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Freedom Farm Catch Up

Welcome to our first newsletter! Moving forward, we plan to send these out quarterly to make sure we keep all of our wonderful supporters up to date. In this first issue, we'll update you on some of things that have been happening lately at the farm. As always, our main goal is to help support hurting children in Alabama and provide them a stable environment where they can begin to heal. Read on to learn a little more about our new Freedom Farm family, transportation upgrades, the future for the campus, and more!

Thy Joiner Wood
Executive Director



WELCOME WEEKS FAMILY

In January, we welcomed Coriell and Adam Weeks as our first official house parents! They began their foster journey in 2020 when their 9 year old came to them and said that they needed to be a family that kids can live with when they can't live with their own mom and dad. Since then, they have fostered 33 children. When approached about Freedom Farm, they prayed and knew that this was the next step for them. The idea behind building a foster community is something that is very near to their hearts and they can't wait to welcome new families in the future! Freedom Farm is excited to finally welcome new foster kiddos since the arrival of the Weeks family.

We have official farm transportation!

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Thanks to a grant provided by an anonymous donor, we now have 4 family vans and one work truck for the farm.







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SHELLEY'S GARDEN

We utilized a beautiful Saturday in March to plant our newly named garden! Shelley's Garden will provide not only nourishment for the Weeks family and future families, but it will also provide our children the chance to be involved in caring for the garden and picking fresh veggies daily.

The garden is named in memory of Shelley Jones, a Freedom Farm board member and longtime educator in the Tuscaloosa community. We just know that her love for children will live on through this garden.





Thanks to the Tuscaloosa Association of Realtors and Trent Deason for their generous donations for our garden!

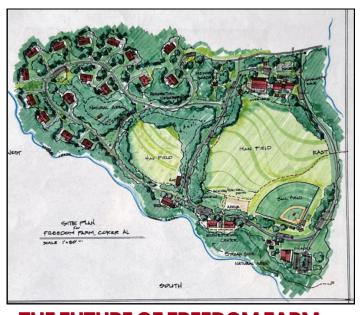


Grateful for these new supporters that have helped us grow to 536 donors!

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Billy & Barbara Hatmaker

Cory & Susan Haughton Keith & Ann Mahaffey Heather McCullar James & Emily Proctor Gail Bounds Kym Reddoch Steve & Frances Rumsey Donald & Rebecca Sanders



THE FUTURE OF FREEDOM FARM

We are diligently working to finalize the site plan for the farm! The picture above is just an idea of what we hope to accomplish. This month, we will begin building three more homes in our residential campus. Once our campus is complete, we will have 14-16 residential homes, a barn, an activity center, the chapel, a general store, and tons of space to play so that we can serve up to 100 children in need.

A note from Ms. Terry...

"The Saban family has been and will always be a huge advocate for children in need. Soon, more foster children will be walking through the doors of Freedom Farm and they will begin to rebuild their lives. They will have a place to start a healing process, learn to trust again, and find strength in new beginnings. Our family, as well as Nick's Kids Foundation, rallies behind Freedom Farm's mission to give these children the hope they deserve. We hope you'll keep Freedom Farm in mind and join us as we continue to make a positive difference in the lives of others." — Jerry Saban



