

Community Activities 2011-12

Dear Community,

I give greetings to you from all of us at Triform. This past year has been full, with many experiences and a great deal to be thankful for. We are first and foremost grateful to you, our many contributors. You have helped us in many different forms and once again, allowed Triform to thrive.

Our continued progress is so very evident in the energy that flows at our two family and friends weekends. With more and more families attending and the addition of siblings activities, these weekends have become a true symbol of how our community is flourishing. We simply would not be where we are today without your ongoing gifts, love and support.

Throughout this past fiscal year, Triform community members have worked further with our Board of Directors in a strategic planning process. The results of these collective efforts have been finalized in a finished plan. Having finished this lengthy and rewarding process, we now have a guiding document which will enable us to complete a master plan and help us work in a realistic and consequent way into the years to come.

Our community continues to advance in support of our expanding programs and the rising need to house new students. After a full year of construction, we have completed Triform's tenth house, which opened with a festive ceremony during the October Family and Friends



Weekend. It is a beautiful one-story structure, and has been built with environmentally sound practices. This is now our third house that has been added at Stewardship, and we feel the shift toward a true "neighborhood."

In addition, we can now enjoy a scenic "backwoods over meadow" pathway between the two properties which was finished by our siblings group. Through the generous permission of access from a neighbor and the purchase of an added 50-acre parcel of land (another amazing example of generosity from our donors) we have a new pedestrian-friendly, wood-chipped lined pathway. We hope you will have an opportunity to walk this lovely path through the woods next time you visit Triform.

Our friend-raising and fundraising activities this year were highlights for us. In May, we had two events back-to-back. On Saturday, May 18, we held a benefit silent auction and reception at Art Omi, followed on Sunday, May 19, by an amazing Bell Choir and Woodwind Quintet benefit concert at Triform's Phoenix Center. Earlier in the year, we enjoyed a house party with the Partridge-Ravitz family in Washington, D.C., which included a pot-luck supper and a viewing of the Triform video. We had a similar gathering in April with the Dowden family who opened their home to us in Boston. Both events brought Triform families together and increased our circle of friends.

During the year Triform welcomed new house parents, Aroon and Sophia with their son, Sidhartha, and a baby on the way. Triform also welcomed eight new students and their families. Coworkers arrived to fill the spots of those transitioning, as is the rhythm of our seasons. All of this flow and change made for a very exciting time for Triform.

We thank you for walking with us on this very important path and supporting the mission of Triform.

Sincerely,
Tim Pahalak



Message from the Chair of the Board

Dear Friends,

As we head into the new fiscal year, I am pleased to report that Triform is strong, thriving and moving confidently into the future. We thank everyone who supported our work this past year and welcome your participation as we move into the 2012-13 school year.

We are grateful for all the people who help Triform perform its mission including our parents, families and friends, donors and our enthusiastic group of coworker volunteers who arrive each fall ready to serve the needs of the students and the community.

In support of Triform's mission and future vision, the community engaged in a significant strategic planning process over the last eighteen months. Triform invited board members, community members, staff and journeymen to contribute to this important forward thinking discussion. A professional planning consultant was retained to guide the work and to help us create a written plan, which was approved by the Board of Trustees at the June 2012 meeting.

Not unlike a road map, the document will now be brought to life over the next five years through action plans that will be implemented by the community as a whole. Triform is fortunate to have a highly talented and dedicated group of full time long term coworker volunteers who bring a wealth of energy, skills and experience to this thriving community. Triform's future and outlook have never been brighter or more exciting.

In support of the new strategic plan, Triform continues to develop the land and its structures. After almost one full year in construction, the community opened its new house at Stewardship. This fall, eight new students took up residence there with house parents and coworkers. With this expansion, Triform is

operating near its capacity for residential students and individuals continue to contact Triform weekly to inquire about our programs. In the months ahead, Triform will continue to conduct tours and host students on trial visits, offering them a unique opportunity to experience the richness of community life over a month-long period.

