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Who WE Are



- ▶ Since 1978, IGHL has been providing opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities that have encouraged personal growth and strong sense of belonging.
- ▶ In 1982, IGHL opened its first Day Program to provide habilitation, social, and recreation opportunities for people living in IGHL's residential programs
- ▶ Currently, IGHL operates **55 Residential Programs & 13 Day Programs.**
- ▶ IGHL also provides Clinical Services & Nursing Services to over 1000 people
- ▶ IGHL employs over 1,400 staff members with an ongoing commitment to provide the highest quality of care, supports, and services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, so that they can realize their full potential, and become contributing members of their community.



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It all began in 2015 with a phone call when Jim McCann Founder & Chairman of 1-800- Flowers and Walter Stockton, President and CEO spoke.....

Walter had a vision for IGHL He believed that adults living with IDD & DD would thrive from meaningful work

At that time, IGHL operated its own nursery & florist called **FLOWER BARN.**



So, the connection and relationship was inevitable and timing perfect.. Jim's brother Kevin, was one of 10 people living in our Moriches IRA. Walter knew Kevin and other residents needed a chance to work at meaningful jobs, but employment opportunities for disabled adults were scarce. Jim and his brother Chris had been seeking a charitable cause to connect with their company, and they knew this was their opportunity to make a difference. That same year, they partnered with IGHL to open the first Smile Farms campus.

This gave way to our partnership in **2015** –marking the start of Smile Farms at IGHL, a nonprofit dedicated to providing jobs in agricultural setting





Since starting *SMILE Farms* first location in Moriches, we have grown to be a leader in creating meaningful employment opportunities

Currently *SMILE Farms* has 13 campuses employing over 350 people with **4 campuses at IGHL** who employ over **100** of those people.

Smile FARMS[®]

**CREATING JOBS, GROWING GOODNESS
& HELPING NEIGHBORS**



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What we do



Smile Farms @ IGHL has become a nonprofit leader in creating meaningful jobs in agricultural settings for adults with developmental disabilities. Many of whom have never worked before.

For the first time ever, they are able to experience the satisfaction work , the pleasure of contributing to their team their community and the thrill of taking home a paycheck.



**Sarah D., Smile Farms
& Claire D.**

**A Proud Smile Farms
@Holly's House Farmer
& her mom**





Lauren M. Smile Farms

A Proud Smile Farm Retail Worker!

*Shannon Mazza
Director of Day
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Our Campuses

Moriches - PWOW Program

Cornell Cooperative/Yaphank-
PWOW Program

Holly's House/ East End Day Hab

East Moriches & Manorville PWOW



Smile Farms PWOW Moriches *“Flagship location”*

- ▶ PWOW
- ▶ 29 enrolled
- ▶ 5 Staff
- ▶ 18 greenhouses
- ▶ Work 1.5 hours a day
- ▶ Partnerships include- 1-800- Flowers, Miss Exceptional Long Island Pageant, Upstream Hospitality Group, Backyard Players and Friends among many
- ▶ IGHl’s very own David V was SMILE Farms, Farmer of the Year 2025













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The Front Porch
A gift shop for
Backyard Players
highlighting
neurodiverse
and local



SmileFARMS
GROWING
Together **GALA**
10th Anniversary Celebration



Thursday, November 20, 2025 | Ziegfeld Ballroom, NYC



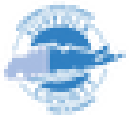
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Cornell University
Cooperative Extension
of Suffolk County

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



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Cornell Cooperative/ Yaphank PWOW

- ▶ One Greenhouse
- ▶ Organic gardens
- ▶ 12 farmers
- ▶ 3 staff
- ▶ 1 CCE Environmental
- ▶ Work M, W, F 1.5 hours per day
- ▶ Partnerships include- Cornell Cooperative Extension, Little Farmers Preschool, Suffolk County Police Headquarters, Suffolk County Sherriff's Office, Long Island Cranx Foundation











Giving back to our community

Michael H. & his
brother for *LI Cranx
Foundation*



**EPIC RIDES
FOR A CAUSE**





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Holly's House



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Holly's House/ East End Day Hab

- ▶ 10 Farmers
- ▶ 2 Staff
- ▶ 19 Raised Organic Beds
- ▶ Work every day for 1.5 hours
- ▶ Partnerships include- Brooklyn Grange, Center Moriches HS School to Work Transition Program, Rooted Hospitality
- ▶ IGHL families at its on-site bed-and-breakfast. Smile Farmers grow organic vegetables; produce from this garden is used to create meals for guests of Holly's House and for the residents at IGHL group homes. Peppers grown at this site are contributed to Smile Farms' *Heat with Heart hot sauce*.
- ▶ Holly's House was donated by a family of Holly C. who lived in an IGHL group home for many years. It is located on property adjacent to our Center Moriches IRA which is a historic home.















