

GROWING *Together* AT AACORN

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GROWING CONFIDENCE EVERY DAY

How are participants
build skills, independence
and self-belief through
meaningful work.

WHEN COMMUNITY SHOWS UP FOR EACH OTHER

Local partners and
volunteers making a
real difference.

SUMMER ON THE FARM

New gardens, baby animals
and so many reasons to
celebrate the season.

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PARTICIPANT EXPERIENCE SPOTLIGHT

Growing Skills. Building Confidence. Creating Possibilities.

Every day brings new opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive.

At AACORN, our participants are discovering their strengths, exploring new interests, and building skills that carry into every part of their lives.

Through hands-on experiences and meaningful work, they gain independence, form connections, and take pride in all that they accomplish.

Here, growth happens together - and the impact reaches far beyond the garden.



TOGETHER, WE GROW STRONGER

Whether we're planting, mulching, watering, or harvesting in the garden, brushing, feeding or caring for the animals, or simply spending time outdoors, every task teaches something new. Our participants celebrate progress, support one another, and find confidence in their abilities.



When we grow together,
the possibilities
are endless.

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*There is always
something to look forward to
at AACORN.*

~Michael, Participant

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Community Connections

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Care Collective

Working together to create opportunities and build connections at the farm and in the community

At AACORN, growth doesn't stop at the farm gate. Participants volunteer with Care Collective, assembling diaper and period kits that provide essential supplies to families and young people throughout our community. Through experiences like this, they build confidence, responsibility, and independence while discovering the value of giving back.

Because of your support, participants aren't just receiving from their community - they're becoming active, valued contributors of it.



Advia Credit Union team members joined AACORN participants for a day of service, helping care for the gardens while weeding around the Jeremiah Semark Memorial Tree. Partnerships like these strengthen our community and help our farm continue to flourish.



Participants volunteer with community partners like Generous Hands and the Salvation Army, helping pack food and other essential items for local families in need. Together, they discover the value of serving others and strengthening community.



Participants picked up donated suet from Pease Packing, an essential ingredient used in AACORN's handcrafted goat milk soap. Community partnerships like this provide meaningful opportunities for participants to serve, connect, and contribute beyond the farm.



Participants volunteer at the Cheff Center, helping with daily barn chores. In return, they enjoy time working alongside the horses - a partnership that builds confidence, responsibility, and lasting community connections.



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WAYS TO SUPPORT AACORN



VOLUNTEER

Share your time and talents to help on the farm or at events



DONATE

Your financial gifts help provide programs, supplies, and opportunities for our participants



IN-KIND GIFTS

From farm and garden supplies to office, snack and cleaning supplies, every donation makes a difference.



OUR WISHLIST

- All-Purpose Spray Cleaner
- Individually Packaged Snacks
- Kleenex
- Paper Towel
- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Retunable pop cans
- Sunscreen / Bug Spray

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