



Strong  
Family  
2024  
2025 Farm

A N N U A L R E P O R T

## About Strong Family Farm

Strong Family Farm, Inc. (SFF), is a private non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Formed in 2013, the purpose of creating the organization was, and is to take responsible ownership of the historic Strong family's farm with the goal of preservation of Vernon's historic family farm and pastures and promote agricultural and local historic education for all the community to experience in the present and the future.

### OUR MISSION:

Our mission is to provide a historic agricultural learning center where children, families, individuals and community groups can experience an authentic family farm environment.

### OUR VISION:

Our vision is to provide the community with a place to go that:

- ▶ preserves the area's rich farming tradition
- ▶ educates all about agriculture, and
- ▶ provides for families to meet and embrace farming life tradition

A place that will be not only as learning tool, but also to:

- ▶ rekindle fond memories for older generations,
- ▶ interests everyone who visits, and
- ▶ inspire children with the experience of farming life.

The farm will preserve agricultural tradition and create a space for memories to be made, while preserving and enhancing the character of the historic Strong Family Homestead.





# A Word From Our President

*Dear Fans and Supporters of Strong Family Farm,*

**W**elcome to our Annual Report. The Strong Family Farm has completed another year of successful programs revolving around our mission: “To provide a historic agricultural learning center where children, families, individuals and community groups can experience an authentic family farm environment”. This continued success is mainly because of you; our members, friends, and volunteers.

We have over 150 annual volunteers that contribute to the Strong Family Farm in so many ways. Notice the new beds for our Raised Bed Garden program? This was accomplished thanks to a grant from the Sustainable CT Community Match Fund. We reached our goal with 50 people contributing to the project.

Our Annual Harvest Festival and Craft Fair drew over 1,500 guests this past year. It was an amazing event but could not have been accomplished without our wonderful team of volunteers. The same is true for our annual Chicken Run. Volunteers help with the set-up; staff the food, sign up, and information tables; and give out the prizes at the end of the race. We are so grateful for our volunteers.

Other successful programs this past year include the Backyard Chicken Class, our partnership with Mon Soleil Market Garden & CSA, and the Sunday Fun-Day Programs. The chickens are a learning experience for the children enrolled and an attraction for every

guest. Strong Family Farm is a pickup location for the Mon Soleil CSA, which provides fresh local produce for its’ clients. The Sunday Fun-Day programs are well received and attracting more and more families to the farm every week.

Once again, the Strong Family Farm Stand is open and providing fresh vegetables along with many new CT grown and made products. Since reclaiming management of the Farm Stand in 2024, sales are up over 18% with many positive comments from our guests. Please stop in when you can and try some of our new products.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their participation and hard work throughout the year. They too are volunteers, and under the guidance and vision of Nancy Strong spend many hours trying to maintain and offer programs that will attract new guests while preserving and enhancing the character of the historic Strong Family Farm.

Again, thanks to all of our members, friends, and volunteers for another great year at the Strong Family Farm. We have many opportunities for people to volunteer for programs or committees during the upcoming year. Please consider it and help make 2025/2026 even better than this year.

*Bruce Pfalzgraf*  
**PRESIDENT,  
STRONG FAMILY FARM  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



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# The 2024-2025 Year in Review

*Programs and activities from this past year include:*

## Strong Farm Designated a Vernon Historic Property!

**A**t the December Vernon Town Counsel meeting, it was voted to approve the recommendation of Vernon's Local Historic Properties Commission to designate the Strong farm as a Historic Property in the Town of Vernon and added to the Town's Code of Ordinances. This was an extensive study of the farm and we want to thank all involved.

## A Guide to SFF's Future

**T**he Strategic Plan for 2025-29 was finalized and adopted by the Board of Directors at the January meeting. This document will serve as our guide in the years to come. Many thanks to Wendy Wanchak for all her hard work.

as well as Vernon CERT and Police Explorers for making our runners safe.

## FARM STAND

Deborah Winicki worked hard as our new farm stand manager last year and we greatly appreciate all her hard work! Deborah is the owner of Mon Soleil Market Garden & CSA. Deb stepped down this year as manager, but still runs the store on Thursdays. We have 2 other wonderful clerks helping out on Fridays through Sundays. The store committee worked hard and the shelves are stocked full of many new items and returning items which are only CT grown and produced.

