

Eye on Ewe

In each newsletter, we introduce you to one staff member and one resident, each of whom helps make Lamb a unique, supportive family.

Becky Dagutis Trades Lamb Work for Rural Life



Becky Dagutis helped keep Sweet E Repeats running.

Six years ago, Lamb Foundation Director Donna Mengel asked her childhood friend Becky Dagutis to come work for Lamb. She started out cooking and doing other various jobs. Over the years she grew with Lamb, becoming a house manager for multiple residences and helping with Lamb's eBay sales.

Becky has been dedicated to helping people at Lamb every day. "She's been loyal, steadfast, and always treated each resident like a peer," says Donna.

Change of Scenery

After living in West Point all her life, Becky plans to move this June to a new home in Athens, Pa., to raise rabbits, goats, chickens, and other animals with her husband and four children. As she prepares for the move, Becky is both excited as she prepares her new home and sad to be leaving her other home, Lamb.

"It's something I always wanted to do," says Becky. "I'll miss everyone when I go, but I'll keep in touch."

Becky says she views Lamb as a huge family, her role being mother-like, with people who look to her for guidance. At the same time, the residents have inspired and motivated her, "There's so many I can say who were encouraging," she recalls, adding, "when you do something for someone, they appreciate what you're doing."

Lamb will miss Becky's hard-work, dedication, and daily presence. We wish Becky and her family the best in making a new home in Athens.



Lori Reinhard loves her many friends at Lamb, including her loyal cat, Amber.

Friendships, Family, and Pets Fill Lori Reinhard's Life

Lamb's devoted family member and friend Lori Reinhard, who recently took over her mother's hobby of making stuffed bunnies, hopped a continent in May.

Lori loves travel, and like so many Lamb residents who build strong friendships while at Lamb, she visited former Lamb Director of Development and Case Manager Linda McComas on sabbatical in Ireland. Linda moved to Ireland last year.

Lori's sister and brother-in-law made the trip as a trio, just as they do with their mother annually in trips to Myrtle Beach in the summer and to Williamsburg, Va., each Thanksgiving.

Lori has made many friends at Lamb in the two years she's lived here. "I like keeping in contact with people and I like the family atmosphere," says Lori. "They are always there when you need them." She says that she

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Planning Gardens in Bonnie Smith's memory. See page 2.

The Lamb Foundation provides supportive housing for 160 adults with mental, physical, and developmental disabilities in Montgomery County's North Penn community. Lamb Foundation living arrangements include more than 40 fully furnished apartments, studios, twins, and single homes. Many of the Victorian, Colonial, and Federal style homes are located on the Main Streets of North Wales, Lansdale, and West Point, PA.

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Summer Vacations with Friends



From left, Shirl-Lyn Large and Fawn Mengel Spurio do some off-road riding at Camp Oaks.

During the last week of June, July, and August, Lamb residents have the opportunity to change up their routine with weeklong Lamb Getaways "Overnighters" and the newer Lamb Getaways "Day Trippers" program, now in its third year.

The Overnighters stay in cabins Monday through Friday at Camp Oaks, in Bucks County, Pa. About 15 participants take trips during the day, and then return to the camp to enjoy a variety of activities, including games, swimming, fishing, paddleboats, morning devotions, and campfires in the evenings.

Those who only want to go on the day trips, and then go home to their own beds, have an option to participate in the Day Trippers, which allows for 14 people.

Activity-packed weeks for Day Trippers and Overnighters

This year, Lamb Getaways Overnighters and Day Trippers will head to Elmwood Zoo, New Jersey Adventure Aquarium, and a tour of historical Philadelphia with Ride the Ducks. Other activities include:

- Horseback riding and learning to groom horses at Carson's Farm
- Visiting Camelback Beach Water Park
- Riding the Pennsylvania Water Gap Trolley
- Playing miniature golf

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Lamb Cleans House

When the weather warms, Lamb Foundation opens its warehouse doors and cleans house.

Lamb receives all sorts of donations year round, using many items, and selling others. Lamb uses the larger household items in homes as needed, but can't use everything it receives.

On the last Friday and Saturday of the month from April to October, Lamb's Warehouse opens up from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All housewares, large furniture, mirrors, lamps, mattresses, box frames, bed frames, and other large items that Sweet Repeats can't sell in the store are up for sale.



From left, Donald McCallum, Frank Mangiaruga, and Daryl Mengel prepare for the summer warehouse sales.

"The three of us on the maintenance crew are working hard categorizing furniture and assembling bedding and bed frames for

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Remembering Ewe – Bonnie Smith



Bonnie Lou Smith

Everyone who knows Lamb knew Bonnie Smith, the manager at Lamb's resale shop, Sweet Repeats. Bonnie's passing in April was a terrible shock to everyone at Lamb, especially her husband Jim, and daughter Jenn, who also work at Lamb. "She'll never be forgotten," says Lamb Foundation Director Donna Mengel.

Lamb is now planning two gardens in Bonnie's memory. First, because she loved roses, a rose garden will be planted behind Sweet Repeats on the corner of Second and Lumber, and the second, a perennial garden, will be located behind the 309 W. Walnut Street home, where Jenn is a supervisor. Two Penn State Master Gardeners and Faline Gray, mother of a Lamb resident and friend to all at Lamb, will help plan and plant both gardens.