Triform is also committed to refining and improving its Day Program, which provides local families with an opportunity to take part in the Triform experience.

As the programs advance and change, so does Triform's campus. Capital projects this past year included lovely stone paths that traverse Triform roads, allowing everyone to travel safely on well-lit walkways. Improvements have been made to several existing houses and the new greenhouse is up and fully operational. While our barn is still in need of extensive repair and renovation, we are grateful for the many donors who supported our organic farm by helping us purchase a new hoop barn to house our cows and store our hay. Planning is already underway for an extensive redesign and rebuilding of the barn as part of the five-year strategic plan.

All of these initiatives and advances would not be possible without you. Our extended Triform family of friends, neighbors and supporters make this amazing community what it is today. Your contributions help us meet our annual operating costs and every gift makes a real and lasting impact on the lives of our students. We thank you for your generosity throughout the year and offer our heartfelt appreciation.

Sincerely,

James Connor, Triform Board Chair



Outreach and Education



With the increase in students, teachers and volunteers at Triform have been experimenting with the size of each class. “From our experience in the past few years, we feel that groups of seven or eight students work best,” says Takeshi Suesada, Triform’s education director. In addition to offering tutorial classes to student groups focused on reading, writing and math skills, Triform has added new teachers to the coursework lineup. The community welcomed Nick Pomeroy who offered students a new painting and sculpture class and Karen Derreumaux who visits Triform each week to teach eurythmy. Tim Smith has been hosting groups for therapeutic horseback riding on a regular basis and Laura Summer continues to teach painting to our Journeymen. The new instructors have brought a greater variety of projects to Triform’s coursework. Nick’s art class has been taking place in the Red Barn, our newest educational space for Triform’s budding artists. Renovation of the Red Barn has added more classroom space and it will soon house the pottery led by Reid Bielenberg.



Susanne Sproll joined the community last year as a new house parent and her skills as a nurse have enabled her to offer a health awareness class called “Health Matters.” In this class Susanne covered such topics as nutrition, hygiene and self-care. Martin Gitt has also been added to the teaching group and presented students a series of classes called “My Space and Your Space” in the last year. Martin’s classes address various areas related to self-awareness and social relationships. “We believe these classes are helpful in creating a fuller and more comprehensive youth guidance curriculum and gives our students a variety of ways to explore self-expression,” concludes Takeshi.

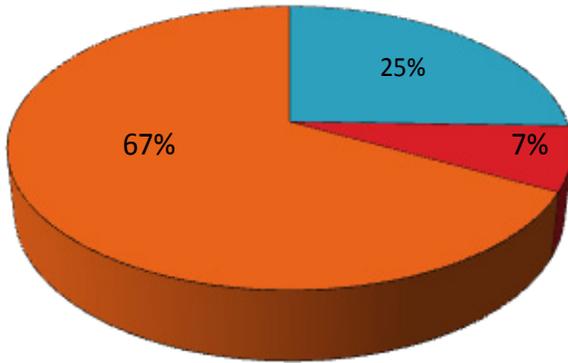


With a growing community, the challenge of having enough classroom space continues to be addressed. “Having ample classroom space is important as we can offer different classes all at the same time,” says Takeshi. “Overall, courses such as Eurythmy, drama, music, painting and the bell choir give students the opportunity for self expression and the ability to create art within the community that nourishes our hearts and minds.” Triform is committed to the fullest possible education program in support of a rich and meaningful cultural life.