## SCARECROW CONTEST

SFF has hosted this fun community event since 2013. There's nothing like seeing

## Programs/Activities:

### SUNDAY FUN-DAYS AT THE FARM

Katie Riordan Napolitan, Program Director, has put together a summer full of fun activities for all to visit and enjoy the farm. Visitors of all ages love the scavenger hunt she developed to take visitors of all ages all

over the farm to have fun learning about the farm's history. Katie and the Programs committee work hard to bring a variety of different farm themed programs free to all to enjoy the farm and support our mission.

### CHICKEN RUN

The 12th Annual Chicken Run and Walk was

a success again on May 18th, when we welcomed 127 runners and walkers of all ages at the starting lines. Spectators and cheering squads included and the 38 volunteers, there were well over 200 people at the farm for the event! We want to thank all our sponsors for making this one of our most successful races to date,

## HARVEST FESTIVAL 2025

“My grandsons had such a great time! They're already planning next year's scarecrow!”

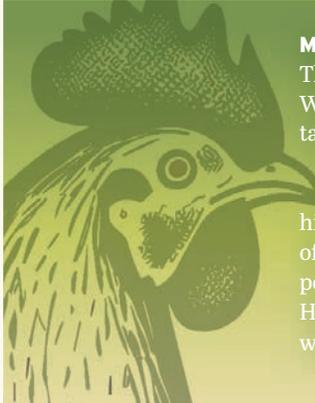
~ PAULINE M.





## Fixtures on the Farm

### A Peak into the Near Future:



#### Museum Area

Thanks to Wendy Wanchak and the Heritage Committee for pushing to get a planning grant to start the historical museum part of the farm. This is a competitive grant from CT Humanities in which we will pursue in the fall.

ing" the volunteers, Loyd Johnson for being in charge of parking, Bruce Pfalzgraf for overseeing the whole day and Wendy Wanchak for all the fun kids activities - just to name a few!

#### GRANTS

**Good to Great** The bid is in and construction will start in the next fiscal year for a certificate of occupancy for the barn and to create a restroom while keeping the history of the farm's woodshed/privy. A huge thanks to Robert Hurd, architect, for all his work and for all that have supported this project.

**Sustainable CT** award for the new raised beds is a success story because of all the hard work of our Assistant Director Erika Phillips. (See page 6.)

**Constellation Energy Community Champion** grant was awarded to help support the visiting animals on the farm.

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**MEMORIAL ORCHARD** We picked a bushel of wonderful yellow plums off an orchard tree! Others didn't have fruit, but neighborhood critters enjoyed them. Kip Kolesinkas, who serves as the Land Conservation Specialist, UConn Extension Solid Ground Program, took soil samples and consulted on the better placement for the future.

#### FENCE POST MEMORIALS

Take a stroll and see the names that our neighbors and friends have placed on plaques to honor or remember special people. Posts are all filled, but some rails remain to be adopted. A thank you goes to Roger Barker and Wendy Wanchak for replacing the broken fence posts this past year.

#### STRONG FAMILY FARM

**"PASTURES"** Hytone Farm continues to lease our pastures for prime agricultural use. They are good stewards of the soil; we appreciate all the extra work they do on the fields to maintain them. We also appreciate Bob Arthur for his hard work maintaining the walking paths.

#### THE CIVIL WAR ERA RED BARN

Located on Route 30 across from Vernon Center Middle School, Strong Family Farm is whittling away the long list of repairs. With a new roof and foundation, next to tackle will be siding, painting, and replacing and repairing windows.

our community's creativity each October with at least 19 scarecrows surrounding the farm fence line. Many have become competitive for the blue ribbons. Thank you to all and looking forward to another year.

#### HARVEST FESTIVAL & CRAFT FAIR

A perfect fall day for the festival this year! Fall colors surrounded the farm as more than 1,000 people attended and enjoyed the

festival and craft fair. Some highlights: Aussakita Acres Farm's barnyard petting zoo, the Chicken Parade saying goodbye to our chickens, the needle in the haystack silo, Clucky T. Rooster and friends, to name a few! Many hours go into organizing this event and many thanks to all the volunteers that helped, especially Ann Johnson for organizing all the crafters, food trucks, music, and set up, Erika Phillips for "herd-





## SFF: We're Part of the Community



### Educational Programs:

#### BACKYARD CHICKENS

Many thanks to Lori Sanchez, SFF's "author in residence"/chicken expert and Josie Carmicheal, who has been with us from the beginning, for running this wonderful program again this year. Families learn how to raise chickens on alternating Wednesdays, until we bid them farewell at the Harvest Festival in a Chicken Parade. They always go to a good farm to be egg layers.

