



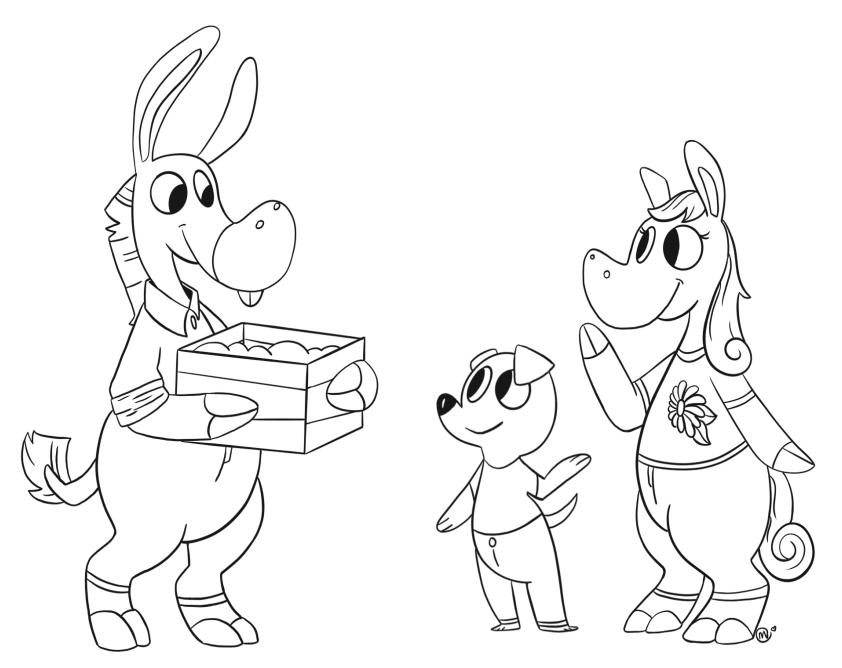
John Drop enjoyed working on his farm.



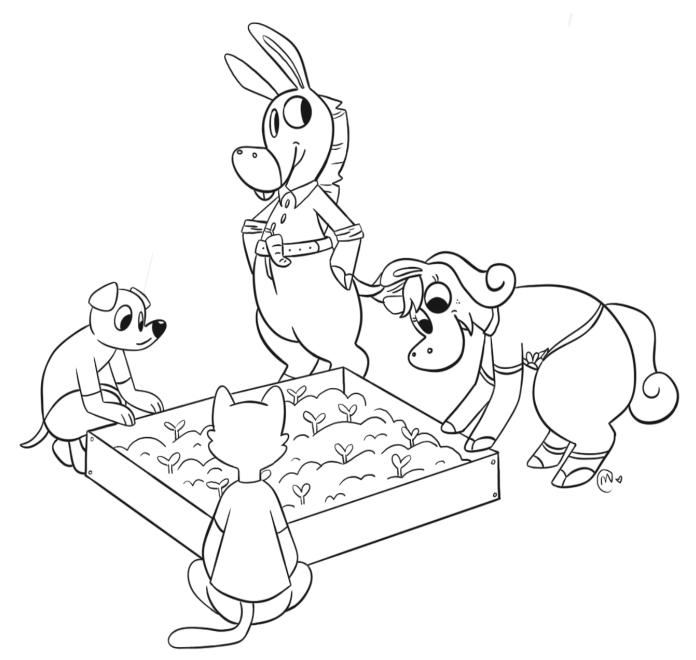
One day he had a great idea!