Financials

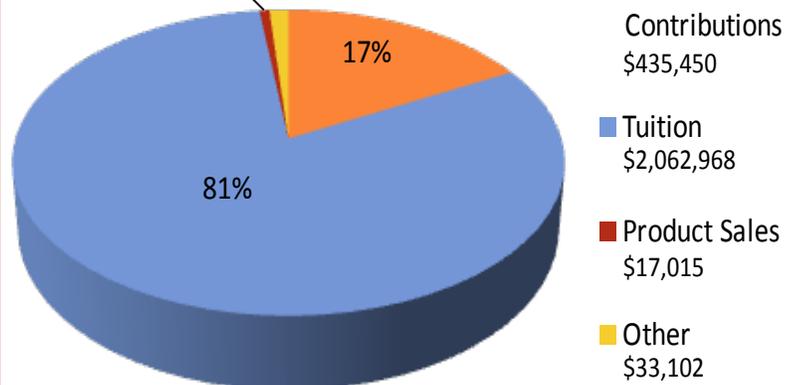
Expenses

■ Administration \$624,472
 ■ Maintenance \$179,561
 ■ Programs \$1,648,755



Income

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Income:

Restricted Contributions to the Triform Camphill Community Foundation

New House Grant	\$35,000
New House/Art Show	\$21,732
Greenhouse	\$11,239
Farm Fencing Grant	\$27,000

A Road to the Future . . .

A Look Ahead.

Our building projects have centered on our work at the Stewardship property where our new residential house has been built. The addition of the house at Clover Reach illuminates our growth and the strength of support to the entire Triform community. The "road to the future" has included many other new additions. Our beef herd has been moved to Stewardship to graze on the land recently returned from house sites to farm use. The farmers are focused on completing the fencing and securing use of both the fields and the woodlands. Their hard work has advanced our connection to the land and helps Triform sustain into the future..

Our dream of connecting Triform campus to Stewardship finally came true this past year. Two Triform families helped us purchase a 50-acre parcel between the two campuses. With permission from a close neighbor to access a right-of-way on their land, students can now walk or ride carts on a wide, safe, wooded path and on the edge of the pastures from Triform to Stewardship. We are grateful to the families that made this dream possible and to our neighbors for their willingness to help. The path was given finishing touches at our June Family & Friends



Weekend. A crew of 15 siblings gathered to rake 50 yards of mulch along the new walking path. Thank you to the brothers, sisters, and others who joined this effort and made such an important contribution to the community.

Family Weekends - House Parties - Graduation



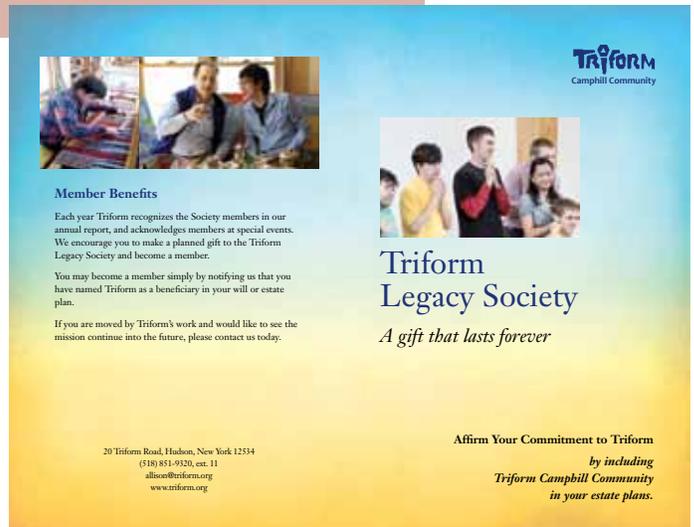
Barn Fundraising

During the summer break in June, Triform development staff and helpers worked diligently to raise funds for a new hoop barn to replace the damaged hay loft that fell this past spring. Our work was supported by 90 donors who helped us raise more than \$21,000 for the hoop barn, \$10,000 for farm equipment; a trailer and finger tine, along with a grant for \$5,000 for additional farm equipment and a discount of \$1,800 on the hoop barn purchase. The new hoop barn will be erected near the site of the old barn. Plans to replace the 30-year-old Red Barn are in the works and will be the focal point of Triform's capital fundraising next fiscal year.