#### RAISED BED GARDENING

Erika Phillips is coordinating the program again this year, and Vicki DeLeo, Deborah Winicki, and Karl Hasel have returned as mentors. It was a successful 2024 growing season for all the gardeners and all enjoyed. Many experimented with new items - mini corn in the raised beds and giant marigolds in one of the ground beds.

#### THE BEES

Walt Moody had great hopes

that the hives would survive the winter. There are many reasons they didn't, especially, sudden weather temperature changes. We started late in 2025 due to a shipping accident, but the bees are buzzing and sucking up a daily quart of sugar water.

### Educational Partnerships:

**Civil War Day Camp** Sadly, this wonderful program was rained out this year. There were many disappointed "soldiers", but they will try again in 2026.

**CT KIDS CLUB Summer Camp** This is our fourth summer partnering with Priscilla Cruz, owner of CT Kids Club, to run our farm-focused summer camp. Each week has a new farm theme offering fun, hands-on learning for ages 5 - 9.

**ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL** RHS Agricultural Science Technology Education program students continue to

volunteer on the farm as part of their school requirements. Five students help us in so many aspects, from program assistance to farm maintenance. This year's graduates are: Emma Skidgel, Maureen Mensah, and Chayton Gonzalez. Congratulations to all!!!

#### 4-H MEETINGS HOST SITE

SFF hosts the Hop-A-Long Gang 4-H Club under the excellent direction of Esther Machnik. In exchange, the club supports us in many farm activities, such as the "Bunny Tea Party", our volunteer work days and events. They are the BEST helpers!

#### FIELD TRIPS

Vernon Summer Camp, a Cub Scout troop and a Girl Scout Daisy troop visited us and had a tour of the farm and fun learning activities. Many thanks to our volunteers that helped provide the kids with educational and fun farm activities.

### SFF Off The Farm

*This year we were at:*

National Night Out

Maple St. School Career Day

The Belding Wildlife Management Area for the 3rd Grade field trips

Vernon Senior Center Volunteer Fair

Vernon Healthfest

The RHS guidance office's Community Opportunity Fairs

Vernon Farmers Market

Rockville Public Library Earth Day and the Ready Set School Fair

The Ready Set School Fair

We are also active members of Vernon Volunteers Collaborative along with 13 other Vernon non-profits creating greater impact together.

Follow us to find out more on our website, newsletter, and social media.





## New Raised Bed Gardens

*Thanks to Sustainable CT and our donors, we are ready for SFF gardeners!*

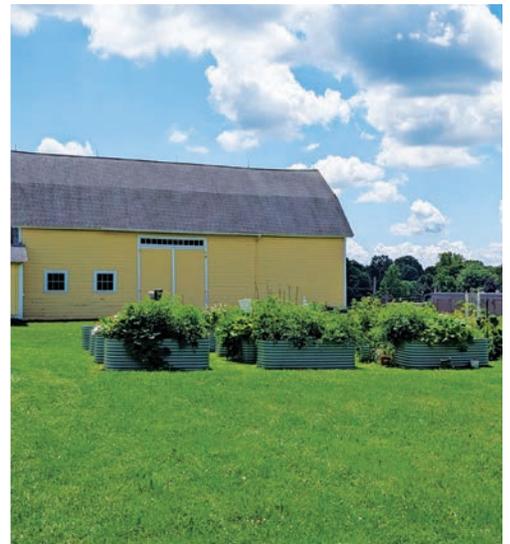
**A**fter many years in the elements, the wooden raised beds were in need of replacement. Through the Sustainable CT's Community Match Fund which supports sustainability projects like community gardens, we were able to secure 12 new metal raised beds. We met our goal set forth by Sustainable CT – both in the number of donors and the contributions.

The crowdfunding support needed was for \$4,205. The fundraiser was a success! With 50 different people donating by April 4th, WE DID IT! Thank you to all our supporters, in-

cluding the Lymans of the North who sponsored the project.

April 15th was Work Day – the new raised beds were in and going up!

The beds arrived and many volunteer hours went into taking down the old tall beds that were relocated to the ground and putting thousands of nuts and bolts together to make the new beds and filling them up to get them ready for our gardeners. This year was offered free to all on a first come, first serve registration. All were spoken for quickly. Check them out!!! They are doing amazing!!!



