

Lambs Farm

Libertyville IL

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Located at the intersection of I-94 and Route 176

Located in Libertyville, Illinois, Lambs Farm is a place that, most importantly, empowers an extraordinary group of more than 250 people with developmental disabilities to lead personally fulfilling lives. Uniquely, Lambs Farm is also a place where families gather to enjoy our many shops and attractions, where community groups hold meetings and picnics, where businesses have products made with care and where many others attend a wide variety of entertaining events.

If you are not already among our long list of friends, we invite you to join us as we build on the legacy left by our Co-Founders, Bob Terese and Corinne Owen. They saw the amazing potential of those with developmental disabilities back in 1961 and guided us to where we are today. Whether you choose to become a volunteer, make a donation or just visit our campus, your support helps make Lambs Farm a truly special organization.

Farmyard is Now Open

The Farmyard is now open for families to visit a vast array of animals including llamas, alpacas, horses, donkeys, chicks, bunnies, goats and our 450-pound sow. After visiting with the animals, take a ride on the carousel or train, or challenge your friends and family to a game of mini golf! Click here for more information on the farmyard.

Fish Fry and Roast Pork Loin Special...

We are now offering a Roast Pork Loin Special on Saturday nights from 5PM-9PM. This is in addition to our popular FISH FRY on Fridays from 5PM - 9PM where diners enjoy delicious all-you-can-eat Cod for only \$9.95 and Perch or Walleye for just \$10.95. The Fish Fry includes homemade soup and our fresh salad bar. We have plenty to offer those who do not care for fish including mouth-watering steak, chicken, ribs and more. Please join us...we'll treat you just like family! Click here to learn more about the Country Inn.

Founded in 1961, Lambs Farm is a premier non-profit organization serving adults with developmental disabilities. Lambs Farm has grown from a small pet shop in Chicago to a 72-acre campus located in Libertyville, Illinois where opportunity flourishes for the more than 250 men and women served.

Those with developmental disabilities served by Lambs Farm are provided the opportunity to advance in all areas of life through ever-increasing residential, vocational and recreational choices. Community partnerships allow them to experience a broader variety of activities. Activities focus on the enrichment of the people of Lambs Farm — building their determination to lead full, satisfying lives. They gain independence by having the freedom to be as self-governing as possible and they accomplish all this with dignity, taking pride in all that they do.

History

In 1961, two people with extraordinary vision opened a pet store on Chicago's State Street. What was extraordinary about these two individuals was that they employed twelve adults with developmental disabilities to wait on customers, manage inventory, and care for the animals.

Co-Founders Bob Terese and Corinne Owen felt strongly that people with developmental disabilities deserved to lead meaningful and productive lives, and they put their own beliefs into practice by opening a business that would help them achieve this goal.

During the State Street years, The Lambs received support and growing recognition for its mission from the Chicago community-at-large. Individual donors, as well as corporate and foundation supporters, heralded the work of Bob and Corinne, recognizing that the Lambs Pet Shop was not only providing employment opportunities and a sense of community for participants, but was becoming a model program as well.

In 1965, Bob and Corinne moved their efforts to Libertyville, Illinois, 45 miles north of Chicago, when philanthropist W. Clement Stone donated his 70-acre farm for the program's expansion. With the additional space and restoration of a century-old barn into one of Lake County's largest pet stores, more adults with developmental disabilities entered the program, which soon became known as Lambs Farm.

Today, Lambs Farm is a premier facility in the United States for individuals with developmental disabilities, providing more than 250 participants with comprehensive residential, vocational and social support services, and welcoming more than 300,000 visitors each year to shop in our businesses and interact with our Program Participants. In coming to Lambs Farm, we hope visitors gain greater awareness of people with developmental disabilities, and further recognize their potential as full members of the community, the workplace and society at large.

Residential Services

Lambs Farm offers a variety of residential options for Program Participants both on the campus and in the community.

Intermediate Care Facility: The Green-Field Residence provides retirement-specific activities promoting wellness and an active lifestyle. Staff are available 24 hours a day to provide the level of care required by each resident.

Campus Group Homes: Residents of the campus Group Homes learn community living skills in a supportive environment. Housekeeping and meal preparation responsibilities are shared among the housemates with staff support.

Individual Apartments: The Stone Apartment Building features individual apartment units complete with kitchen, living area and bedroom for those desiring independent living in a campus environment.

Community Residences: Located in nearby communities, these residences are home to those Program Participants desiring a more independent lifestyle off campus. Residents receive support from staff and have access to Lambs Farm services.

