In 2017 our theme was “Refining the Vision for the Next Twenty Years”. Twenty years as a farm and education center has been quite an extraordinary journey. From our infancy we have worked diligently to provide service to the planet and people. In our initial years, we struggled to build our knowledge of place and rhythm in tune with the land and seasons of Dorchester. Through our work, we learned that patience and persistence create the wealth and abundance we seek. By investing in people and place we are growing the roots that lead to fruition. For the next twenty years we plan to chart a direct course and dig deep/row hard to reach our goals as stewards of the land and communitarians.

In our 21st year, we are delighted to celebrate our accomplishments and also to embrace the challenges of the future. As we mature, we have the infrastructure and experience necessary to provide imperative support to a widening audience. By building from the backbone of the homestead on Streeter Mountain, we are weaving and evolving a role into the fabric of the region’s culture.

The Dorchester Trails initiative is in full swing. Our commitment to provide accessible recreation for residents and visitors to the area fits perfectly with our mission of providing service to the region. In addition to the increased tourist revenue, trails improve the vibrancy of our lives and health of the community.

Trails provide a portal of access to nature and exercise for skiers, hikers, bikers and snowshoers. The addition of Greg Di Santo’s expertise and work ethic as a trail builder has provided both the knowledge and tenacity to create a professional network on the property. Our trail work has already received substantial positive response from riders and the media. By partnering with Pemi Baker Mountain Bike Association members we hope to create multiple riding locations for all abilities in the area.

## 2017 Project Highlights

- Farm to School in Canaan Elementary and Russell Elementary
- 104 Chickens Adopted for CES families
- 4th Porcine Festival
- 3 Additional Core Staff
- 8 Resident Learners
- 1 Artist and Resident
- 2 International Volunteers
- Over 40 Community Food Events
- Food Preservation Workshops
- Russ Cohen Wild Edible Walk
- First NH Acorn Festival
- Araba-Lon West African Drumming
- Weekly Yoga
- Over 2322 Visitors and Guests
- 4440 Volunteer Hours
- 686 People toured D Acres
- Over 3500 Books Sold
- Plentiful apple and peach harvest
- Dorchester Trail Initiative Implementation and collaborations
- 2 Alpacas joined the farm

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The Mission of D Acres is to improve the human relationship with the rural New England landscape through farm-based research, education, values, and demonstration of sustainable farming, cooperative community, and healthy living.

In 2018 we are embarking on the next 20 years. Dunstan and his wife Ella are returning to the area. We are also hopeful to partner with a couple arriving from the mountains of North Carolina with substantial gardening experience.

Onsite we continue to grapple with our housing needs. Bree, Sawyer and Isla have moved up the road to the Dorchester Town Center and the Red house are returning to the area. We are also hopeful to partner with a couple arriving in 2018! Our trail efforts. These diverse innovations are investments that will ensure the sustainability of the people and operations at D Acres.

This coming year we hope to cultivate the possibilities of blending talented personnel as plans for a plant nursery and a food truck manifest. We also plan to cultivate a new trails project, build a bike skills area and pump track which will serve to expand our trail efforts. These diverse innovations will be investments that will ensure the sustainability of the people and operations at D Acres.

D Acres is a dynamic organization which continues to grow and serve this region. This year the costs of doing business were especially high as we invested in personnel, equipment repairs and trail construction. We work diligently to meet our costs and these innovations will be critical in meeting our needs. We greatly appreciate your support and contributions. We are always interested in potential Board and volunteer participants from the community.

D Acres is a Community Supported Non-Profit.

Your support and enthusiasm, your sharing of dishes and musical talents, your Many Hands and especially your smiling faces are what make this project possible! Thank you! We greatly appreciate your support through donations and contributions.

Before joining the staff, we maximized our capacity this growing season. The 2017 staff is a diverse blend of hard working and dedicated individuals. Maureen has formed from our homestead experiences.

The Many Hands Program we have provided an inclusive portal for support and participation at D Acres.