### SFF BIG NUMBERS

**\$4,205**

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### SFF Big Numbers



# 1,000+

VISITORS TO  
HARVEST FESTIVAL  
IN 2024



# 147

YEARS OF STRONG  
FAMILY FARM



# 900

PEOPLE ENJOYED  
SUNDAY FUN DAYS AT  
THE FARM IN 2024



# 200+

PEOPLE AT SFF FOR  
12TH ANNUAL CHICKEN RUN

## 2024-2025 Board of Directors

**S**FF is ever grateful to have a wonderful team of dedicated volunteers who serve on our Board of Directors. Board members invest countless hours to see our mission carried through, and many serve on one or more of our committees, such as the Finance Committee, Programming Committee, Building/Grounds Committee, Garden Committee, Store Committee, Marketing/Public Relations Committee, and Fundraising Committee. If you are interested in joining any of these committees, [email info@strongfarm.org](mailto:info@strongfarm.org) for more details.

### Board of Directors

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“Established in 1878, and lovingly preserved as the last historic family-run farm in town, it’s part farm stand, part outdoor classroom, and all heart.

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# 2025 Sponsors

Special thanks to all who helped make 2024-2025 a success!

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**T**hank you to all of our 2025 sponsors! Their generous donations help us at Strong Family Farm keep our barn doors open to the public.

And a very special thank you to ProHealth Chiropractic Center for signing on as our Barn Raiser sponsor again this year!

We are so thankful that these local businesses answered when we asked. We couldn't be this successful without them!

### Become a Sponsor!

For more information on how you can become a SFF sponsor now or in the future, email Erika Phillips at: [info@strongfarm.org](mailto:info@strongfarm.org).

In-kind donations are welcomed!



### SUPPORTING SFF

“We really love supporting the farm. Vernon is so lucky to have such a treasure as part of our community. We are definitely looking forward to making many memories in the future!”

~ JENNIFER H.





# Volunteers

*Thank you to our amazing 2024-2025 volunteers*

**W**e truly are an organization that runs on volunteers! They don't just enrich our organization - they are the very heart of Strong Family Farm. We work hard here, there is always lots to do: lots of programming to plan, weeds to pull, events to organize, funds to raise. But there is also lots of fun here! Getting together for our common goals and interests, whether in the Volunteer Center in the garage, Nancy Strong's dining room, or out working around the garden beds, we get so much done and have such fun doing it! Seeing so many of our friends and neighbors use their skills and give their time and energy to SFF is so unbelievably heartwarming. We appreciate our volunteers more than we could ever adequately express.



## VOLUNTEER IMPACT

*Here are some of the ways volunteers made an impact this year:*

**Board of Directors · Farm committees (eg. Heritage, Programs, Finance, etc) Helping with crafts on Sunday Fun-Days · Weeding · Painting · Maintaining fences Graphic design · Hanging flyers · Photography · Talking with visitors & taking notes · Assisting with summer camp · Building garden beds · Sweeping out the barn · Cleaning the farm stand · Giving demonstrations (eg, canning, local pollinators, spinning fiber) · Maintaining compost · Mentoring gardeners & pastures · Directing parking · Passing out snacks/water at Chicken Run**

*There are so many different ways our volunteers have helped, and each and every way has helped us move forward!*

## Join the SFF Volunteers!

*Three times a year SFF holds Work Days for volunteers to gather at the farm and work as a team to clean up and prep for our major events. We get together in April for a spring clean up, in May on the Saturday before the Chicken Run, and in October on the weekend prior to the Harvest Festival. We accomplish so much more when we work as a group! And have so much more fun! If you think you could attend a Work Day or would like more information, please reach out to Erika Phillips at [info@strongfarm.org](mailto:info@strongfarm.org).*

## SFF BIG NUMBERS

**150** “We have over 150 annual volunteers that contribute to the Strong Family Farm in so many ways.”

~ BRUCE PFALZGRAF, PRESIDENT, SFF BOARD OF DIRECTORS





# Volunteers

*Special Thanks to all who helped make 2024-2025 a success!*

## A Special Thanks To:

**Dr. David Emery and Brian Rice**, two members of our Board of Directors that have served and supported us in so many different ways, are stepping down. Their input and help have been invaluable over the past years and they will be sorely missed. Both support the farm and our mission and will continue to offer help in the future.

A special goodbye and good luck to our 3 Rockville High School AgEd students that have graduated this year.

Best of luck and thanks to **Emma Skidgel, Chayton Gonzalez and Maureen Mensah**. As with all of our past AgEd students, we will miss you!!!

