

## Celebrating Five Years of Service

by Robert Casserly, Executive Director  
Sanctuary One at Double Oak Farm

When Sanctuary One opened in March, 2008, it was a delicate seedling tended by a small group of visionaries who, despite all the naysayers who said it couldn't be done, never wavered in their belief in the Sanctuary's mission: to be a safe place for animals and a healing place for people while promoting environmental stewardship.

What a difference five years makes! The Sanctuary has quickly grown from a grassroots organization into a thriving nonprofit that received 1,067 gifts from 628 donors this past year. If you're one of those 628 people, thank you. We hope you'll call us to make an appointment for a farm tour so you can see for yourself the impact of your donations.



A child is all smiles as he meets a goat for the first time

The key lesson we've learned over the past five years is that care farming utilizes three elements—people, animals, and the earth—that add up to be more than the sum of their parts. When one is healed, all are healed, because we're all interconnected. That's the holistic "One" in "Sanctuary One."

In 2012, we served more than 2,000 people of all ages who came out to participate in our care farm's service-learning activities, educational tours, healthful volunteer programs, and special projects.

The Sanctuary's volunteer and interns programs are thriving, too. 462 volunteers of all ages donated 3,997 hours of help in 2012. That's the most volunteer hours served at the Sanctuary in a single year. In addition, eight interns received a total of approximately 10,000 hours of experiential care farming education and work experience.

Our animal-care program continues to specialize in rescuing disabled, elderly, sick or injured, and other special-



A volunteer and a rescue dog sharing the love

needs animals that we take in from animal shelters, humane societies, law-enforcement agencies, and veterinarians who call on us to help save an animal's life.

In 2012, the Sanctuary's capacity for rescuing farm animals and house pets increased to approximately 100 animals at a time. We took in 92 animals, adopted out 52, and resolved 107 medical and behavioral cases for the animals in our care.

On the earth-care front, the Sanctuary's garden areas have expanded to cover 35,000 square feet and 92 trees. Every tree we plant is a gift to the children and grandchildren who will follow in our footsteps. The Sanctuary is 55 acres altogether, so we have the capacity to plant hundreds of more trees in the years to come.

Looking ahead to 2013, the board of directors has established four strategic focus areas for the year and beyond:

- Further establish the Sanctuary as the premier source for care farming education in the United States.
- Continue to excel at animal rescue and adoption.
- Increase national recognition and support.
- Improve long-term financial sustainability by diversifying income.

We feel that by focusing on these four strategic goals we will help insure the long-term success of the organization and allow the Sanctuary to continue leading the way in this country for the care farm concept.

More details about the Sanctuary's growth and development, including a summary of our income and expenses, are available in our 2012 Annual Report. If you would like a copy of the report, please contact us at [info@SanctuaryOne.org](mailto:info@SanctuaryOne.org), or call 541.899.8627. We will send you a copy via email or post mail, whichever you prefer.

The Sanctuary's 2013 farm tour season starts in April. Please contact us if you wish to make an appointment.



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