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# A Word From Robin....

## What's New With the People

Next Step Farms is excited to introduce to you our summer intern, **Elizabeth Smith**. Elizabeth is a junior at Boyce College in Louisville, KY, studying Business Administration. She has volunteered at Next Step Farm events over the past several years, so she is no stranger to our abnormal sort of craziness! We are thrilled that she will be making NSF her summer home this year! Join us in welcoming her!

## What's New With the Animals

Bandit is our newest addition to the farm! He is an Anatolian Pyrenees ( Great Pyrenees Anatolian Shepherd. Bandit was donated to NSF by a friend at Wilson Lumber Company. Bandit spends his days learning from Cooper how to care for our other four legged friends. We also appreciate the monthly donations from Mt Zion Baptist Church Adult class to help feed our growing crew!

## What's New with Our Property

Community Partnerships make the difference at Next Step Farms. A few hours once a month or once a quarter affirms for us that you find our mission and need valuable.

Email, us TODAY to see how your group can become involved! This month, we look forward to two teams from **Madison Church of Christ** helping us to beautify our garden area, paint some barn poles and widen the perimeter path.

A team from **Covenant Presbyterian Church** will be working on finishing the electrical lines in the barn. A team from **Huntsville Handsfree WorkCamp** is coming to help us clear debris in the trees from previous storms. Lastly, a team from **Mt Zion Baptist** Serv will build stalls within our barn.

The record breaking amounts of rain paired with our mower being down, has put us behind in our yard maintenance, we see a new or additional mower as a need very soon!

We are growing!!! We need to add onto our fabulous building. We are looking for folks that can donate or offer a reduced rate to help us add a 20 x 40 sunroom! **We need..**

### A Commercial Architect

Electrician Plumber Framers  
Painters



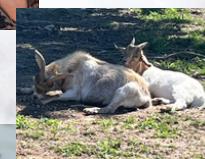
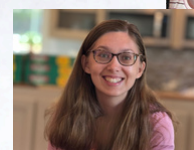
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## MISSION

Our mission is to provide a safe and nurturing day program for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who seek to participate in a homestead type environment.

## VISION

The Vision of Next Step Farms is to provide a hands on program for special needs adults through the production of farm fresh protein, produce, and products generated through the homestead environment..

### At Next Step Farms, we strive to...

- \*Accept each other understanding that we have our own abilities and limitations.
- \*Encourage one another in positive ways.
- \*Fully participate in teaching, learning, work and social activities.
- \*Aim to work as a team until the task at hand has been completed.
- \*Create a culture free of abuse, harassment and unfair criticism.

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Monday- Friday 8:00- 3:30.  
Client's program M-F  
8:15 - 3:15.  
Pick up by 3:30

All tours and interviews will be held by appointment only.

# Jump In on the Fun!

Are you looking for a way to support Next Step Farms?

Check out our Amazon Wish List for a variety of ideas including a flexible hose - approximately 20 feet long, an outdoor storage cabinet, and much more!

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/25IWYSFTY9UOG/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_1](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/25IWYSFTY9UOG/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1)

Join us June 14<sup>th</sup> for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scavenger Hunt at Next Step Farms!! It is a fun area wide, sky's the limit kind of scavenger hunt with lunch included!!

Join us June 21<sup>st</sup> for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hotdog Eating Contest at Monrovia Elementary!! Fun starts at 10:00am

## Upcoming Events....

[nextstepfarms.org/event-calendar/](http://nextstepfarms.org/event-calendar/)

- **June 14, 2025**- 2nd Annual Scavenger Hunt and Chicken Lunch
- **June 21, 2025**- 3rd Annual Hot Dog Eating Contest
- **October 24, 2025**- Corporate Sponsorship Dinner at NSF
- **October 25, 2025**- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament (SATURDAY) at Southern Gayles
- **November 1, 2025**- Farm Livin on Park Avenue Gala  
**Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities are NOW available!!**
- **December 13, 2025**- Christmas on the Farm



# Scavenger Hunt

On **June 14**, the fun begins at 8:30 and ends with lunch at the farm at 1:00. Ticket purchase reserves you a lunch plate!!

**How does it work?** Players are given a clue card to solve, then given 3.5 hours to travel the local community looking for clues to solve their card! Prizes are awarded.

# Farm Livin' on Park Ave

Mark your calendars! Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Farm Livin on Park Avenue Gala will be held Nov.1, 2025 at Stovehouse!

**Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities** are NOW open ( see the following pages).

# Join Us For Lunch!

We invite YOU to join us for lunch ! The process is easy, simple call us at 256-993-2561 **the day before** to let us know that you will be joining us. We ask for a suggested donation of \$5 to help cover the cost of our food. We eat family style seated around the table, so be ready to pull your chair up and have the best meal of the week.

Lunch is at 12:00!

### NEW Menu Quarter

- Monday**- Fish Wraps/Sandwiches, Garden Salad
- Tuesday**- Burgers and Corn(on the cob or Corn Salad)
- Wednesday**- Hot Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Apple slices with peanut butter
- Thursday**- Cold Salad Sandwiches, Veggies and Homemade dip
- Friday**- Leftovers and PBJ Sandwiches

Follow us on Pinterest to learn all of our yummy recipes.



# Thank you

NSF would like to thank the following individuals, companies and organizations for investing time and resources into our program this past month

**Gracious Savior Church**

**Madison Church of Christ**

**Lorge Veterinary Clinic**

**Tastees**

**Chief Excavation & Landscaping**

### Smokey

Huge thank you and shout out to the Fowler Family and Cindy Mitchell for their designated donations to make our golf cart need become reality!



# Client Sponsorship

Most of our clients attend Next Step Farms through private pay. The cost per day is \$85. Even though growth is shown through repetition ,we have clients that can only currently afford to attend one day a week.

\$5000- sponsors a client, one day a week for a full year

\$10,000- sponsors two clients, one day a week or one client two days a week for a full year.

**You** can help change a life with sponsorship!





Next Step Farms



# SUPER SCAVENGER HUNT

Join us June 14th, 2025 for our 2nd Annual Super Scavenger Hunt

Open to all who enjoy a scavenger hunt! Rules and Playing cards will be reviewed and distributed the day of the event. **Event times 8:30am to 1:00pm**

## Early Registration

### \$100 Vehicle Special

Lunch for 4  
Two Game Cards  
(\$10 for additional cards  
\$15 additional lunches)

## Early Individual Players

\$25 per player  
Lunch included  
One Game Card.

## Day-of Registration

### \$125 Vehicle Price

Lunch for 4  
Two Game Cards

Individual \$30  
Per Player  
**Lunch & Card**

All registered players will have a game sheet similar to a BINGO board called FARMS.

### **RULES:**

1. Each square contains a clue to solve and find.
2. Players must locate an item that represents the "clue" in the square
3. Player's travel to that item to take a picture of it
4. Players mark the item off of the sheet.

At 1:00pm, players meet at Next Step Farms to eat lunch (included in fee) and turn in game sheets to win prizes. Players must be able to produce corresponding pictures to game square. Players must be able to justify the picture used for each square. It is suggested to create a folder in your picture gallery to correspond with your cards.



# NEXT STEP FARMS



**Dear Community Partner,**

Next Step Farms is delighted to announce our second annual fundraising gala **“Farm Livin’ on Park Avenue”**, on November 1, 2025! This year's Gala promises to be a night of inspiration, fantastic food, and exceptional entertainment! Next Step Farms is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that operates a hands-on program for adults living with intellectual and developmental disabilities. All Gala proceeds directly support our mission to provide a safe and nurturing place where special needs adults can learn independent daily living skills that assist them in living meaningful and purposeful lives.



This year, we expect an even **bigger, more exciting event**, and we would **love** to have your support as a community partner and **“Friend of the Farm”**.

**Here** is more of our incredible story.



## HERE’S HOW YOU CAN HELP:

**CHOOSE A SPONSORSHIP LEVEL**

(Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum) to receive recognition as a sponsor of this **amazing event**

**BUY TICKETS TO THE GALA!**

Tickets are available in singles, pairs, or by table for eight, just click the **link**

**CHOOSE ONE OF OUR SPECIFIC SPONSORSHIPS**

and have your name and logo prominently displayed in that area of the event.

We are so grateful for your consideration of support. Your generous contributions are making a difference in the lives of our community members with special needs.



With Heartfelt Thanks,  
**Robin Kramer, CEO**  
Next Step Farms

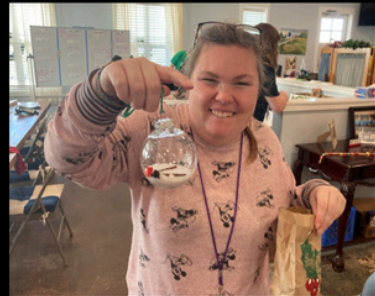
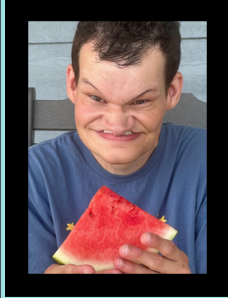


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**EVENT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

**FARM LIVIN'  
ON  
PARK AVENUE**

**NOVEMBER 1,  
2025**



SPONSORSHIP LEVELS	BRONZE \$2,500	SILVER \$5,000	GOLD \$10,000	PLATINUM \$15,000
Farm Livin' on Park Avenue Gala Tickets	8	12	16	24
Post-Event Social Media Thank You	*	*	*	*
Inclusion in Sponsor Video Loop	*	*	*	*
Invitations to Sponsor Appreciation Event		4	8	12
Logo on Event Website		*	*	*
Special Recognition from Stage			*	*
Opportunity to Speak from Stage				*
Entrance Banner Logo Presentation				*

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**SEE OUR OTHER SPONSORSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES HERE:**

