

# Foxcroft Farm Harvest Program, Inc.

898 Delorm Road  
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## 2013/14 Annual Report



**Mariah and her special friend, Amahle, which in Zulu means beautiful.**

### **Our Mission**

**The mission of Foxcroft Farm Harvest Program** is to develop, support and sustain effective and affordable educational opportunities for youth that will help them to be independent, productive, responsible, caring and contributing members of their community. We work to strengthen students' academic and social skills, enhance their self confidence, and to instill a sense of community responsibility through an innovative curriculum that integrates agriculture and service learning with educational objectives.

### ***History and Current Programs***

Established in 2000 to provide intensive educational services for local youth at risk, the Harvest Program initially worked closely in partnership with Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union. In 2010 and again in 2013, we faced budget and programming cuts that have changed our relationship with RNESU, though the SU remains committed to using our services to provide valuable educational opportunities and options. Harvest continues to work hard to provide *our most needy youth* affordable access to the resources and support they need to become engaged in their education and to grow into confident, capable and caring adults.

Located at Foxcroft Farm in Leicester, the Harvest utilizes the farm's agricultural resources to support the educational and personal development needs of its participating youth, as well as a diverse range of local community projects and needs. Our practice is natural, meaningful and effective.

***Harvest's "Growing to Know"*** offers educational enrichment opportunities for groups of 8-10 mainstream Leicester and Neshobe School students in PreK through sixth grade during school and after school sessions, as well as seasonal field trips for classes and groups of 10-25. Neshobe is able to provide some funding toward the cost of serving their (18-20) 5th&6th graders two days each week after school. All Leicester children, (16) 5th&6th graders in after school two days a week, and 10 PreK/K in morning sessions every other Tuesday are served with no funding from the school, due to strained resources.

***Harvest's "Growing to Work"*** supports after school sessions and a seven week summer session for up to 16 at risk 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Otter Valley High School students annually to learn job skills that will enable them to prepare for a future in the job market, develop self-reliance and contribute to their community. We are currently working with an out-of-school youth during school day hours to help him in his transition from high school to adulthood and may expand this piece to serve 2-6/year. *Growing to Work* youth are supported in part by the Vermont Department of Labor. Harvest provides the facility, individual student support, supervision and guidance, supplies, snacks and transportation. This population is considered at risk, meeting the criteria of the State, and many struggle in school as well. We have served several youth this past year that have parents who are addicts, are incarcerated or are in treatment. We have more young women than ever, several struggling with depression and some that are "cutters." Many that came this past summer chose to continue to help after school. Harvest is working to help keep them motivated, feel responsible and needed.

*Our Harvest students are learning to contribute to their community as they grow. 97% of our organizational budget is program expense, supporting direct services to children and youth; 18% is given back into our local communities through product and service.*

Since its beginning, Harvest has earned several local and state awards, such as the Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce President's Award and the Vermont Agency of Human Services Secretary's Award. Harvest students have *annually* contributed between \$18,000 and \$29,000 worth of farm, homemade and handmade products, as well as service, to the surrounding communities. Parent and teacher surveys are 98% positive for both of our *Growing to Work* and *Growing to Know* Projects. In 2013 we applied for and received a multi-year grant from the Bowse Health Trust (\$80,000 over three years), which is helping us to work toward building new partnerships and strengthen old ones. In 2014, we received a disbursement from our local Sportsman Club, which dissolved in late 2013. Harvest asked the Towns of Brandon and Leicester to be added in their list of tax appropriations for the citizens to vote on, Brandon for \$15,000 and Leicester for \$5,000. Both towns voted for Harvest. Our local seniors have demonstrated increased support for Harvest, through letters and collaboration. More people are purchasing our products and wanting to help. We have witnessed success in several of our first students, returning as responsible parents with their preschoolers on a school tour to the farm, or stopping by to check in: employed, productive, caring and independent.

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**Foxcroft Farm Harvest Program  
Balance Sheet**

**Jun 30, 2014**

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

**1000 - Checking 13,625.13**

**Total Checking/Savings 13,625.13**

**Other Current Assets**

**1200 - Petty Cash -17.11**

**Total Other Current Assets -17.11**

**Total Current Assets 13,608.02**

**Fixed Assets**

**1500 - Vehicles 22,044.00**

**1550 - A/D Vehicles -19,044.00**

**1600 - Furniture & Appliances 1,083.20**

**1650 - A/D Furniture & Appliances -1,083.20**

**1700 - Sugar House 5,906.15**

**1750 - A/D Sugar House -1,815.89**

**1800 - Equipment 839.99**

**1850 - A/D Equipment -410.00**

**1900 - Buildings 2,508.55**

**1950 - A/D Buildings -313.10**

**Total Fixed Assets 9,715.70**

**TOTAL ASSETS 23,323.72**

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**Liabilities**

**Current Liabilities**

**Other Current Liabilities**

**2100 - Payroll Liabilities 1,963.56**

**Total Other Current Liabilities 1,963.56**

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**Equity**

**1110 - Retained Earnings 10,549.76**

**Net Income 10,810.40**

**Total Equity 21,360.16**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 23,323.72**

**The following are friends who have contributed through funding, memorial contributions, product, service and compassion to help us provide effective and affordable learning opportunities for our local youth:**

