



Cultivating Existential Alternatives for Emotionally Impaired Adults

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I have worked with the severely emotionally challenged for over twenty-five years. Six years ago I decided that I wanted to help on a larger scale than the two group homes I had started and continue to manage. I became dedicated to the concept of a therapeutic farming community to assist those with severe emotional illnesses recover to their optimum independence and health. To that end Emerald Rose Corp. was formed and the journey begun! Emerald Rose Corp. is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization whose mission "is committed to advocating, educating, and removing the stigma which is associated with mental illness that prohibits those impaired by related disorders."

I am very pleased to announce that Emerald Rose has launched the capital campaign to build the therapeutic farming community, the *Emerald Fields of Troy* on twenty-two acres in Troy Township in Geauga County. As part of that capital campaign we are initiating an annual appeal to reach out to those we have touched through the present year.

The mission of the *Emerald Fields of Troy* is to help those struggling with severe mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, bi-polar and PTSD disorders learn how to live independently and successfully with their chronic conditions. In collaboration with residents, loved ones and medical advisors, our professional team will develop therapeutic & rehabilitative personalized plans of care that will evolve as the client progresses.

The year 2014 has brought a surge of progress towards our goal. We now have an office, paid staff, and the Emerald Fields of Troy Advisory Board, led by devoted volunteer, Peter Tuttle. The members are dedicated to moving the Emerald Fields of Troy project forward as expeditiously as possible!

Our annual fundraiser, the 3rd Annual Zucchini Festival held on Chardon Square was a huge success and we are already in motion to host it again in Chardon in 2015. In February we will once again partner with the Chesterland Rotary Club's Shining Stars event February 14, 2015 to benefit a number of non-profits in the Chardon area, including Emerald Rose. In the spring of 2015, we will present our fundraiser, Emerald Fields of Troy—Pathways to Healing, to showcase both traditional therapeutic psychiatric/pharmacological modalities alongside animal-assisted, occupational, agricultural, and art therapies in an experiential setting accompanied by music and good food!

Can we count you in? We have targeted groundbreaking for the Emerald Fields of Troy for 2015. We will begin to serve clients in 2016. Time is short and the need is great!

Please use the donor form included with this letter. A self-addressed envelope has also been inserted for your convenience.

Thank you for considering us in your annual gift-giving. No amount is too small! In-kind donations are welcome!

In gratitude,

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