

What has Island Autism Group been up to?



We had a wonderful summer. We piloted a peer counselor program and six of our counselors were high school-age students with an interest in the field of autism. Some also participate in Best Buddies, a program with a chapter at MVRHS run by Kevin McGrath, our board chair. We partnered with <u>Imagine Corps</u> to evaluate our programs and increase our involvement in the community. Imagine Corps is a teen-based program to help develop teen entrepreneurs and community leaders.

We sailed with <u>SailMV</u>, rode with <u>Misty Meadows</u>, swam at the <u>Martha's</u> <u>Vineyard YMCA</u>, did aerial yoga, visited <u>Polly Hill</u> and bowled at the <u>Barn</u> <u>Bowl & Bistro</u>. A busy summer was had by all! To learn more about our programming visit our <u>website</u>.

The Child Farm is bursting with activity!



This summer we launched our chicken program and our 45 gals started at Katama Farm with the support of the Trustees of the Reservation and the folks at Slough Farm.

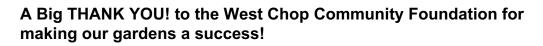


In July the gals moved to 515 Lambert's Cove Road and the chickens happily settled into their new forever home.



We cut flowers at the farm and collected eggs which we sold at Ghost Island farm. Only one of us cleaned out the Chicken Coop but all in all it was a great summer!

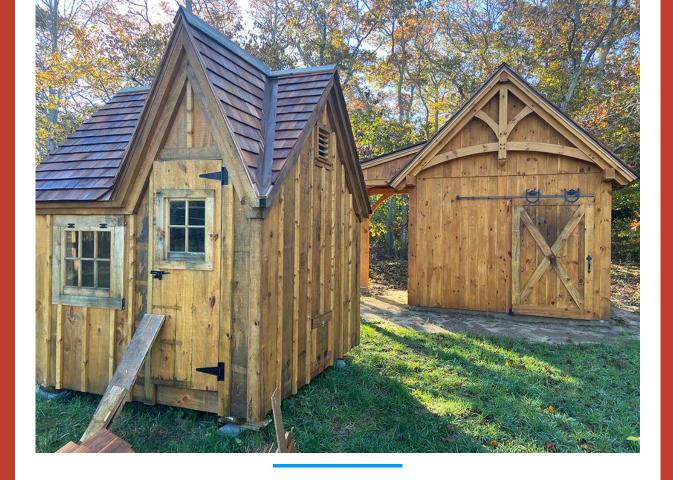
We also started selling T-shirts to help you show your support of Island Autism Group. Get yours <u>here</u> today!





As summer winds down to a close, so do our beautiful flower gardens...

Our farm stand and fenced in gardens went in with a wonderful grant from the West Chop Community Foundation!



On the build side...

This fall we will break ground on the Hub House, the farm house that is the anchor to our programming and our farm.

We want to thank everyone who pitched in, including The Tower Foundation, The Lurie Family Foundation, The Sacco Foundation, The MVBank Foundation, The Harris Family Foundation, and so many generous private donors.

We will keep you posted as we move forward. So much more to come!

As we look forward to breaking ground and begin construction on the Hub House and Barn we felt it important to first put in a beautiful 7 foot tall fence to shield our closest neighbors from the ongoing construction. More on that soon...



Please call me directly if you have any questions or if you will be on island and would like to take a personal tour of our project.

Please view our master plan fly-through.

With gratitude, Kate DeVane

Master Plan Fly-Through

How you can help



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