A Lifelong Friend of Lamb – Marvin Summerford



Marvin Summerford received his high school diploma at age 82 from Superintendent Robert Hassler at North Penn High School.

The residents and staff of Lamb Foundation often enjoyed listening to Marvin Summerford's stories of Pearl Harbor and how he had been in town at the time the bombs were dropped.

Marvin left school to go to war and though he returned home, he never had a chance to go back to school.

A Lamb resident for about eight years, Marvin recently left Lamb for more supervised care at Silver Stream Nursing Home. His daily presence is missed, and friends from Lamb visit him frequently.

"I had the opportunity to confer his diploma to him under the Diplomas for Veterans

Bill," says Donna Mengel Lamb Foundation director. The bill allowed students that left the classroom for war to receive a high school diploma. In June 2002, Marvin was in North Penn High School's first graduating class after the bill was passed.

Marvin was a great reader of the Bible and every night would lead the evening grace before the meal in his home. Because many of his friends at Lamb can't read, he used his abilities to read their mail to them. And, although his physical limitations meant that he couldn't move quickly, he was a great lover of nature, especially birds. Sitting outside at Lamb, he could identify birds by their songs.

"What I remember most about Marvin is that he was very kind, very respectful, he appreciated everything, he was very mannerly, and he was very pleasant," says his former house manager Dolly Dancho.

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shoppers' convenience," says Donald McCallum of the maintenance crew. Helping him are maintenance crewmembers Frank Mangiaruga and Daryl Mengel.

Be sure to stop down and check out what is available!

2006 Clean Out Sale Schedule

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lamb's Warehouse at 499 E. Walnut Street

Saturday, June 24	Saturday, August 26
Friday, June 30	Friday, September 29
Friday, July 28	Saturday, September 30
Saturday, July 29	Friday, October 27
Friday, August 25	Saturday, October 28



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Sweet Repeats Thrift Shop
115 South Main Street, North Wales, PA 19454
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Hours: Monday to Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.;
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Donation Guidelines

Clothing and Household Donations Drop-off:

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North Wales, PA 215-661-8800

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Food and Furniture Donations:

Call 215-699-5600 or email MarianneMessina@lambfoundationpa.org for pickup or delivery.

Financial Donations or Volunteer Opportunities:

Please call Donna Mengel at 216-699-5600 or email DonnaMengel@lambfoundationpa.org.

Please note: If you give to Lamb, we will not sell or give away your name or contact information.

Activity-packed weeks for Day Trippers and Overnighters (continued from page 1)

- Taking a trip on the Strasburg Railroad with lunch on the train
- Attending a Reading Phillies game

In addition, Lamb Getaways participants will visit Ocean City each Monday, and visit a water park one day, for each of the three weeks. Overnighters spend two days of the week at the Camp Oaks cottages.

"At the cottages we have Bonnie Bachman of Living Histories come in dressed like historical women," says activity coordinator Anna Folk, "She does a story and then a craft." Bonnie plays the part of about 100 historical women. This year for Lamb, she will play Betsy Ross one week and Beatrice Potter another.

Many residents look forward to these trips each year, especially the trip to the shore. Some love it for the boardwalk, and others just love getting in the water. But the true highlight of each day trip is on the way home. Each evening the group visits local restaurants and eateries.

Anna helped plan last year's trips; this year she'll also join in on the activities: "It's going to be fun going down to Philadelphia and the Elmwood Zoo," says Anna. "Those places are really neat and still close to home."

For more information, please call Marianne Messina at 215-699-5600.

Sweet E Repeats

Lamb Foundation is now an approved eBay charity for Charity Works. Visit our eBay store at stores.ebay.com/Sweet-E-Repeats and search our online items.

We have been selling antique and collector quality items donated to Sweet Repeats Thrift Shop since early 2005, online.

All items sold on eBay are tax-deductible for the donor, and all the profits benefit Lamb Foundation and its residents. Check us out!



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On your next Sweet E Repeats purchase!

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thinks of Jenn Smith, her house manager, and Pedro Arcay, her house cook, as family members.

A warm family

Lori also keeps in touch with her immediate and extended family. The shelf above her television is filled with photographs of family, including her sister and brother-in-law, their two children and grandchild, both her brothers, her niece and her niece's three-year-old.

In addition, Lori is happy to continue a family tradition—making the same stuffed animal bunnies that her mom did. Lori has already made the clothing, little shirts, pants, pantaloons, dresses, and aprons, and is beginning work on the bodies. "My mom used to make them, and had to stop," she says.

A passion for animals

Lori remembers as a young child trying to take a chipmunk on a swing ride and getting bit. "I didn't know the chipmunk didn't want to go on the swing," she laughs. Despite that experience, she has always loved animals and has had several pets.

Her current pet, Amber, is an 11 year-old Calico cat. Before moving to Lamb, a friend had taken care of Amber until Lori was settled. "When Amber moved back here we bonded right away," she says, "It was like she knew I was her original owner."