



**Gorman Heritage Farm
10052 Reading Road
Evendale, Ohio 45241
www.gormanfarm.org**

Organization history:

In 1996, after years of careful planning, Jim and Dorothy Gorman turned their beloved farm over to the Cincinnati Nature Center. Under their direction, the farm was transformed to the Heritage Farm and outdoor education center. New elements, such as hiking trails, children's garden and education programs were added and visitors were invited to learn about farming and healthy use of the land. In that same year, the Village of Evendale donated a 20-acre land parcel along Reading Road, built the interpretive building and added a parking lot. In 2003, the CNC turned the farm over to Evendale, which established the Gorman Heritage Farm Foundation to operate the farm. The Foundation, its board of directors and staff remain committed to preserving the legacy entrusted to them by the Gorman's. In the past five years, the GHF staff has worked to create policies and procedures, build partnerships, implement development strategies, and build a dedicated volunteer base and deliver quality environmental programs.

Organization Mission:

The mission of Gorman Heritage Farm is to provide people an opportunity to explore and learn the history, methods and values of a working farm in a natural setting.

Current Programming:

Gorman Heritage Farm is located on 120 Acres overlooking the Millcreek Valley and its current programming focus is to provide an outdoor classroom to connect visitors with topics including history, food systems, life science, and geology. In addition to its regular visitor self guided tours, GHF provides adult and family classes in areas such as gardening, and honey extraction, school field trips from pre-school through 6th grade, and summer camp programs for youth.

SVP and the Gorman Heritage Farm:

SVP is excited to begin our relationship with the Gorman Heritage Farm. As a new investee, Gorman staff and board are building a relationship with our SVP team. SVP is working with the Gorman staff and board to assess where and how SVP can best support Gorman in reaching its goals. Early efforts include providing SVP Cincinnati capacity building support for marketing of Gorman's programs to the broader region and increasing financial support, examination of additional fee for service opportunities, refining the strategic direction, and building overall organization infrastructure.

To visit Gorman Heritage Farm's website, go to <http://www.gormanfarm.org/>