Upcoming Events at the Farm

**MANY HANDS PROGRAM**

Josh Trought, “Conductor”

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Our goal is to develop a K-12 curriculum which provides experiential, ecological, and sustainable place education formed from our homestead experiences.

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An Annual Appeal for Support & Participation

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Financials: Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2017

INCOME
Community Support
Individual Contributions ........................................... $16,979.74
Business ........................................................................ 1,423.69
Foundations ...................................................................... 28,050.00
In-Kind Donations .............................................................. 4,960.94
Fundraising Events ......................................................... 12,082.31
Total Community Support ................................................. $63,496.68

Agricultural Programs
General Education ......................................................... $44,206.52
Workshops & Classes ...................................................... 6,342.00
Farm Product & Ag Sales .................................................. 15,274.37
Total Agricultural/Educational Programs ......................... $65,822.89

Total Income ........................................................................ $129,319.57

EXPENSE
Personnel ........................................................................... $33,824.52
Animals ............................................................................... 4,436.62
Advertising ......................................................................... 6,949.54
Dues ..................................................................................... 1,098.86
Farm Ops ............................................................................ 30,551.55
Insurance ............................................................................ 4,889.81
Occupancy .......................................................................... 29,328.43
Prof. Fees ............................................................................. 4,534.20
Vehicles ............................................................................... 4,284.03
Equipment Repairs .............................................................. 25,955.64
Trail Construction............................................................... 13,561.44
Total Expense ..................................................................... $159,414.64

Checking Balance 12/31/17 .............................................. $26,855.60
Savings Balance 12/31/17 ................................................... $20,527.55

VOLUNTEERS
• Computer tech help
• Data entry
• Seasonal garden help
• Mechanical

KITCHEN/HOMESTEAD
• Butchering knives
• Canning jars
• Maple syrup equipment
• Sewing accessories
• Clothes drying racks
• Rain jackets & pants
• Bike pump
• Musical instruments
• Paint (latex, acrylic, oil)
• Sustainability-related reading material

GARDEN/ANIMALS
• Hay or straw
• Watering cans & hoses
• Wheel barrows
• Landscaping tools
• Leaves
• Non-glossy newspaper
• Brown cardboard
• Rhubarb plants
• Greenhouse
• Arts & Craft Supplies

BUILDING/ENERGY
• 55 gal. storage drums
• Sliding glass doors
• Metal roofing
• School bus
• Solar panels
• Water tanks
• 12 volt water pump
• Deep cycle batteries 12v
• Wood stoves
• Carriage bolts & nuts
• Woodshop & Blacksmith Tools

RECREATION and EXPLORATION
• Canoes, kayaks, oars
• Bicycles
• Snowshoes, skis

Wish List

We appreciate donations of 2nd hand goods instead of new. We try to reuse practical goods that might otherwise be landfilled, incinerated or shipped to unknown locations. Please see our Website for the comprehensive list.

Looking Ahead: 2018 Save the Dates!

January 14th
Many Hands Appreciation Luncheon:
We would like to show our gratitude and appreciation to the “many hands” that continue to be a part of the D Acres Mission. Starts at 1pm.

June 2nd
Dorchester Initiative Trail Kick Off:
Join us to kick off the D’Acres and Green Woodland mountain bike trail unveil. Bring your bike, bring your family, and be ready for a great time!

November 16-18th
Porcine Festival
We invite local farmers and foodies to D Acres to be a part of our nose-to-tail home slaughter investigation. This event is to celebrate the pig harvest and utilize the whole pig. This event will be orchestrated by expert chefs, home-butchers, and farmers.

February 14th
Valentine’s Dinner + Kids Valentine’s Dinner and Craft
An adult only dinner to share the love of food, friends, and community. There will be a kids only dinner and crafting upstairs. Bring the whole family and celebrate all kinds of love. 6pm-8pm.

July 28th
Farm Day
featuring: Musician Geoff Goodhue
Bring the family to celebrate D Acres, the animals, and the harvest. There will be music, farm tours, pig roast, plenty of farm fresh food, and good ol’ fashion farm fun! The celebration will be an all day event.