—St. Adam

My fleet, come back to me.

Barbara J. Condo
1983

THANK YOU! LEGENDARY RUN

for hosting the 27th Annual Tri-State
Invitation Golf Outing!



It would not have been possible
without you!

A Children's Home needs' concerned people to help keep the needs of the home in the utmost. There are quarterly Committee and Board Meetings. We need your gifts and talents to ensure the needs of the children continue to be met in the best ways possible. Please call 513.829.5683 for details.

Spring Into Action!

We need you! If your company or group is looking for a service project this Spring, call us! Groups are needed to spend a work day or work weekend doing Spring Cleaning or working the Daylily Farm!



Whether you like to get rid of dirt or play in the dirt—this is the project for you!

Contact Teresa to schedule a time for your group! You can send an email to tcasey@onewayfarm.org or call our offices at 513.829.3276.

We look forward to working with you!

You are Loved

Children who lose the love and support of a parent seem to wander endlessly. This little boy is now 10-years-old and very small in stature. He wanders off into his room and if he is outside, he will go off by himself and sit, hands folded, frown on his face.

Occasionally a small tear, for no reason (that we know of) falls from his cheek and into his hand. When you ask, "What is wrong, Adam?" he replies, "Oh, nothing," and turns away.

Soon, he will no longer turn away, for soon, he will know he is loved.

child of the month

Do you enjoy working with children, helping them learn skills through fun and recreation? Staff needed for summer program!

Experience with children is a huge plus and needful. We will be hiring 3 part-time people to work June to August. Non-smoking applicants please contact Bonnie at 513.829.3276 if you are interested in making the difference in the life of a child this summer!

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Summer Clothes Can you help the children with clothes for the summer? It takes \$250.00 per child to cloth them for the summer.



\$100

\$200

\$250

Thinking about giving to One Way Farm, but don't know quite how? Consider a Legacy Gift.

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