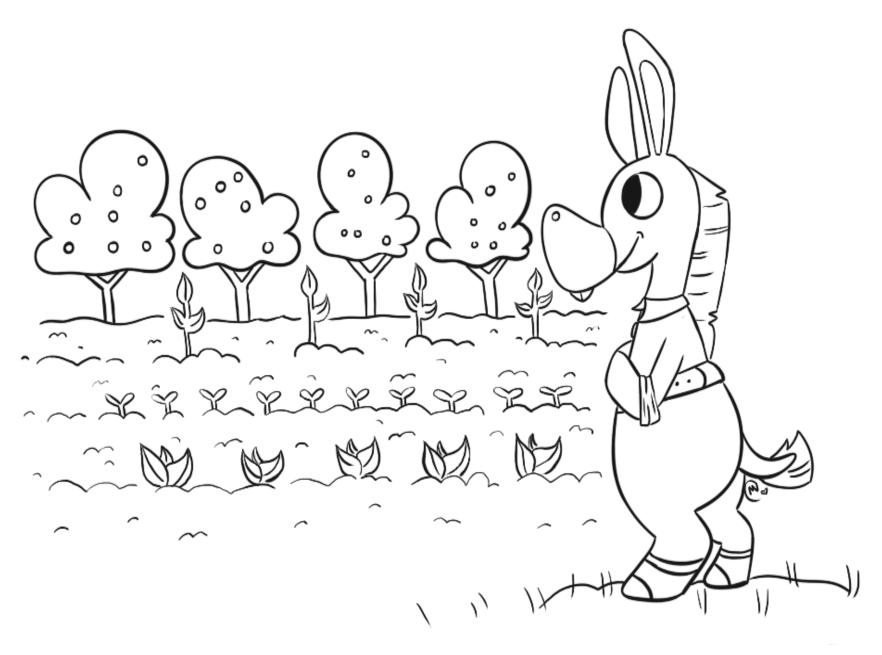
Use part of his land to teach farming.



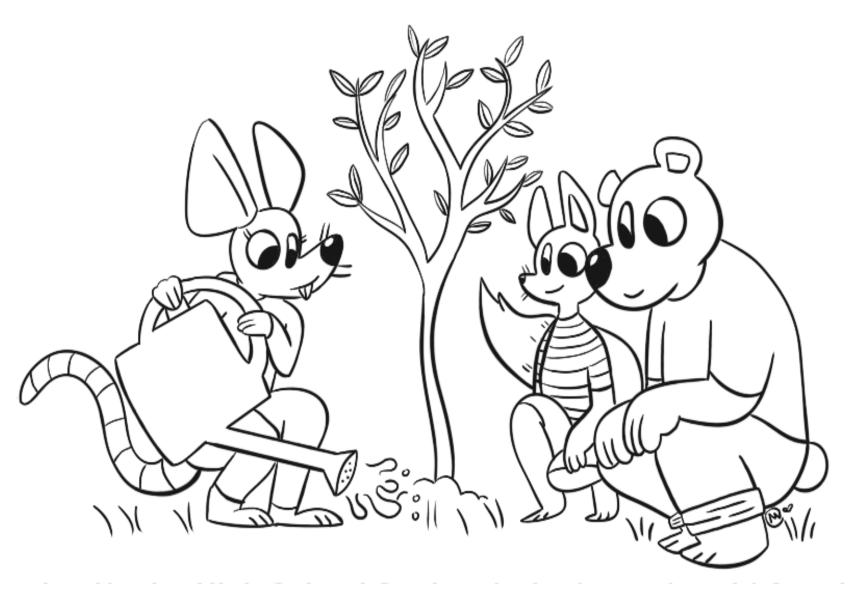
Donate all harvest back to the community.



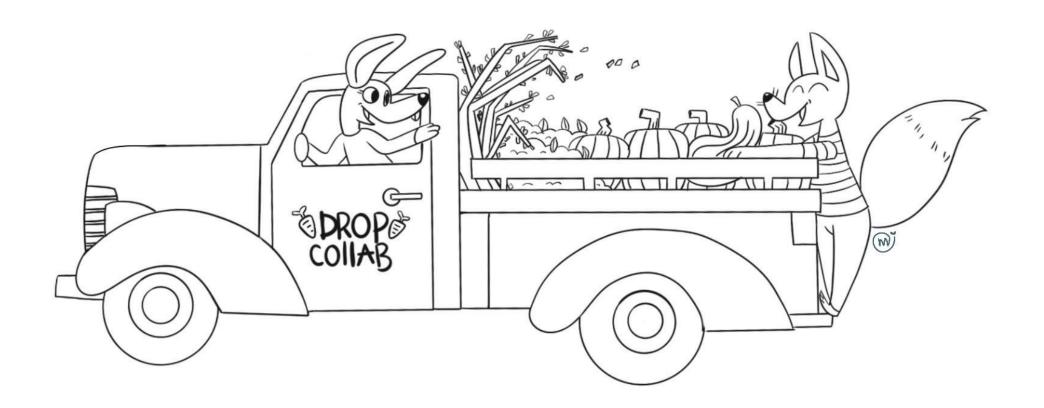
Mentor youth in this process.



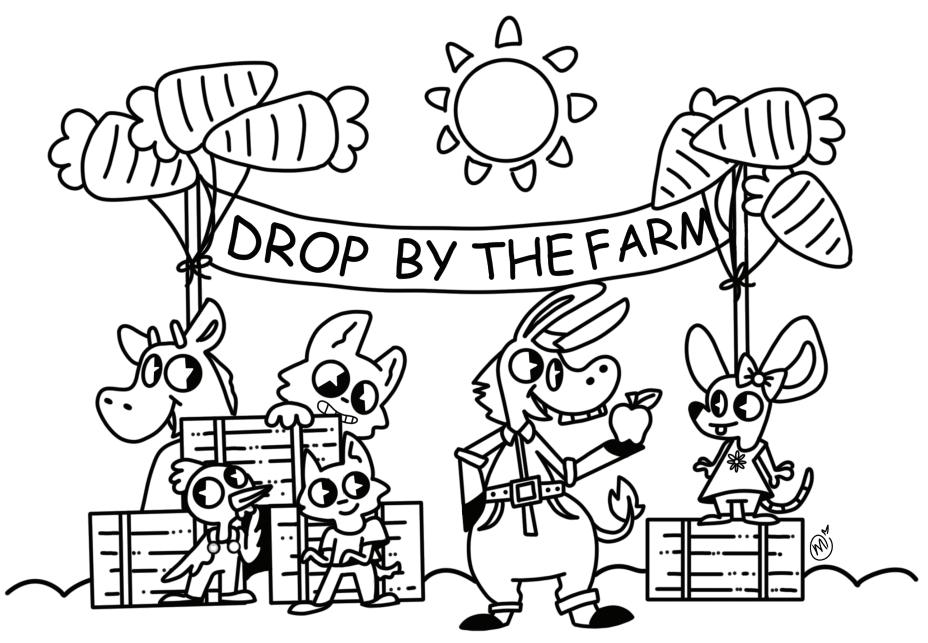
In 2015, John Drop's vision came to life. The Drop Collaborative at Stoney Creek Farm.



TEACH Farming. Local High School Senior students are taught farming at the Stoney Creek Farm.



