

2023 YEAR END APPEAL

Light The Way



WHAT'S LIGHT GOT TO DO WITH IT?

Every morning, Matthew walks from Corwyn House to Trillium to attend the morning meeting. Matthew's diminished eyesight makes this task difficult for him to do independently in the mornings and evenings. Matthew is a representative for Special Olympics, a master compost-manager, delivers the mail to Corwyn House and eggs to all our licensed care homes. It's important that Matthew can navigate the foot paths and walkways around the farm with ease, feeling confident that he is safe.

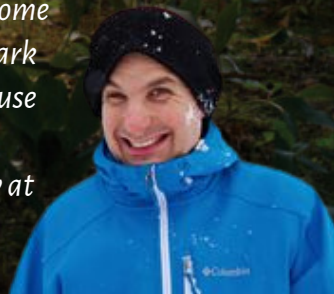
Research demonstrates that the presence of lighting is one of the primary environmental features that determines our sense of safety (Rijswijk & Haans, 2018). In healthcare settings, good lighting is one of the most important elements, especially for persons with diverse abilities (PWD) who may rely more significantly on lighting to compensate for sensory impairments including diminished eyesight (Brawley, 2009). Yet, many built environments lack adequate lighting, which can interfere with the daily activities of PWD and preclude participation in community programs/events. Appropriate lighting is not just an aesthetic consideration – it is one of the most important design elements in inclusive communities.

While Glenora Farm's indoor spaces are very well-lit, our outdoor pathways are presently under-illuminated. This lack of adequate lighting on the major thoroughfares can be intimidating to Companions (PWD) and those working on the Farm and/or cause accessibility barriers to travelling around the Farm at night. While stop-gap measures have been utilized (e.g. Christmas lights to light up certain areas), a lack of consistent, high-quality lighting in outdoor areas on the Farm limits the independence of Companions and demands additional resources of the organization (e.g. Coworker assistance travelling between buildings).

Light up the Night!

"I helped create the path when the new houses were being built. Some people like me have trouble seeing the path. Sometimes it's too dark and I get off the path. Now I won't always need a flashlight because lights will help me see the path better."

-Matthew Carr (Companion celebrating his 20-year anniversary at Glenora Farm in March 2024)



Glenora Farm's "Light the Way" project will install approximately 70 x 18" lights along the walkways between the houses, communal spaces, and parking areas of Glenora Farm. This will include automatic dusk-dawn lighting over the 700 feet of pathways between Corwyn and Helios House, the Farmhouse, the Trillium meeting hall, the Big House and central workshop areas as well as motion-activated lighting in all parking areas.

This project will ensure safe travel for Glenora Farm's Companions, Coworkers, and visitors.

Please consider supporting us to help make it possible for Matthew and his friends to move around the Farm safely.

The direct benefits of this project include:

- Reduced likelihood of trips/falls
- Companions will feel more empowered to travel independently around the farm at night
- Addressing these visual and comfort barriers will encourage all community members to participate in social activities on the Farm – especially during the long nights of the winter months
- Improved wayfinding – especially during special events when visitors unfamiliar with the farm are navigating the grounds (e.g. craft fairs, family visits, special arts/culture productions, etc.)

Light up the Holidays!

For a total cost of \$16,000, this project will “light the way” for our community for years to come.

Looking for the perfect holiday present? You can be a direct part of this initiative by sponsoring a leaf or flower on our “friendship tree” in the name of someone special.

For every donation between \$250-499 towards this project, a handmade wooden leaf recognizing the donor (or gift recipient) will be mounted on our new friendship tree. For every donation of \$500 or more, a handmade wooden flower recognizing the donor/recipient will be mounted on the friendship tree. The friendship tree will be made out of driftwood and installed near the path at Glenora Farm as a symbol of the friendship and generosity that makes our community possible.

***This season, consider helping us light the way towards a brighter future
with a contribution to this project.***



If you are interested in helping us bring light this holiday season, your donations can be made by:

1. Visiting Glenora Farm’s [Canada Helps page](https://glenorafarm.org/) (<https://glenorafarm.org/>) and clicking “Donate Now” in the top banner (Note: please select “Year End Appeal – Light the Way” from the drop-down and specify what name you would like us to honour in the private message/dedication section)
2. Sending an e-transfer to accounts@glenorafarm.org
3. Sending a cheque made out to “the IWA” (the Ita Wegman Association of British Columbia for Curative Education and Social Therapy) to 4766 Waters Road, Duncan, BC, V9L 6S9.

*If sending your donation via option 2 or 3, please fill out and mail the form below
or send this information in an email to ojackson@glenorafarm.org*

All donations above \$25 will receive a tax receipt.

*For more information on our donation recognition and stewardship policy visit our website
(<https://glenorafarm.org>) or click [this link](#).*

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