## Thanks to Our Faithful Volunteers

- All the SFF Board of Directors
- Programs Committee
- Michalina Pietras, CPA
- Lori Sanchez, author in residence
- Josie Carmichael
- Jon Roe & Vernon Volunteers Collaborative
- Vernon Historical Society
- Roger Barker
- Theona Wheelock
- Jacquie Roraback
- Erika Phillips
- Vicki Deleo, Master Gardener
- Robert Hurd, architect
- Walt Moody, apiarist
- All of the SFF RHS AgEd students
- Richard & Claudia Steele
- Loyd and Lynn Johnson
- Nick and Donny West,
- tractor specialists
- Robert Arthur for clearing our paths
- Karl Hasel
- Beth Quinby Andresen
- Cynthia Ferguson
- Ann Johnson
- Nina Ovrbyn Design For this annual report
- here to help!)
- RHS AgEd Department & Students
- Aussakita Acres Farm
- Hytone Farm
- Mon Soleil Market Garden

### OUR FARMER FRIENDS

- Hop-A-Long Gang 4-H Club (Always

### SFF PHOTOGRAPHERS

- Andre Garant
- Scott Reed
- Mike Nelson
- Community Voice Channel

“I just wanted to . . . thank you all for coming to the community service fair at RHS yesterday! It's always so wonderful to see the community come together to support our amazing youth in Vernon! .”





“I am humbled by all the support given to preserve the farm and my family’s legacy over the past 12 years. I truly believe that when you are doing something good, amazing things comes from it.”

- NANCY STRONG

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(Hartford office) for helping  
us print this annual report.



# 2024-2025 Members & Contributors

**A** special thank you to all that made direct gifts to SFF from their IRA required minimum distributions and also, for remembering us in their will! We recommend discussing these opportunities with a tax or financial professional to support the causes you care about and it is a great way to support the farm and preserve it for future generations. Also, to all those who donation through their employers for matching donations!

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## PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE



“Conserving farmland isn’t just about soil and crops. It’s about honoring the past, sustaining the present, and planting something for the future.”

~ ELISABETH MOORE, EXEC. DIRECTOR, CT FARMLAND TRUST



\*Deceased/Dissolved



# In Memoriam

*This year we lost five members of our Strong Family Farm, Inc. family*

## Miriam Epstein



**W**hat a lady! To know Miriam was to love her. When Miriam and her husband Howard came to the farm stand for the first time, they fell in love with the farm and what Nancy was doing with preserving it. They instantly became friends with Nancy and fans of the farm, loving the chickens and all the programs. During the winter they put all their loose change into a jar for a “chicken feed” donations, as well as save canning jars and other items that she thought the farm could use. Miriam was the founder of the nonprofit Books to Dreams, Inc. who’s logo included her words: “Just like

the butterfly we all go through many changes before we are free to fly.” I’m sure she is flying free here at the farm checking on us.

## Gordon Gibson



**L**osing his father at a young age and growing up just up the street from the farm, Gordon always said that Norman was like a father to him. Gordon was in Norman’s dairy 4-H Club, a fellow Vernon Grange member from the age of 16 and part of the Strong family sharing many meals and picnics together. Gordon served as Vice President of Strong Family Farm from 2015-2018. Being one of the founders of CT Farmland Trust, he supported the

preservation of the Strong’s pastures in agricultural easements. He always lobbied at the State Capitol for the good of agriculture and had a wealth of knowledge on so many topics. They say when a man dies, a library burns. It surely did when Gordon passed; he is sorely missed.

## Paul Margeloney



**Y**ou might have seen Paul at the farm at many of our Harvest Festivals. Paul LOVED old farm tools, as well as so many old artifacts. He attended many events on the farm, but his favorite was when he could bring his farm tools and talk about them all. Paul was a true friend to the farm in so

many ways and is definitely missed.

## Eileen Phelps



**E**ileen and her husband Richard have supported the farm from the beginning. Avid CERT volunteers, she was at every Chicken Run making sure our runners were safe and at our Harvest Festivals. Her smile and words of encouragement will always be remembered at the farm.