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East Moriches Day Hab. & Manorville PWOW

- ▶ Farmers are rotated- but there are 30 enrolled
- ▶ 5 raised beds
- ▶ Work as needed 1.5 hours per day
- ▶ Staff is contingent on those who are working
- ▶ Smile Farmers grow produce for use in IGHIL kitchen and residences.
- ▶ Goal is to increase beds in alternative locations to be able to add more farmers







*Where We
Are
Going...*



- ▶ *Gregory Sandor*
- ▶ *Director of Business Projects and Special Development*

- ▶ Our Future looks exciting and vast on our 32 Acres in Jamesport!
- ▶ We have a big vision on what we are calling
- ▶ **The Jamesport Farm**



Parcel III

107.8 Acres

Development Rights Sold

Parcel II

32.4 Acres

Development Rights Intact

Parcel I

21.98 Acres

Development Rights Intact



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The Jamesport Farm Vision

- ▶ With some help from *SMILE Farms*, independent donors and IGHL- our goal is to transform the **32-acre property in Jamesport, Long Island** into a sustainable farm and community hub.

We will integrate our Smile Farms@ IGHL Day Habilitation, create additional agriculture work opportunities and create other unique programs for people of all abilities



Equine Therapy Program

Smile Farms CSA
& Flower Fields

Co-Packing &
Commercial Kitchen

Intensive Crop Fields

Farm Manager
Home

Bees &
Chicken Coops

JAMESPORT FARM

Main Road, Jamesport, NY.

Stewardship & Land Conservation Partnership

Our sustainable working farm will be able to have

- ▶ Ultramodern greenhouse production
- ▶ 2–3 acres of intensive crop production
- ▶ Add specialty crops such as; garlic, herbs, flowers, vegetables, perennials
- ▶ Aquaponics- which would be a new endeavor
- ▶ Bees and chickens integrated
- ▶ Regenerative farming practices





Goals for Food Innovation & Entrepreneurship

- ❖ Licensed commercial kitchen
- ❖ Co-packing facility
- ❖ Workforce training programs
- ❖ Value-added farm products
- ❖ Expansion of Smile Farms products
- ❖ Job training and employment opportunities
- ❖ Member CSA program (our goal is 100)
- ❖ Cut flower CSA
- ❖ Therapeutic sensory garden
- ❖ Food is Medicine program

Recreating our Smile
Farm Retail shop into

*a Smile Farm @
IGHL*

Retail, Market & Café
in Jamesport



On-site farm stand and retail market



Greenhouse-based retail space



Plants, vegetables, herbs, flowers



Value-added Smile Farms products



Small farm café



FRESH HERBS
HAND PICKED

HONEY
FOR SALE

Come In,
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Equine Therapy Program



- ▶ Renovated barns and facilities- property has an indoor and outdoor riding arena
- ▶ Equine therapy for participants, children, adults, veterans
- ▶ Riding lessons and horse boarding
- ▶ Promotes therapy, inclusion, community engagement

Stewardship & Conservation

- ▶ Partnership with Suffolk County & Town of Riverhead
- ▶ Sale of development rights
- ▶ Long-term farmland preservation
- ▶ Protect Sound Avenue corridor
- ▶ Sustainable agriculture and green building
- ▶ Public access via events and programs





- ▶ Expanded employment and job training for people with disabilities
- ▶ Inclusive programming
- ▶ Strengthening regional food system
- ▶ Preserving North Fork farmland
- ▶ Model for sustainable agriculture and community partnership



Lastly, the Community Impact



**Smile Farms
Mission**

Smile Farms creates meaningful work and training opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. We believe in the power of work because it provides purpose, pride, and personal growth.

**IGHL
Mission**

The mission of IGH is to provide lifetime support and innovative services for people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

IGHL currently operates three revenue-generating Smile Farms campuses, which are social enterprises that involve strong collaboration with community partners. The funds earned at each campus are utilized to support its participants' employment and its mission.

**Come Visit Us!
We are Open to the Public**

**Open Monday - Sunday
8:00AM - 4:00PM
Hours of operations change
seasonally, so please call
for the current hours.**



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