Vocational Services

Vocational Services include Individual Placement, Employment Solutions Consulting, and Supported Employment Programs that provide training and support for those seeking and securing successful employment in the community, as well as placement on campus in the business operations or other areas.

Career Services Center: The Career Services Center acts as the "employment agency" for all placements and is the hub of the Vocational Services. Career counseling, assistance in filling out applications, interview training, and referrals to work skills classes are offered through the Career Services Center. Located on campus, the center also posts job opportunities and has a computer lab with internet access, fax services and reference materials for those seeking employment.

Community Employment Program: Individual placements in community employment provide challenging opportunities for Program Participants. Lambs Farm employment specialists provide on-the-job training and follow-along support. Training for employers on working with individuals placed is also available through our Employment Solutions Consulting Program. Using a team approach, Supported Employment Programs meet the staffing needs of local businesses by providing an enclave of two to eight workers along with a job coach. Job tasks are analyzed, training procedures are implemented, and on-going support is provided by the job coach on-site at the facility. Areas of specialization include janitorial, food service, manufacturing, and shipping/receiving.

Campus Programs: The Lambs Farm campus businesses and other areas serve as vocational training sites for Program Participants and teach skills which are directly related or can be easily adapted to any industry. The business operations offer training in areas including food service, store stocking and maintenance, customer service, shipping and receiving, animal care, and food production. They include the Country Inn Restaurant, Farmyard with Children's Attractions, Pet Shop, Thrift Shop and Aunt Mary's Country Store & Bakery. In addition, campus training is provided through the support services department and administrative offices in such areas as clerical work, janitorial services, and grounds keeping.

Seniors' Program: For those individuals who are no longer interested in working but want to remain active, Lambs Farm offers a retirement day program. Participants engage in a variety of activities like current events, arts and crafts, Bingo at the local senior center, as well as bike riding and other forms of exercise designed to slow down the effects of aging. Activities are designed to help individuals to maintain cognitive abilities. The goal of the Seniors Program is to help Participants to have enjoyable and productive retirement years.

Vocational Work Center: Located near the Lambs Farm campus, the Vocational Work Center provides training opportunities to individuals who need a more structured work environment. Workers undertake subcontract jobs such as assembly, packaging, sorting, mailing services and more.

EFFICIENT PRODUCTIVITY

At the Lambs Farm Contract Packaging and Assembly Center, our trained workforce is ready to meet the production and mailing service needs of your business. Whether it's hand assembly, packaging, sealing, or sorting, we guarantee that your project will receive immediate attention and a quick turnaround time. Our detailed procedures include careful inspection of incoming components and outgoing finished products.

QUALITY CONTROL

When your business brings a project to the Lambs Farm Contract Packaging and Assembly center you can expect precise workmanship and a dedication to quality. Our workforce, job coaches, and supervisory staff make sure each project adheres to the highest industry standards. Quality service at a competitive price is a simple goal, but it is a goal we are proud to achieve.

IMPECCABLE SERVICE

Our trained work force and impeccable service have made us a leader in the field of packaging and assembly. Our personal support, dedication, and commitment to quality make us your source to meet your business's production needs.

A COMMUNAL WORKSPACE

Our employees work in a clean, safe, communal workspace, because at Lambs Farm Contract Packaging and Assembly we believe that efficiency and quality are the byproduct of a happy and healthy workforce.

OUR SPECIALTIES:

PRODUCTION SERVICES

- Hand Assembly
- Disassembly
- Collating
- Sealing
- Bagging
- Packing
- Sorting
- Stuffing
- Heat Sealing
- Labeling
- Heat Shrinking
- Laundry

MAILING SERVICES

- Label Application
- Folding
- Sealing
- Collating
- Stuffing

Social and Recreational

Social and Recreational services at Lambs Farm focus on helping those served learn daily living skills, physical wellness and the development of lifelong interests.

Recreation: Many Program Participants take part in individual and team sports as well as training for the Special Olympics. The Founders Building, located on the Lambs Farm campus, holds a regulation-size gymnasium and physical fitness center. The “Healthy Lambs” and “Healthwise” programs encourage Participants to form good exercise and nutrition habits.

QUEST Day Program: The QUEST Day Program provides opportunities for Program Participants to pursue their personal goals with classes centering on daily living skills, social issues, work skills and hobbies.

Activities: A wide variety of social activities are offered through the QUEST Day Program and other areas at Lambs Farm, including special interest clubs and group outings. Activities include choir, hobby clubs, camping and field trips.

