

Hoke House



Community Meeting

March 21 @ 7 PM

Spring Grove VFW Post 5265

199 Veterans Way, Spring Grove, PA 17362

Plant seeds for hope coming Spring 2024

Help make our 1st growing season a great one!

Hoke House Update

Needs:

- Veterans, Veterans Friends & Family
- Garden Tools (Shovels, Hoes, Hoses, etc)
- Tool Shed, Rototillers, Seeds, Fruit Trees
- Financial Support
- OUR VETERANS NEED YOU!!!

HELP SUPPORT OUR VETERAN COMMUNITY

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Just for Today Recovery & Veterans Support Services

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

JFT and Rutter's Develop Plan to Relocate the Hoke House

(Spring Grove, PA) Just for Today Recovery and Veterans Support Services (JFT) is excited to announce its newest project and expansion into Jackson Township, York County. After talking with community members and county officials, JFT and Rutter's have developed a plan to relocate the Hoke House. With the support of several prominent residents in the borough, York County Commissioners, and the York County Department of Veteran Affairs, the non-profit organization, JFT, has been identified as an ideal candidate for this project. Rutter's has agreed to donate the Hoke House to JFT, who will be responsible for relocating the house to a plot of land made available by a member of the Hoke family.

Rutter's is known for their philanthropy throughout York County, where their family farm has been located since 1747. The company's support of many different causes, including Veterans' organizations, is imbedded in the company culture and was a driving factor in developing this plan with JFT to relocate the Hoke House. The Rutter's family and company look forward to seeing how JFT can use the Hoke House to support Veterans in the area.

JFT is a community organization devoted to offering support services and resources to Veterans and their families. The organization plans to initiate the project in the coming weeks with intentions of preserving as much of the original structure as possible during the relocation. After the house has been moved, JFT and contracted partners will make every effort to salvage the historic architecture and original features. After restorations are complete next year, the Hoke House will be opened as a community center for Veterans and their families as well as the public.

The Hoke House existed as a tavern for over 50 years, serving as a gathering place for the community and for posting of public information. It was purposed as a post office, meeting place for business people and resting place for travelers. JFT will recreate the same use in present day, constructing an open space to be a gathering place for events, a resting place to pass the time, and a source for information sharing and community building. The Hoke House also operated as a prosperous farm for over 150 years. JFT intends to include this aspect of the historical Hoke House by establishing a Veterans agricultural program, which has proven to be therapeutic for Veterans across the country.

It is the hope of JFT and Rutter's that the community will come together around this exciting project to relocate the building, restore its use, and create a new community resource for Spring Grove and the surrounding areas.

For more information, contact Steve Barndt, Executive Director of JFT, at 717-880-8068 or justfortodayrsinc@gmail.com