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SPOTLIGHTS

Great Firsts

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With the new year, we are reflecting back on 2015 and we had a lot of great firsts. We first opened our doors to our program and had our first participants join us. We made our first raised garden boxes, planted our first seeds and made our first harvests. We brought our first animals to the farm, got our first eggs and quickly made our first animal friends. We had our first outing to the fish hatchery and enjoyed our first farm gathering this summer with a July BBQ. Our staff and participants enjoyed our first Halloween party in the barn and Thanksgiving dinner at the farm house.



Our participants had first in cooking, art and woodworking projects. Pam used a screwdriver for the first time in her life!



This fall, we prepared for our first winter at the farm (check out our video of winter prep on our Facebook page) and this leads us up to where we currently are. A new year and so many great opportunities still await! Soon, we will have a first with a new prevocational license which will open the door for additional opportunities and firsts for our participants. Finally, we are looking forward to the new firsts of the winter thaw and early spring at the farm. Best of all, we still have many awesome opportunities for great firsts for new farm participants. By joining us at the farm, they to can also enjoy their first time with an animal, in the garden, in the kitchen, at fun farm events and making many new first memories.

The cold winter weather has found us but that doesn't deter our participants at the farm. They still give great care to our animals and provide grounds maintenance.



We had fun over the holiday season making crafts like this gingerbread house.



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