

2022 Year in Review

Welcoming Residents

In addition to caring for Wilma, Pearl, Barbosa, Morgan, and Tillie, we welcomed three new goat residents: Sugar, Spice, Skittles, and a confident and spirited hen—Ginny.

Sugar, Spice, and Skittles came to us from upstate New York via Catskill Animal Sanctuary, which networked to find loving homes for them and their many friends. Before their transport to Virginia, these three were cared for by a kind older man who found them abandoned. The physical and financial toll of caring for farmed animals can be overwhelming—we were honored to carry on his efforts.

Ginny was brought to us on the back of a pickup truck from a small homestead. She endured serious injuries including a severed top beak from an encounter with hungry wildlife. Ginny was nursed back to health with the help of our avian veterinarians and a dedicated supporter who fostered her during her first month. Since her arrival, Ginny has gained weight, learned to thrive just like any other chicken, and become best friends with Barbosa the rooster.

We've worked closely with our veterinary partners and other sanctuaries to provide customized care for each individual and timely, specialized medical care when injuries and illnesses occur.

We continue to evaluate potential new residents as funds, knowledge, and resources allow and endeavor to provide homes for them thoughtfully and responsibly in 2023 and beyond.

2022 Resident Intake Timeline



Ginny - April 2022



Skittles - April 2022



Sugar - April 2022



Spice - April 2022

Funding

The Fund Development Committee continued to expand *Herd Heroes*, a collective of supporters who donate monthly to provide financial stability to Porchlight's residents. Our Herd Heroes program grew from 43 monthly donors (\$1,178 in monthly operating income) at the end of 2021 to 66 monthly donors (\$1,622 in monthly income) by the end of 2022. During the year, we held two potlucks with these integral supporters so we could connect in person, provide transparency, recap our progress, and thank them for their dedication.

At the end of the year, we made a large fundraising appeal to replenish our medical care and operating expense funds, helping to grow our revenue by an additional \$27,373 from the previous year.

We were also fortunate to receive a donated pickup truck, thanks to the generosity of our friends at Sheehy Subaru of Fredericksburg. The truck has become a significant piece of equipment that's made it possible to move large building materials around the property, haul used bedding to our compost pile, remove trash and refuse, and pick up supplies needed for the ongoing care of the residents.

Property Maintenance and Development

Early in the year, we experienced our first power outage and quickly realized our need for a generator to keep residents safe and comfortable. With the help of a generous grant from Vegan Action, we installed a generator that will power heaters and fans, our well-pump, and other major appliances throughout severe weather.

In early spring, we added a shelter for the incoming goat crew (Skittles, Sugar, and Spice) and constructed a secure paddock for ample protection. Additionally, we fenced a new pasture and a small quarantine space for any incoming residents.

Over the summer, we added an electric panel box to our central storage shed that supplies power to that building as well as both large animal houses. We had electricity wired to our Resident Care Center as an important step towards fully utilizing it as a medical room, storage, and visitor restroom in the future.

By winter, we converted a simple gazebo into an educational center and gathering space thanks to a grant from Bama Works, a foundation associated with the Dave Matthews Band. This space includes a screen, projector, extra canopies, and seating for hosting presentations, movie screenings, meetings, and discussion groups.

Education and Outreach

During the fall and spring school semesters, we hosted a group from Northstar Academy. Each week, between 3-5 students in the veterinary assistant vocational program volunteered at the sanctuary. These students provided invaluable support with animal care, property maintenance, and construction projects. These visits helped the students understand the purpose of a sanctuary for farmed animals while practicing skills for their future careers.

We strived to engage the public and share the residents' stories and appreciation for their inherent value by

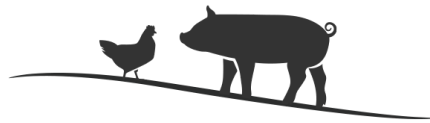
- Providing a virtual tour and presentation to a class of children from the Glen Allen library
- Speaking in Williamsburg to the Veggie Club at William and Mary
- Offering over half a dozen on-site tours, welcoming new visitors to the sanctuary

Volunteers

To grow our support system, we processed over forty new volunteer applications throughout the year and held an onsite orientation and training session, plus two virtual updates for prospective volunteers and members of the general public to provide transparency into our operations.

On the first Sunday of the month, we hosted groups, of 5-15 volunteers each, who diligently supported the sanctuary by providing countless hours of animal care, property maintenance, and construction work. We also began an animal care program with a core group of volunteers who have access to signing up for morning and evening chores that require a deeper understanding of the residents' needs and routine tasks.

We partnered with the veterinarians, vet techs, and staff of Banfield Veterinary Clinic for a volunteer day, building new relationships and sharing our mission with an even broader audience.



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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