



## {WHAT THE TREES SEE}

### THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER & CREATIVE JOURNAL OF SPIRIT FIRE FARM

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#### SPIRIT GROWS ROOTS

As most of you know, Spirit had been struggling for a long time to find an affordable space to call its own. We had partnered with Alison Haase and Peace by Piece Farm ([www.alisonhaase.com](http://www.alisonhaase.com) for more info) in Chester Springs at the end of the summer and into the fall. That enabled us to offer services to one struggling young person as well as provide an equine education clinic to Stepping Stone Education Center's summer camp. We are extremely appreciative of Alison and Peace by Piece for being so generous with their space and resources (Psst... they offer riding lessons to the public, too! Check out their website when you get a chance). Then it became time for Spirit to branch out and find our own space so that we could provide services to more young people... Our opportunity came in November. We began leasing Rocker Fox Farm in Malvern. Our

Director gave us use of her pony, Jubie, for programming. We acquired another equine instructor through Thorncroft, Inc. They donated Romy, one of their lesson horses who had outgrown his job at Thorncroft, to Spirit Fire Farm. In the month that we've been at Rocker Fox, we have accepted 3 more youth

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FOR MAKING HONOR ROLL!  
INCREDIBLE JOB, GRACE! YOU  
ARE AWESOME!**

into our program. We are excited about the progress in the lives of the kids that we have the opportunity to

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work with. Our new facility is already allowing us to do many incredible things! We cannot wait to see what else

the future has in store for us. It's looking like 2012 will be an exciting year! ~~~\* SPIRIT\*~~~

## GREAT NEWS!

ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN FOR OUR ART AND ANIMAL REHABILITATION PROGRAMS. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ENROLLMENT, EMAIL [ARVAUGHAN@SPIRITFIREFARM.ORG](mailto:ARVAUGHAN@SPIRITFIREFARM.ORG) OR VISIT [WWW.SPIRITFIREFARM.ORG](http://WWW.SPIRITFIREFARM.ORG)

### OUR PLAN FOR 2012:

A developing non-profit like Spirit faces many challenges in its growth phase. The current economic environment does not make our development any easier. However, we proved ourselves fighters in 2011 and did not let those hurdles slow us down or cripple our evolution. In less than one year, we managed to transition from a "paper" organization to an operational organization. This growth is a result of hard work and dedication on the part of our board members and volunteers. Our forward momentum will not falter in 2012. Our goals for the upcoming year are to:

1. Provide services to at least 10 additional youth (we are currently serving 4).
2. Assist every young person in our programs to make lasting changes in their lives.
3. Introduce every young person in our programs to a POSITIVE new experience that will enrich their lives.
4. Collaborate and develop relationships with 2 other non-profit organizations who share a mission similar to Spirit Fire Farm's in order to have the greatest impact on the population that we serve.
5. Continue to vigilantly pursue donations, sponsorships, grants, and other contributions to ensure the sustainability and longevity of our programs and further our purposes.
6. Continue to attract and retain board members and volunteers whose experience and knowledge will thrust Spirit Fire Farm to new heights.

## WANT TO MAKE A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO SPIRIT FIRE FARM?

YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE VIA OUR WEBSITE, BY PHONE (925-708-5868), OR BY CHECK/MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO SPIRIT FIRE FARM. SEE WEB FOR INFO.

**Thank you all for having faith in our mission and for supporting us during these difficult times! Have a wonderful new year!**

***With Love,***

SPIRIT FIRE FARM, INC.