Discover Lambs Farm

businesses & attractions

Farmyard, Attractions & Field Trips

Fun for the whole family, the Farmyard features a petting area with sheep and goats. Enjoy a variety of attractions like mini-golf, a mini-train ride, cow bounce house and an Old World carousel. Hours: 10:00am to 5:00pm daily.



Pet Shop

Housed in our turn-of-the-century barn, The Pet Shop features a wide selection of pets, supplies and gifts. The perfect pet is waiting for you! Hours: 10:00am to 5:00pm daily. Puppy and kitten viewing 10:00am to 4:30pm daily.



Country Inn Restaurant

Relax and enjoy a hearty, country-style meal, served by our attentive staff, in the charming setting of our updated restaurant. Or, have The Lunch Crew (TLC) bring lunch to your business. Hours: Monday - Thursday 11:00am - 3:00pm, Friday 11:00am - 9:00pm, Saturday 8:00am - 9:00pm, Sunday 8:00am - 3:00pm



Corporate Events, Picnics, Weddings, Birthday Parties, Family Reunions...

We are centrally located and available with full service catering for all of your meeting, event and banquet needs, whether large or small. Our outdoor lakeside pavilion is the perfect setting for corporate picnics and more.

Aunt Mary's Country Store & Bakery

Stop by Aunt Mary's for products made fresh on the farm, including jams, sauces, chocolates and baked goods. Treat yourself to a hand-dipped ice cream creation! Aunt Mary's also specializes in wholesale production with a complete food manufacturing and packaging facility. Hours: 10:00am to 5:00pm daily.



Thrift Shop

You never know what treasure is waiting for you at a bargain price at our Thrift Shop! A wide variety of new and used merchandise arrives daily. Hours: 10:00am to 5:00pm Tuesday through Sunday. Closed Monday.



Vocational Work Center

Located less than a mile from Lambs Farm, the Vocational Work Center places an emphasis on handwork when completing assembly and packaging jobs for local businesses. We can help meet your production needs!

Farmyard, Attractions & Field Trips

fun for all

Family Fun for Everyone Just 35 Miles North of Chicago!

Hours: 10am to 5pm, daily March - October
Weekends in March, Daily beginning March 21

Spend a day in the country-casual and friendly atmosphere of Lambs Farm! Red barn buildings, white fences and friendly faces offer a hearty welcome to visitors, old and young alike. Discover the many enjoyable pastimes of the Farmyard and Attractions area of Lambs Farm. Follow our paved walkways through the Farmyard, viewing farm animals. Stop at the small animal display for an up-close and personal moment with a variety of animals. Find out just how soft a rabbit feels or what it's like to pet a chicken. The Discovery Center reveals farm secrets such as the difference between straw and hay...which one do the animals eat and which one do they sleep on? Step into our Petting Area and mingle with sheep, lambs, goats and kids. Complete your day of fun by sampling our other attractions. Tee off on the 18-hole Miniature Golf course or enjoy our Miniature Train ride, Old World Carousel and Cow Bounce House.

Season Memberships

Season memberships are available for individuals or families. Farmyard Season Membership allows unlimited entrance to the Farmyard, Petting Area and Discovery Center. Farmyard & Attractions Season Membership allows unlimited entrance to the Farmyard, Petting Area and Discovery Center, as well as unlimited rides on our Miniature Train and Carousel and unlimited games of Miniature Golf. Membership valid April through October.

[Click here](#) for more information and to order your membership.

Group Visits and Field Trips

Groups of all ages and sizes are invited to visit Lambs Farm. Schools, churches, day care centers, scout troops, summer camps and adult care facilities can schedule visits in advance and receive special rates and packages.

[Click here](#) for more information and to make a reservation.

Farmyard Daily Prices

Individual Attractions

Farmyard (2 yrs. to adult)	\$5.00
Miniature Train Ride (2 yrs. to adult)	\$3.00
Carousel (1 yr. to 12 yrs.)	\$2.00
Miniature Golf (2 yrs. to adult)	\$4.00
Cow Bounce House (2 yrs. to 12 yrs.)	\$2.00

Day Pass

Adult	\$6.00
Child (2 yrs. to 12 yrs.)	\$12.00

Day Pass includes one day unlimited entrance to the Farmyard, Petting Area and Discovery Center as well as unlimited rides on the Miniature Train, Carousel, Bounce House and unlimited games of Miniature Golf.