

“Farmer Dave” Snow

— Remembered by Nancy Blanning

Boulder Waldorf Kindergarten in Boulder, CO, is sad to announce the passing of “Farmer Dave” Snow, a warm, encouraging, practical, fun member of the staff caring for the children. Dave was husband to BWK’s director, Seana Grady. Dave was the program’s financial director through expertise acquired from 25 years in the business world. Dave was always a lover of the natural world, loving hiking, fishing, and animal tending. As their early childhood program became more and more “farm-based” with gardens, chickens, and goats, Dave and Seana tended the gardens and animals. Children joined Dave to milk the goats. After Dave demonstrated, the children took their turns “squeezing hard” to watch the first squirt of milk that would later be made into cheese. Farmer Dave was a living model for all the practical work Waldorf early childhood educators would like the children to see and be able to imitate. One of the highlights of each week was the day of “The Goat Races.” Farmer Dave would bring all the goats—nannies and little kids—out of their pen to a rise at the top of the play yard so they could race down to the other side. The children raced like the wind across the play yard with their goat companions while shrieks of joy and laughter filled the air.

Jointly, Dave and Seana had a blended family of six children. Being a parent was always an important activity for Dave. He is remembered at Boulder Waldorf Kindergarten for patient listening and warm, sympathetic understanding with parents as they navigated the challenges and unknowns of raising small children.

The last several years Seana, Dave, and their two daughters adopted from



Ethiopia made their home in Mexico. After a long journey with cancer, Dave made his passing there, surrounded by his family. His warmth, capacity for interested listening, and his quietly smiling eyes will be greatly missed. ♦