Legacy Society Launched

Over the years, Triform has enriched the lives of special needs students and their families. Many feel a great sense of loyalty and gratitude for the work of Triform and the people who dedicate their lives to helping individuals with developmental disabilities. Gift planning enables donors to realize their philanthropic, personal and financial goals while helping Triform move into the future. The Triform Legacy Society has been created to help donors make a planned gift. A planned gift might be a bequest in a will or a life income gift. Anyone considering a lasting gift to Triform should contact the development department to request a new brochure and a meeting.



Triform
Campbell Community



Member Benefits

Each year Triform recognizes the Society members in our annual report, and acknowledges members at special events. We encourage you to make a planned gift to the Triform Legacy Society and become a member.

You may become a member simply by notifying us that you have named Triform as a beneficiary in your will or estate plan.

If you are moved by Triform's work and would like to see the mission continue into the future, please contact us today.



Triform
Legacy Society
A gift that lasts forever

Affirm Your Commitment to Triform
by including
Triform Campbell Community
in your estate plans.

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Benefit Concert and Silent Auction Highlights

We are all happy to report that Triform's first annual benefit silent auction went off without a glitch. More than 150 people enjoyed a delightful wine reception and bidding on an assortment of items including trips, overnight getaways, dinners, books, paintings and a variety of hand-made items from Triform. The following day, friends, neighbors, families and supporters joined all of us at the Triform Phoenix Center for an amazing concert performed by the Hudson Valley Philharmonic Woodwind Quartet. The Triform Bell Choir performed two lovely pieces and were joined by coworker singers and musicians. The combined events raised over \$50,000 for Triform Scholarship students. Many thanks to all who donated items, attended and volunteered.



Save the Date:

BENEFIT SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, May 4, 2013

Art Omni

BENEFIT BELL CHOIR CONCERT

Sunday, May 5, 2013

Triform Phoenix Center

GET INVOLVED

If you would like to donate an item to the 2013 Benefit Silent Auction to support Triform Scholarships or join the committee, please email:

Allison@triform.org,
518-851-9320, ext. 11



The following is a list of our generous contributors

Gifts to Triform change lives, and we are deeply grateful for your support. Below is an alphabetical list of our generous friends whose gifts were received between July 1, and June 30, . Great care has been taken to insure the accuracy of our donor list. We apologize if we have inadvertently omitted or misspelled your name. Please call our Development Office at 518-851-9320 if you find an error, and we will gladly correct it in our next newsletter. Gifts received after July 1, , will be acknowledged in our next donor report.



Triform Camphill Community Takes Holistic Approach to Building

A new State-of-the-Art, Net Zero Energy Home at its Special Needs Community



Triform Camphill Community, a 410-acre rural residential community for young adults with special needs in Hudson, NY, recently unveiled a 6,400-square-foot, state-of-the-art, energy efficient home for its developmentally disabled students and co-worker staff. The new house features some of the most innovative energy-saving techniques in house building today. Triform attributes the success of the newly constructed home to a uniquely collaborative effort made by a team of local professionals who worked closely together to create this one-of-a-kind residence.

On the project were Green River Architectural, Varriale Brothers Construction, Ed Herrington, Inc., and Hudson Solar. Together these four companies produced a super insulated, passive solar house with an airtight construction. With heat coming mostly from the sun and with careful attention paid to solar panel orientation to gain maximum energy, the house has a net zero energy usage. A constant ventilation system offers energy recovery, as well as a healthy interior environment.

Keith Bogdanovich, a long term Triform volunteer and CFO, managed the construction project for the 33-year-old special needs community located just outside of Hudson, NY. "More and more families are coming to us for admission into Triform's residential program, and that inspired us to build a new house," says Bogdanovich. "In taking this project on it was especially important to us that the new construction reflect the consciousness of the organization and the values of our mission, and so we assembled a team that embraced that concept."

Triform Camphill Community focuses on the health and well being of each person in its special needs community, knowing that despite a person's disabilities, they have the potential to make a contribution that will benefit the entire group. "It was essential that the house be built with environmentally-sound practices, save energy on all levels, and be accessible for students with a variety of disabilities including Down's Syndrome, Autism and other physical and mental challenges," said Bogdanovich.

