



GLENORA FARM  
A CAMPHILL COMMUNITY



## RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN

### The Ita Wegman Association of BC for Curative Education and Social Therapy (“Glenora Farm”)

The Ita Wegman Association of BC for Curative Education and Social Therapy (“Glenora Farm”) is an intentional community based on an organic-transitioning farm located in the rural community of Glenora in the Cowichan Valley on Vancouver Island. Through the therapeutic modalities of cooperative agriculture, inclusive arts and culture, and integrated home supports, Glenora Farm provides life-enriching day programs and empowering residential care.



Glenora Farm is dedicated to improving the lives of adults with developmental disabilities (Companions). Glenora Farm's strength-based wraparound services address the dynamic needs of each of our Companions while recognizing the profound value of their unique gifts and contributions. Through daily "workshops" (classes/activities covering farming, life skills, arts and culture) Companions develop expertise and efficacy through immersive experiences. Outside of programming hours, residential Companions benefit from the vibrant intergenerational setting of Glenora Farm's extended family-style homes.

On Glenora Farm, diverse abilities are appreciated as an important part of the fabric of human experiences. Since 1995, Companions have lived, learned, and worked on Glenora Farm alongside staff, volunteer personnel, and community members in a horizontal model that promotes equity, supportive social connections, and empowerment through meaningful work, rewarding participation, and responsibility to the earth.

## GLENORA FARM'S BIG HOUSE *Help us Raise the Roof!*

The hub of all activity on Glenora Farm is the "Big House," a large and centrally-located multi-purpose building that is used for:

- Glenora Farm's administrative offices
- A number of day program workshops including music, cooking, and herbs
- Residential accommodations for six Companions
- Hosting all of Glenora Farm's public events (e.g. the annual Christmas Craft Fair, art shows, etc.)





*Glenora Farm's Big House was built in 1992 and still has its original roof. This roof is now 30 years old and at the very end of its lifespan.*

Glenora Farm needs your help to replace the old shingle roof on the Big House with a new metal roof. We are also seeking to reduce our carbon footprint by adding a 32-panel (11.52-kilowatt) solar system to this new metal roof.

This project will achieve a number of key objectives, including:

- **Protecting our Assets** – This project will proactively address the risk of leaks in the Big House before this critical building is damaged by a failing roof.
- **Investing in long-term infrastructure** – Metal roofs are more durable and come with a lifetime guarantee which means less maintenance and repair/replacement costs down the road.
- **Honouring our commitment to sustainability** – A metal roof will enable Glenora farm to mount a solar system on the Big House that will reduce our electricity consumption and lower our utility costs.



Glenora Farm's wraparound supports help persons with developmental disabilities who may face marginalization or isolation in regular community settings.



The residential care and day program activities delivered out of our Big House help Companions to:

- discover and develop abilities and talents;
- participate in and contribute to their household, the farm, and the broader community in a meaningful way; and
- benefit from the social connections and sense of belonging.

The Big House also welcomes about 1000 members of the public each year via fundraising events, tours, family visits, and art performances/shows. These opportunities for interface with the general public enable Glenora Farm to model inclusive community life, deconstruct stigma, and showcase the talents and contributions of persons with diverse abilities.

## Solar Savings!

Unlike the existing shingle roof, a metal roof will be able to support a solar power system. The second part of this project will be to install a 32-panel (11.52-kilowatt) solar power system on the new metal roof of Glenora Farm's Big House, complete with Solar Edge inverters, power optimizer, modem, and program monitoring software. This system will be used to capture solar power and reduce the grid electrical consumption of both the Big House and the herb garden greenhouse.



This new system will generate about 11,950-kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity in its first year, offsetting almost 30% of Glenora Farm's electric bill. In 12-13 years (approximately halfway through the system's minimum lifespan), these electricity cost savings will have completely paid off the initial cost of installation. Moreover, over the course of its minimum lifespan, this solar power system will generate an aggregate electricity savings of over \$55,000. These savings mean that more funding can be directed towards enhancing programs and services for our Companions.



## *Your Support Makes a Difference*

Although Glenora Farm receives a large percentage of operational funding through service contracts with Community Living BC and individual families, this funding cannot be used for facility renovations/upgrades and is only sufficient to cover a portion of our direct operational expenses. This means that Glenora Farm does not receive, and cannot use, any of our contract funding for facility repairs or improvements.

In 2021, Glenora Farm submitted an application to the Province of BC for a Community Gaming Grant to fund approximately 40% of the costs of this project (results are pending). Regardless of this outcome, Glenora Farm needs your help to cover (at least) the remaining 60%. With support from donors like you, this project will be started shortly after the new year and concluded by July 2022.

Your donation will leave a lasting legacy on Glenora Farm by helping to protect an important asset, lower operational costs, and improve financial and environmental sustainability. Please consider giving today and becoming a part of Glenora Farm history.

*"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant."*

~ Robert Louis Stevenson



# KEY PROJECT MILESTONES

Late fall/early winter 2021 – Community Gaming Grant results

January 2022 – Project put out to tender

February 2022 – Deposits paid to approved contractors/service providers

February 2022 – Pre-project permits submitted to Technical Safety BC and BC Hydro

April 2022 – Removal of the old shingle roof, installation of the new metal roof

May 2022 – Installation of the solar system

June 2022 – Project wrap up (including signage)

June/July 2022 – Project conclusion and “Raise the Roof” celebration

## PROJECT REVENUES

Province of BC - Community Gaming Grant	\$48,550
Donations	\$68,025
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$116,575</b>

## PROJECT EXPENSES

Removal of old roof/installation of new metal roof	\$71,700
Purchase and installation of solar power system	\$24,500
Taxes (GST)	\$5,175
Contingency (~15% of costs above)	\$15,200
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$116,575</b>



Donate

Online: Please visit <https://glenorafarm.org/donate/> and click "donate now" (remember to select "new roof for big house" from the drop-down menu and note any special directions in the private message field). Online donations of *any amount* will be provided with an automatically generated tax receipt.

By Mail: Please fill out the form below and mail this page back to the address below along with a cheque payable to "The Ita Wegman Association of BC for Curative Education and Social Therapy" or "The IWA." Mailed donations over \$25 will be eligible for an income tax receipt.

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## DONATION INFORMATION

Amount to be Donated:

Donor Name:

Donor Address:

Donor Phone Number:

Donor Email:

Name to be recognized\*:

\*if other than the donor above

Special Instructions:

