

COMMUNITY IMPACT IN ACTION

One participant-led idea - the coin jar program - has raised over \$26,000 since its inception in 2018, to support the skill-building program at AACORN. We appreciate all our community partners who host one of our coin jars at their business.



AACORN WISH LIST

- New or clean used mason jars for our jar mixes (wide mouth quart & pint jars)
- Farm animal & cat stickers
- Washable markers
- Individual snacks

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 16, 2026

5th Annual AACORN Golf Outing

@ The Prairies Golf Club

Shot gun start @ 9am

Lunch, fun holes & prizes!

Look for sponsorship & registration details soon!

LET'S CONNECT



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WAYS TO SUPPORT AACORN

- Make a one-time or recurring donation, or purchase something off our wish list (visit www.aacorncommunity.org to donate or see a complete wish list)
- Volunteer on the farm or behind the scenes
- Attend an upcoming event
- Host an AACORN coin jar at your business
- Share your AACORN Impact Story (scan QR Code to share)
- Share our mission



AACORN

GROWING TOGETHER AT AACORN

Expanding Choices.
Building Community.
SPRING 2026

A SEASON OF CONNECTION, CREATIVITY AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

Over the past few months, AACORN has been filled with growth – in skills, in confidence, and in connection. Participants continue to build on what they’ve learned, stepping into responsibilities with greater independence while forming meaningful relationships with one another, staff, and the animals in their care.

At AACORN, growth doesn’t happen all at once – but it is always happening!



A DIFFERENT KIND OF SKILL BUILDING

This winter, we experienced both loss and growth in our AACORN Community. We said goodbye to two beloved animals, Peaches and Harper - deeply woven into the daily life on the farm. For our participants and staff, this was more than a loss; it was a chance to learn how to process grief, support one another, and honor lives that mattered.

At AACORN, learning happens through real relationships and shared experiences. Participants build responsibility, empathy, and connection - skills that cannot be taught in isolation. As winter turns into spring, that growth continues. Because of your support, AACORN is not just a place to learn skills - it is a place to belong.

As we continue to grow, your feedback matters. Please take a few minutes to complete the enclosed survey and return it in the provided envelope.

With gratitude,
Mary Pickett



A SEASON OF LEARNING & CREATIVITY

Participants stayed busy this winter and early spring with hands-on learning and creative projects.

We developed a new product: bath bombs, practicing teamwork and step-by-step processes



We created puzzle contest awards from recycled materials, bringing environmental values to life



We continued daily responsibilities like animal care, recycling & preparing goods for sale

