



St. Christopher's Inn, Inc.

Residential Shelter & Substance Abuse Treatment Center

"Where Hope and Compassion Meet" since 1909

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We Grow Hope

Project Renewal and St. Christopher's Inn Collaborate on Farm Market Stand

June 16, 2009; Garrison, NY We grow hope. And vegetables and flowers. This is the goal of Renewal Farm, a social purpose enterprise run by Project Renewal, a not-for-profit organization committed to improving the lives of homeless men and women.

In collaboration with St. Christopher's Inn at Graymoor in Garrison, NY, Renewal Farm, is a six-month work-training program for 24 homeless men in recovery from substance abuse who are struggling to rebuild their lives. Organized around running an organic farm and retail business, the program trains men in marketable skills and places them in jobs and housing when they complete the program. Along with the vocation component, the men participate in St. Christopher's Inn intensive 60-day substance abuse treatment program.

In March 2008, Project Renewal partnered with St. Christopher's Inn to operate a transitional housing and vocational program for homeless men in recovery from chemical dependency and alcoholism. One of the very unique aspects of this program is the operation of a small organic farm and greenhouse on land provided by The Garrison. At Renewal Farm, the men are helped to nurture their own lives while cultivating healthy, wholesome organic greens, vegetables, herbs and flowers. While helping to operate the farm the men learn how to maintain their sobriety, develop employable skills, good work habits and obtain jobs and housing.

Now, the public is able to enjoy the wonderful organic produce grown at Renewal Farm, while supporting the men.

Each Friday, during the growing season, a farm stand will be set-up in front of the St. Christopher's Inn That-Nothing-Be-Lost Thrift Shop. The stand will be open from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm and offer a range of organically grown seasonal produce including luscious lettuce, peppery arugula, vitamin rich greens and fragrant annual and perennial herbs. As the season progresses summer squash, tomatoes, flowers and other delicious vegetable will be available.

The St. Christopher's Inn Thrift Shop is located on Route 9 in Garrison, New York. For more information, contact David Harrington, Project Renewal Program Director, at 845 335-1141 or david.harrington@projectrenewal.org.

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