

Peckham Farm Planting Begins



Peckham has officially launched its newest venture, Peckham Farms. The 80 acre farm sits on land near the new Watertown Warehouse, (see article below), with planting taking place in several stages. In its first phase, Peckham will

use approximately seven acres of the land to plant various fruits and vegetables. The rest of the land will be rented to a local farmer in the Lansing area until Peckham's use of the land expands.

Under the supervision of Farm Manager, Dennis Kurc, Peckham staff and clients have been busy tilling the soil, planting crops, and soon will be constructing hoop houses to extend the growing season and increase the quality of crops. Currently, nearly 3.5 acres have been planted with fruits and vegetables, including raspberries, and a variety of strawberries, tomatoes and peppers. A

wide selection of vegetables such as sweet corn, broccoli, zucchini, edemame, pak choi and much more will be grown year round.

In July, the construction of a two-story, traditional Gambrel barn, built by Lansing company, Laux Construction will begin. The barn will include an office, restroom with shower, break and locker area, storage space for equipment and minimal food processing capability.

"The Peckham Farm project will provide additional career opportunities for people with disabilities and other barriers in the local farming industry," said Mitchell Tomlinson, President & CEO. "The farm will provide an avenue for those we serve to gain skills in marketing, management and horticulture, while offering the resources to grow, buy and sell fresh produce."

Initially, food grown on the farm will supply Peckham's in-house kitchen operation, which serves nearly 1,000 meals a day. Future plans include the potential development of a farm market, to sell fresh, local, high quality fruits and



vegetables to local businesses and restaurants.

"Many studies have shown the link between disability and poverty, and the limited ability for this population to access freshly grown fruits and vegetables," said Tomlinson. "In addition to job opportunities, we hope to provide a resource for making healthier foods more affordable and accessible."

Peckham also provides nearly 100 community garden plots to clients and staff who grow their own fruits, vegetables and flowers. Accessible and raised beds are available to offer persons with physical disabilities the ability to maintain their gardens independently.

Peckham Farms is supported by a horticultural endowment fund through the Peckham Community Partnership Foundation. To receive updates or see photos of the project, follow "PeckhamInc" on Twitter, or become a fan on Facebook.



Colonel Visits Peckham's New Watertown Warehouse

Colonel Jeanne Hardrath (photo right) visited Peckham, Inc. on June 13, 2011, to tour its current manufacturing and supply chain solutions facilities. During her visit, Hardrath met with Peckham clients and staff and shared remarks during the opening of its new warehouse, in appreciation for the work Peckham provides for the DLA Troop Support.



The Watertown Warehouse will be a LEED certified warehouse, one of only a dozen in the nation. The new warehouse is more than 250,000 square feet, allowing for increased capacity yet has a smaller footprint than its current location.

It features natural light, automatic and low flow water fixtures and a wellness room with equipment that has electronic readouts powered by people and not electricity. The warehouse has a unique lighting system, that turns on and off according to occupancy.

More than 30% of the materials in the building contain recycled content, including steel, carpet, insulation, ceiling tiles, and concrete. Workstations use much less material than traditional office systems, significantly reducing environmental impact. Contractors worked hard to incorporate as much recycled material as possible. The parking lot grading was recycled pavement from Michigan Interstate-69 construction.

Other features include an Internet Café. Peckham provides technology to clients and encourages them to become fully engaged in the digital world. The Internet Café offers access to three computers with internet access for clients to check e-mail, conduct on-line research, find community resources and look for community employment.



(Pictured L to R): Senior Vice President and Director of Marketing Karen Jury; Tom Holtz, Chief, Navy Recruit Cell, Customer Operations Division; Director, Clothing and Textiles DLA Troop Support, Colonel Jeanne Hardrath; Peckham Logistics Operation Manager, Tom Minich and Peckham President & CEO, Mitch Tomlinson.

Best-selling Author Wes Moore Speaks

In April, New York Times best-selling author, Wes Moore spoke to more than 600 Peckham clients, staff, and Lansing community members as part of the Peckham Community Partnership Foundation's Speaker Series.

In his book, "The Other Wes Moore" Moore parallels his life to a man who grew up in the same poor neighborhood, shared the same name and seemingly same fate, and uncovers how the importance of parents and mentors can dramatically impact the course of one's fate.

He shared his personal story of a troubled childhood- growing up around violence and drugs, running away from military school and losing his father at a young age. Despite his circumstances, and with the influence of family and mentors, Moore turned his life around and went on to become a widely successful individual- a captain in the U.S. Army serving in Afghanistan, a Rhodes Scholar, White House fellow and accomplished investment professional.

Moore's powerful story of personal responsibility, persistence and taking advantage of opportunities, resonated with the audience, and hit home with youth from Peckham's Crossroads program, who participated in a break-out session.

"It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to sit and talk one-on-one with Wes," said Sarah Britton, Youth Programs Manager. "They were able not only to relate to Wes because he grew up in similar circumstances, but they were also inspired by him because of the things he has been able to accomplish in his life. He was a great reminder of how one decision, good or bad, can change your life."