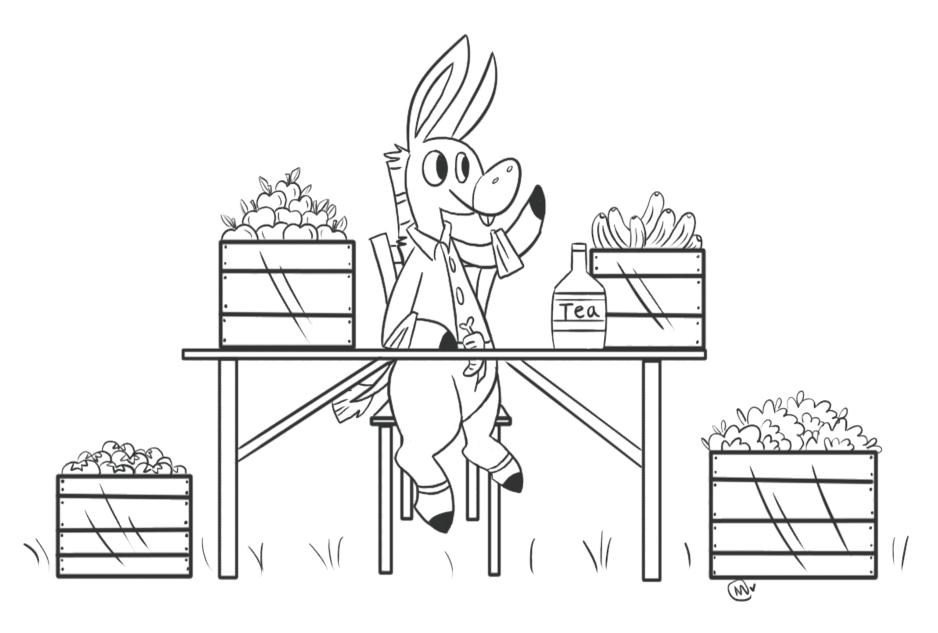
DONATE Harvest. The student farmers donate all their harvest back to the community.



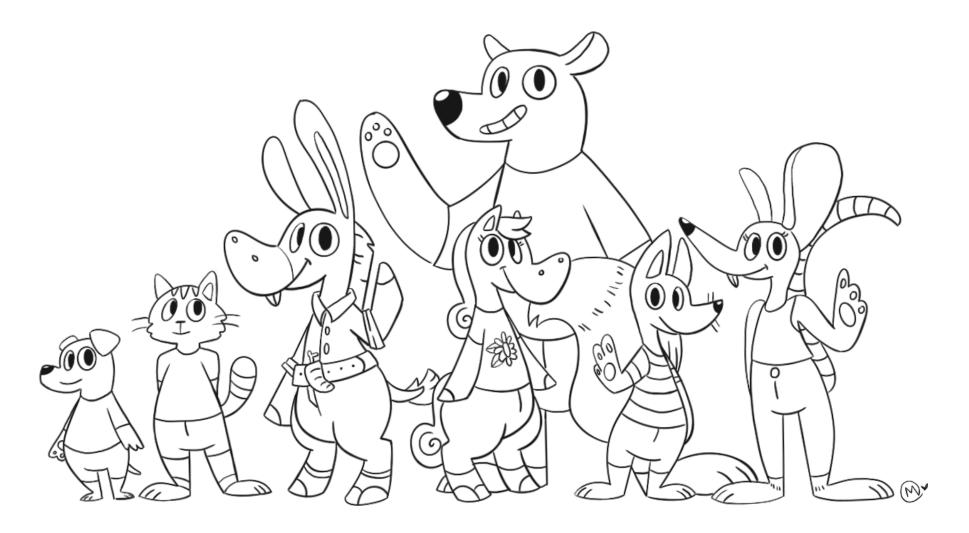
MENTOR Youth. The student farmers host "Drop by the Farm" for children – a fun-filled day learning about life on a farm.



In 2016, Awarded Best Practice CTE Model by Tennessee Department of Education.



Since 2015, the Drop Collaborative has donated over 3500 lbs. of produce back to the Community.



The Drop Collaborative — Learn how to have one in YOUR community at www.DropCollaborative.com

The Artist & Winning Illustrator of the 4 County-Wide 10-12th Grade High Schoolers Contest Maria Venable

About the Artist - Maria Venable

Maria grew up in Boone, NC and moved to Johnson City, TN a few years ago. In 2019, she was a graduating 12th grade senior at Asbury Optional High School.

"I got into art at a pretty young age and alot of it comes from my closest family members. My mom makes jewelry, my Stepdad wood burns, my grandfather used to wood carve, my grandmother sews and knits, my uncle paints and airbrushes, my aunt watercolors and my other uncle loves to draw too."

Maria appreciates the healing power of art. After a family tragedy, her love of art helped her heal from a life-changing event.