Adam Rheume, Adam Young, Addie Gladding, Addison County Commission Sales, Addison Press and Kathryn Flagg, Agri-Mark, Alice Handy, Alice, Allie and Lynda Dean, Amber Gill, Amy Young, Anita and Alan Campeau, Anita Caldwell, Annette Reynolds, Arthur and Mary Amend, Audrey Halpert and Family, Barb and Dick LaFave, Barbara Ballentine, Ben & Jerry's Central Vermont CAT Team, Ben Franklin Store, Bethel Mills, Bette Moffett, Betty Tatro, Bill Moore, Blue Seal Feeds, Bob and Joan Thomas, Bob and Peg Oliver, Bob Dean, Bonny Lee, Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce, Brandon Artists' Guild, Brandon Basin Bluegrass, Brandon Congregational Church, Brandon Historical Society, Brandon Independence Day Celebration Committee, Brandon Inn, Brandon Motor Lodge, Brandon Reporter, Brandon Scrap Metal, Brandon Senior Citizen Center, Brandon Trustees of Public Funds, Brian Jerome, Bruce and Judy McLaughlin, Bruce Peterson, Cabot Creamery Cooperative, Café Provence, Calvin Loven, Canaday Family Charitable Trust, Carleton Handy, Caolyn Bride, Carr's Florist & Gifts, Carris Foundation, Catie Raishart, Cathy Gill, Cersosimo Industries, Champlain Orchard, Charles and Catherine Smid, Charles Wood Foundation, Charlie Tatro, Chet and Mary Cooper, classrooms that participated in our Growing to Know Project tours, Cole Farm, Conant Square Inn residents, Connor Homes, Creative Apparel, Creed Ice, CVPS, Cynthia and Michael Myers, David Bodette, Deborah Wing and Don Wing, Denise Mahoney, Dennis and Debbie Bonanza, Depot Farm Supply, Donald Bigham, Don Delorm, Donald Devoid, Doug Bailey, Douglas Orchards, Dr. John and Katherine Dick, Dundon Plumbing & Heating, East Middlebury Methodist Church, Ebbie Elmer, Ed and Eleanor Sisco, Ed Barna, Ed Blechner, Ed Bratton, Edith Bird, Ellen Hocker, Ferne and Lou Faivre, Forestdale Grocery and Deli, Forte Enterprises, Frank A. Farnsworth, G. Stone Motors, GE Employees Concerns Fund, George Eisenhardt, George Landry, Goodro Lumber Company, Green Mountain Shoe & Apparel, Greg's Meat Market, GU Markets, Hannaford Career Center, Hannaford Supermarket, Happy Valley Orchard, Harley Fjeld, Hayes Pallets, Heather Shackett, High Pond Woodworking, Hoehl Family Foundation, Holden Financial Services, Hollis and Virginia Field, Homestead Fence, Howard and Janne Giles, International Paper, Irene Barefoot, Jack McKernon, James T. Bowse Community Health Trust, Janelle Ashley, Jacqueline Abbey, Jeannie McMurtry, Jiffy Mart, Jill Blanchard, Joan and Bob Thomas, Joann Scarborough, Jodie Quenneville, Joe and Lois Acinapura, Joel and Janet Mondlak, John and Anne Moulton, John Jillson and Sarah Terhorst, John Zecher, Jonathan T. Chapin, Joshua Bruce, JR's Eatery, Julie Delphia, Karen Kane, Kate Briggs, Kathy and Bill Mathis, Kelly Mahoney, Ken Young, Kim Schroeder, Kingsley's Farm Stand, Kinney Drugs, Kris and Steve Charles, Kristin Andrade, Lacey Tatro, Lake Champlain Basin Program, Laura MacLachlan, Lawes Agricultural Services, Left Eye Jump, Leicester Summer Alive, Li's Chinese Restaurant, Lisa Rader and Jon Andrews, Lori Peer, Lynn Coale, Lynn Richardson, Marge and Bob Shepard, Martin and Christy Harding, Mary and Mike Jensen, McKernon Group, Mercedes Shackett, Middlebury Agway, Middlebury Beef, Middlebury Natural Foods, Miller and Ketcham Funeral Home, Monument Farms Dairy, Mt. Independence Historic

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***We are truly honored, fortunate and so very grateful.***