## Dick Quinby



**W**orking with Norman Strong at the farm

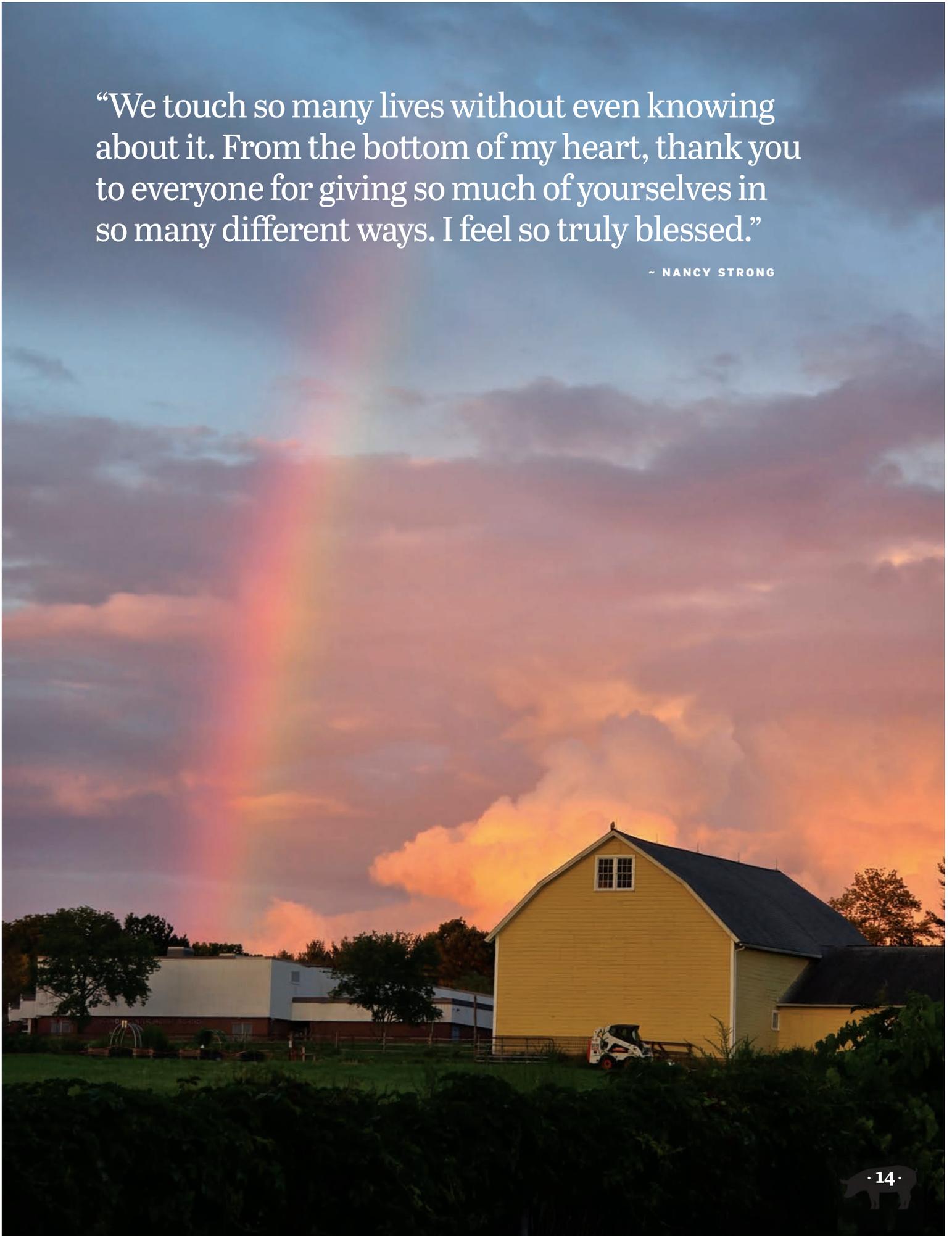
and by his side at the Vernon Fire Department and other agricultural organizations, Dick was a true friend to all the Strong family. Dick was the farm’s artificial inseminator for many years and lived next to the farm on Peterson Road with his wife Barbara and children, Beth and Richard. After retiring and moving on to many retirement adventures, both he and Barbara always kept in touch. He would help out at the farm when he could with a smile and a story. He truly cared about the Strong family and the farm. When he saw it being preserved forever as a nonprofit agricultural learning center, he was right there supporting it. He is truly missed. We know that Dick is smiling down standing by Norman and Morgan Strong’s side seeing all the good things happening here.

TRUE FRIENDS TO SFF

**Their smiles and words of encouragement will always be remembered.**

“We touch so many lives without even knowing about it. From the bottom of my heart, thank you to everyone for giving so much of yourselves in so many different ways. I feel so truly blessed.”

~ NANCY STRONG





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PART OF THE COMMUNITY

“My favorite thing I learned from you was that your brother took over from your dad and you took over from your brother.”

~ KIMBERLY, STUDENT AT MAPLE STREET SCHOOL  
ON A VISIT FROM NANCY STRONG

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