For architect Don Pulfer of Green River Architectural, a large part of the design challenge was creating a 10-bedroom home on one level that was not institutional in nature. The goal in planning the house was to create a completely insulated envelope and eliminate the thermal bridges where heat can transfer and lose energy.

"The overall design plan is a gesture to openness to the sun, a reflection of the ideals that shaped the entire design," says Pulfer, who created the house plans. "In the designs we paid attention to health and energy- efficiency,



and created a large house with a home-like appearance, as well as a pleasant, residential scale. “Natural materials were used throughout the construction, along with triple glazed windows, a super insulated foundation and attic, along with unusually thick, double framed walls containing dense, sprayed cellulous insulation (derived of old newspapers) to produce a totally airtight building.

“Triform asked for what is considered cutting-edge construction in the housing industry with a zero energy usage,” says Vince Varriale, who supervised the building construction and crews. “We all worked together to make this a totally ‘green’ home by removing the oil impact and gaining maximum energy efficiency,” he said. “Ultimately we created a house that speaks to the ideals of Triform that encompass a respect for the land and conscious use of natural resources.”

Varriale was hired specifically because of his expertise in interweaving the priorities of the homeowner with the plans of the architect to save money and time. Varriale said he accomplished this by incorporating what he calls a flexible “living management” technique, which involves eliminating change orders, minimizing management costs by supervising subcontractors on site, and procuring the best quality building materials.

Triform was able to take a holistic approach to the entire building process with all areas continually discussing the project and solving problems together.

Ed Herrington Inc. supplied the building materials throughout the project. According to Rich Herrington, Vice President and General Manager, “I don’t know any other structure in the area that has this caliber of efficiency.” Herrington’s has a long-standing relationship working with Camphill communities and has worked frequently with Varriale Brothers. “The way I see it, this house is a snapshot into the future and represents what a good building should be.”

Herrington’s said they are seeing a rise in demand for energy efficient doors, windows and insulation, yet they believe that anyone can gain energy efficiency in their home just by using every day materials. “There’s a perception out there that to realize energy efficiency, you have to build with highly specialized materials,” said Herrington. “The focus really needs to be more on the plans, the process and how the building is assembled.”

Carlos Newcomb was project manager from Hudson Solar and took on the role of creating the solar energy installation plan. “The system is designed to produce more power than the house would need,” said Newcomb. To achieve this, Hudson Solar installed an array of 130 solar roof panels allowing the house to completely supply its own electrical energy needs and return enough energy back into the grid to



power up as many as two additional houses. Currently, Triform has two nearby homes that will receive the cost savings benefits from the new energy efficient residence. Ultimately the system will produce 100% of the needs of the new home and up to 50% of the needs of the other two houses saving the community upward of \$5,000 per year. This process of returning the excess energy produced by the net zero house to the homeowner is called “remote net metering,” and is currently available under a new standard created by New York State and National Grid.

“This project was quite complex and was successful because we all worked so closely together. What made this a great project for us was that everyone was very accessible and friendly, and that always makes life a lot easier when you’re dealing with a complicated installation,” said Newcomb.

Triform Camphill Community feels that the 11-month long effort in building this energy-efficient model home was well worth the time and expense. “This is an investment in the Triform community, in the environment and in our future,” commented Bogdanovich.

In the near future, Triform is considering investing in a large-scale installation of solar panels that will power its current seven houses, recreation center, bakery, classrooms, offices and barns. “There are discussions going on now to see if a solar project of this size can be achieved,” said Bogdanovich. “If it goes through, a project of this scale could possibly be the first of its kind in New York State.”

Triform is a 501 c3 registered non-profit organization and is financed in great measure by individual donations and contributions. Triform would like to thank the contributors who helped, in part, to finance the new house construction. These donors include First Niagara Risk Management, The Camphill Foundation and several individual donors who supported this project with contributions.

For further information about Triform Camphill Community’s programs or to make a donation, please visit www.triform.org or call 518-851-9320.