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**Smith Farm at Borderland raises \$41,000 through the
Easton Lions Club Centennial Legacy Project
&
The Avery Lee Williams Family
Farmhouse Renovation Challenge**

Easton, MA (June 1, 2017) – Through the generosity of the Easton Lions Club in support of their Centennial Legacy Project, and of The Avery Lee Williams Family, Smith Farm at Borderland State Park has raised \$41,000 through *the Easton Lions Club Centennial Legacy Project & The Avery Lee Williams Family Farmhouse Renovation Challenge* to renovate the Asahel Smith Farmhouse. Easton Lions Club and Mr. Williams matched funds that Smith Farm raised up to \$20,000—making a total of \$41,000 available to launch construction in July 2017.

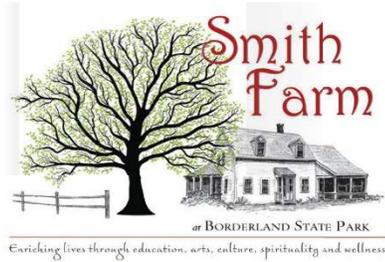
In addition to the support of the Easton Lions Club and Mr. Williams, Smith Farm secured a significant gift of \$10,000 from Stephen Marcus. Mr. Marcus made his gift to Smith Farm in honor of his father, Arnold Marcus, a WWII veteran with the United States Navy. The foyer in the Farmhouse will be named in honor of Arnold Marcus and all veterans of Easton for their sacrifice and service to our country.

To make the Farmhouse Renovation Challenge a success, Smith Farm also relied on the support of Easton residents, businesses, and wellness groups – **especially the Inner Spark Foundation, who made a commitment of \$5,000 and the Easton Charitable Trust who selected Smith Farm as a beneficiary of the 2016 Festival of Trees.**

Trevor Clarke of Clarke Construction, alongside contractor and veteran Ernie Smith, will begin construction in July and Challenge funds will be used to secure the foundation of the Farmhouse and complete the framing. **The overall cost of the complete renovation of Smith Farm at Borderland is \$120,000 inclusive of labor and construction materials. Smith Farm will continue raising funds and seek in-kind donations of supplies and materials.**

Once renovated, Smith Farm and the Asahel Smith Farmhouse will be made available to area practitioners and organizations for health and wellness programs such as Thai Chi, yoga, and meditation. One such partner who will benefit from the Asahel Smith Farmhouse renovation is the Center for Integrated Wellness (CIW), located at the VA Boston Healthcare System's Brockton Campus. Smith Farm will provide space for the Center to offer their creative treatment options, such as art and music therapy, as well as to build a Veteran's Community Garden to help area veterans who are facing mental health challenges. Smith Farm will make our facility available to CIW as an alternative site for their existing programs—providing a serene and peaceful setting for Veterans who seek creative pathways to mental health and wellness.

Donors wishing to support this worthy cause may donate safely online either through our website at www.smithfarmheals.org, or on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SmithFarmAtBorderland. Donations will also be accepted by checks made out to Smith Farm at Borderland, Inc. and mailed to Carrie Crisman, Smith Farm Curator, P.O. Box 22, Norton, MA 02766. For further details, call Carrie at (508) 889-8889.



Mr. Avery Lee Williams