2021 Accomplishments

Welcoming Residents

We welcomed our first residents this year! We plan to invite residents gradually and thoughtfully to ensure we can adequately provide the care they need. There were many lessons learned this year, but the biggest was how many of the animals that find sanctuary at Porchlight will need some sort of specialized vet care. We welcomed 6 residents - Poppy, Wilma, Pearl, Barbosa, Tilly, and Morgan. Despite working closely with multiple vets and trying to improve her quality of life, we had our first heartbreak when we learned that Poppy was too injured to save and we lovingly laid her to rest.

Funding

In 2021 we created the Fund Development Committee composed of volunteers and board members. The FDC focused on three major areas in 2021: a monthly giving program, a capital ask, and offering regular tours of the sanctuary. Our Herd Heroes monthly giving program was created and we ended the year with 43 monthly donors and \$1,178 in monthly operating income critical for the ongoing care of residents. We had a successful capital ask in August that raised \$32,535 to help us build the Resident Care Center that will have an ADA-compliant restroom for visitors and volunteers to use. Throughout the year, we welcomed donors, potential volunteers, and other visitors to the sanctuary to tour the site and observe our progress. We ended the year increasing our revenue from \$28,642 in 2020 to \$62,134 in 2021.

Property and Buildout

We made a lot of progress on the buildout of the sanctuary. Some highlights include finishing Pasture One in preparation for Wilma and Pearl, moving the volunteer shed closer to Pasture One to allow for an electrical hub, making room for the new Resident Care Center, drilling the well and installing the septic, running water to Pasture One for easy access for the sheep and other future residents housed there, and building the Resident Care Center.

Education and Outreach

We welcomed two school groups (Northstar Academy and Dominion Academy) who volunteered weekly at the Sanctuary. Each week, anywhere from 12-15 students from the two schools helped with property maintenance, buildout, and animal care. We've worked closely with them to explain the purpose of sanctuary for farmed animals and watched them fall in love with the animals we have welcomed this year.

We provided multiple tours to donors, potential volunteers, and other visitors throughout the year. While walking the property, we shared our vision for how the buildout will continue to progress. Those lucky enough to visit towards the end of the year were also able to meet some of the first residents.

We planted our first garden in 2021. The intent of this garden is to provide nutritious enrichment for the residents, with any excess donated to humans in our community without access to nutritious food. We partnered with RVA Community Fridges and SEVA Truck to donate produce to neighbors in need.

A vegan food pantry was installed on the property and we ask visitors to contribute non-perishable food items for community members experiencing food insecurity.

Volunteers

We worked on building a stable corps of volunteers in 2021. We hosted quarterly volunteer sessions over Zoom to update current volunteers and welcome new ones. We held monthly volunteer days to help complete projects throughout the year. We would not have been able to accomplish what we have so far without our amazing, hardworking volunteers.

2021 Resident Intake Timeline





Make a one-time donation or monthly gift!

Your contribution directly supports the operations of the sanctuary and educational programs.

Recurring monthly donations add up quickly and make a huge annual impact on the lives of Porchlight residents and future residents to come.

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