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Hinds' Feet Farm Day Program Opening

Huntersville, N.C. – On July 9, Hinds' Feet Farm will officially open its Day Program for persons living with traumatic or acquired brain injuries. The Day Program will operate for the month of July with an abbreviated schedule. The program hours are from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Hinds' Feet Farm Day Program is a paradigm shift from the traditional medical, treatment, model for people living with brain injury, to a model that embraces a holistic health and wellness orientation, empowering members toward occupation and meaning in life post injury. Created by, and for, persons living with brain injury; members actively participate throughout the entire infrastructure of the program. Hinds' Feet Farm is person-centered, member empowered, self-determined, free choice, conceptualized and driven program. Members are self governing through the fluidity of the program by self-designing opportunities to engage in reestablishing and empowering occupation. Program staff, family and professional caregivers, in-kind community volunteers and student interns are guides for members in opportunities for exploration, discovery, confidence and self-esteem in their new identity and meaning in life post-injury. The daily programming schedule is based on member focus groups through ongoing needs assessments, improvement feedback and program evaluations. Through Hinds' Feet Farm's holistic health and wellness, and empowerment model, members may choose to participate in daily, skill training, thematic-based, workshops. These workshops are grouped into several categories: cognitive, creative, functional, emotional, physical, recreational, social and vocational. Occupational Integration Sessions or individually scheduled appointment sessions with members are designed to mentor and coach members in occupation and/or specific skill exploration and acquisition to further improve quality of life, increase independence and community integration. Additionally, traditional therapies such as speech, occupation and/or physical therapy will be available as needed and prescribed by the member's primary caregiver and/or primary care physician to further refine residual challenges.

Hinds' Feet Farm is currently accepting referrals for the Day Program for private pay clients only, but will soon be available for Medicaid clients as well. For more information, contact Will DeGrauw at (704) 992 – 1424.

To see the July programming schedule, check out the Hinds' Feet Farm calendar at:

<http://www.hindsfeetfarm.org/calendar.asp>

About Hinds Feet Farm

Hinds' Feet Farm is dedicated to serving persons living with brain injury. Our mission is to maximize the post injury potential of persons living with brain injury with integrated, unique and holistic programs; allowing persons living with brain injury to pursue meaningful activities while developing a sense of belonging at home and in the surrounding communities. We will accomplish this mission with several unique, person-centered, post-rehabilitation, community-based programs.

Hinds Feet Farm is a 501-(c)3 charitable organization located in Huntersville, NC. For more information on the Farm and their exciting programs, visit their website at www.hindsfeetfarm.org or contact Marty Foil, Executive Director, at (704) 992-1424.