The next Speaker Series will feature Academy Award Winning Actress Patty Duke on October 12, 2011 who will share her story on living with mental illness. Email events@peckham.org to reserve your complimentary seat!



Peckham Highlights

Peckham Partners win NISH award at May Conference

In May, Peckham nominated two of its government partners, who were recipients of the AbilityOne Government awards for outstanding support to the AbilityOne Program. AbilityOne is the largest employer of people who are blind or have significant disabilities in the U.S.

Recipients received their awards during the NISH Annual Training and Achievement Conference in Orlando, FL on May 25. The Government Award for Products was given to Rosemary Lomba in recognition of her work for the U.S. Marine Corps through the Combat Clothing & Equipment Team, U.S. Army Soldier RD&E Center in Natick, Mass. Lomba's work with AbilityOne contractors resulted in the creation of more than 800 jobs for people with significant disabilities.

The Government Award for State/Local Officials was given to Rosanne Renauer, District Manager for Michigan Rehabilitation Services. Renauer is a dedicated advocate for people with disabilities, working closely with Peckham to help place clients in competitive jobs throughout the greater Lansing area.

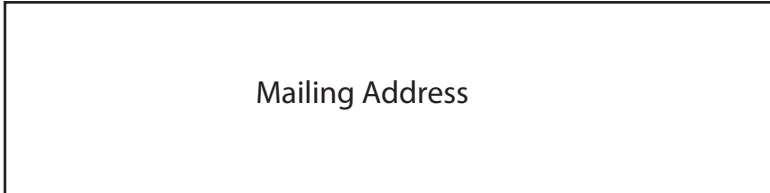
Art from the Heart Partners with MSU Engineering Design Project

Peckham's Art from the Heart program has been selected as a sponsor for the Capstone Design Project through the Michigan State University College of Engineering. In the fall, senior students in MSU's engineering program will spend the semester developing a solution to install the Art@Work mural on a 200x40 foot wall in its main facility.

Students will work under the MSU Mechanical Engineering (ME) Design program coordinated by Professor Clark Radcliffe and advised by a team including an ME faculty member, MSU Residential College in Arts and Humanities (RCAH) Program Director Guillermo Delgado, Peckham Art Program Director Sue McGuire and Peckham Facilities Manager Nate VanderLaan. Art@Work is a collaborative project between Peckham's Art from the Heart program and MSU's RCAH.



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STORIES THAT IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY

JUNE 2011

Peckham Receives CARF Certification

Peckham, Inc. has achieved a three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). Peckham has maintained this international accreditation since 1976.

"The bottom line is that persons served are treated with utmost dignity and respect."

- CARF Surveyors 2011

This accreditation represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows Peckham's overwhelming compliance with standards established by CARF. An organization receiving a three-year accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable and accountable.

CARF Surveyors made note of several areas including Peckham's expertise in assistive technology, its commitment to clients and staff, advocacy efforts, quality of services and overall culture.

As documented in the executive summary, "The transparency of the organization and its sterling reputation in the community are reflective of a 21st century management style and the expectation that persons served are first and foremost in the whole scheme of things."

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PECKHAM FARMS

Peckham purchased 80 acres of land to begin its farm project



NEW WAREHOUSE

Peckham prepares to move into its new 250,000 sq. ft warehouse

MISSION

Peckham, Inc., a nonprofit community vocational rehabilitation organization, is a unique business and human services agency that values quality, diversity and performance. Our mission is to provide a wide range of opportunities to maximize human potential for persons striving for greater independence and self-sufficiency. We embrace collaboration, effective resource management and innovative approaches to achieve world-class excellence.

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Outcomes for the Quarter

A total of 5,838 individuals were served during the first quarter through Peckham's 36 programs.

All programs combined obtained an average of 99.63% of goals for the quarter using a client-driven outcome measurement system.

A total of 613 client satisfaction surveys earned an average rating of 4.41 on a scale of 1 to 5. Surveys provide an additional measurement tool for satisfaction and input.

During the quarter, 285 competitive community placements were obtained.

Peckham 17th Annual Golf Outing Raises \$130K in Sponsorships

On June 14, the 17th annual golf outing welcomed nearly 400 golfers, and more than 100 sponsors to raise funds for services and programs supported by the Peckham Community Partnership Foundation. The outing exceeded its goal of raising \$130,000 in sponsorships, and continues to rank among one of Lansing's largest golf outings, filling both Eagle Eye and Hawk Hollow Golf Courses in Bath, MI.

Each donor's commitment to the event allows Peckham to expand its reach and prepare clients with the training and resources needed to accomplish their goals. Peckham appreciates the generosity of each of its sponsors and the dedication to ensure those served have the opportunity to achieve.

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Peckham Upcoming Events



July 16, 2011
Peckham Community Partnership Foundation Third Annual Ability Tour Peckham, Inc.

Register Today!
www.abilitytour.org



October 12, 2011
Peckham Community Partnership Foundation Speaker Series Presents Patty Duke

Join us as Patty shares her story of living with mental illness

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