



**living
hope
farm**

growing food, faith and community

Our vision is to be a farm where health and community can grow together!

Dear Community Neighbors,

As you may know, LHF is in its 10th year of providing fresh, local produce to its members as well as the community. What you may not be aware of is that LHF is a registered non-profit organization which leases the land we farm. Our Board of Directors is taking a hard look at the future viability and sustainability of the farm, its employees and equipment as well as assessing the ability to purchase the land. This is an urgent situation created by the aging of the farm equipment, rise in operating costs, and the dependency of the farm upon optimum weather and growing conditions. We greatly appreciate your past support, but in order for the farm to be sustainable, we find ourselves in need of additional help. In order to meet the current and near-future needs of the farm, the LHF Board of Directors approved the creation of a Capital Campaign.

The 2019 Living Hope Farm Capital Campaign has been initiated in order to fund the replacement of farm machinery and tools which we currently are not able to do with our obligation to pay down the farm's line of credit which was largely used to start the farm. This debt is holding us back from meeting our mission ("Growing food, faith, & community") and vision ("To be a farm where health and community can grow together") as well as preventing us from having the funds to replace farm equipment and tools that are wearing out and need to be replaced to continue work on the farm, in addition to providing a fair wage for our staff.

Most non-profits are solely funded by donations. LHF is sustainable through sales of CSA Shares and receives only about 5% of its revenue through donations. With the growing increase of housing and business development of available farm land in the community, LHF continues to strive to be prosperous and maintain the preservation of its farmland which serves the community with its produce. We are at a crucial junction in our struggle between revenue and expenditures and the survival of the farm.

At this time, we are greatly in need of financial contributions. If you would like to help with the Capital Campaign, tax-deductible donations are gratefully accepted with a check made out to Living Hope Farm with "Capital Campaign" written on the memo line and mailed to Living Hope Farm, P.O. Box 409, Harleysville, PA 19438. The Capital Campaign Item List is posted on our website if you wish to donate to something specific. Another way you can help is by purchasing raffle tickets to win one of the raffle baskets which will be displayed in our Public Market over the next few months. Among the raffle basket items is a Winter CSA Mini Share, Winter Egg Share, and Thanksgiving Turkey with all proceeds going to the Capital Campaign. Questions may be directed to Marian Avery at LHFarmTreasurer@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration in contributing towards making LHF sustainable for future generations.

Gratefully,

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Living Hope Farm, a Registered 501(c)3, founded in 2010, is a faith directed, sustainable Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). LHF donates a portion of its fresh Certified Naturally Grown produce to local families in need through the "Farm to Family" program and local food pantries.

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