

DISMAS House

Celebrating 10 Years on the Farm!

Four Easy Ways You Can Help Support the Farm

- 1 Consider joining our CSA. For 20 weeks, from mid-June through mid-October, receive a weekly share of the best produce the farm has to offer. For more information, visit www.dismasisfamily.org/csa
- 2 Come visit us at the Westborough Farmers' Market, Thursdays, June—September, 12—5 PM in beautiful downtown Westborough.
- 3 Or come see us at the Canal District Farmers' Market, Saturdays, year round, 9 AM—12 PM at the Crompton Collective in Worcester.
- 4 Or better yet, come visit us! Join us at our annual fun-filled events to support the farm, the Barn Dance, on June 1st, and the Fall Harvest Festival, on October 5th. More details inside!



Ten years? It seems like just yesterday that we opened the doors of the Dismas Family Farm in Oakham! The Dismas Family Farm offers vocational and rehabilitative residential services in a rural setting, and offers an alternative to our flagship Dismas House in Worcester. In these past 10 years at the farm, we have witnessed the transformative and healing power of working the land. Over 120 men have called the farm home, reconnecting with a sense of hope and purpose lost after years of homelessness, addiction, and incarceration. We are grateful for the countless volunteers and community partners who have joined us in this important work, and we continue to be humbled by the dedication of farm residents in creating a better future for themselves.



Donate online at www.dismasisfamily.org

Renovations, Renovations!

With the generous support of Charlesbank Homes, Mass Housing CCRI, the George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation, the Amelia Peabody Trust, and the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, Dismas has been able to expand housing and vocational opportunities for Dismas residents at both the Father John Brooks House in Worcester, and the Dismas Family Farm in Oakham!

Recently completed renovations at Brooks House have added a beautiful, two-bedroom apartment, expanding next-step, permanent housing resources for recent Dismas graduates.

Recently begun renovations at the Dismas Family Farm will add a first-floor bedroom to the house, repair the farmhouse porch, and modernize the residential kitchen. The second phase of farm renovations will add a commercial kitchen to the existing woodshop, where farm residents will learn culinary skills preparing and canning the farm's bounty!



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Spotlight on BAR None



Dismas House's civil legal support program, BAR None (Basic Advocacy for Reentry), continues its critical work under the leadership of project director Attorney Anna Rice. BAR None provides direct legal support to homeless and former offenders at their point of entry in the community through both representation and legal clinics on everything from disability benefits to stolen identity and complex family law situations. Since 2006, Anna and her team of pro bono attorneys and retired judges have helped over 800 former offenders resolve these issues so that participants can move on with their lives in a healthy and positive direction!

Save the Dates!

4th Annual
Dismas Family
Farm Barn Dance

JUNE 1st
6 - 9 PM

10th Annual
Dismas Family
Farm Fall Festival

OCTOBER 5th
12 - 4 PM



Heard Around Dismas...

Working at Dismas has been a life changing experience. The residents at the farm have taught me a lot about myself; being vulnerable is okay. The work that many of the residents put into their recovery is inspiring. I have been honored to be able to get to work with such a diverse group of individuals from all different socioeconomic standings.

-Anna McCormack, Anna Maria College intern at the Dismas Family Farm

When I first got here, I was pretty broken, my morals were shot, my judgment was askew, and I had no idea what I was going to do with the rest of my life. Being here on the farm away from the noise and distractions of the city I could repair and piece a life together with the help of all the people involved. I have a good life now. Thank you Dismas.

-Dismas Family Farm Resident



Dismas is Family!



By the Numbers

- # Dismas House, the Dismas Family Farm and the Father John Brooks House are home each year to 65 homeless and former prisoners trying to rebuild their lives.
- # Over 300 volunteers, from families, churches, and local schools, help out at Dismas programs each year.
- # The Dismas Family Farm is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2019!
- # The Dismas Family Farm grows over 50 varieties and 20,000 pounds of vegetables each year!
- # The Dismas Family Farm has 150 chickens, 20 sheep, 3 cats, and 1 glorious dog, Hobbes, pictured left.

Dismas House of Massachusetts
Post Office Box 30125
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Dismas Wish List

- ✓ New twin-sized sheets and blankets. New pillows and bath towels.
- ✓ Laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, and other cleaning supplies.
- ✓ Men's work boots, sneakers, and gardening gloves.
- ✓ Sunscreen and bug spray.
- ✓ Fuel gift cards to help with transportation costs.

Please contact us (see contact info at right) to arrange drop-off or pick-up of donations. Thank you!

Ways to Connect

- ✓ On our website at www.dismasisfamily.org
- ✓ On Facebook at 'Dismas House'
- ✓ On Instagram at '@dismashouseofma'
- ✓ On Twitter '@DismasHouse'
- ✓ By phone at (508) 799-9389 or at the farm at (508) 882-0000



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