The Threefold Community story begins in 1946, when a small group of anthroposophists – students of Rudolf Steiner – bought a property in Spring Valley, NY with the aim of creating a conference center, summer retreat, and social laboratory. They named the place Threefold Farm. The Threefold Group aimed to create a community where, in Steiner’s words, “real cooperation continually renews social forces.” Ablaze with idealism, they pursued work and social lives dedicated to service and to social and spiritual improvement. Renovations and construction began immediately, and the first “Anthroposophical Summer School” was held in July 1933. Within a few years, the “Summer Season” of activities ran from early June to Labor Day, with a summer school for three weeks in July.

As the community evolved from a summer retreat to a permanent home for dozens of families, new institutions arose: 1948 saw the first Kindergarten that eventually became Green Meadow Waldorf School. Threefold Auditorium, dedicated in 1948, gave a permanent indoor home to summer conferences, lectures and performances. Hungry Hollow Co-op, founded as a natural foods buyers’ club in a Green Meadow teacher’s basement, moved to the old Threefold Corner Store location and opened to the public in 1933. A signal event was the chartering of the Threefold Educational Foundation and School in 1965. By uniting the community’s forces, “Ablaze with idealism, they pursued work and social lives dedicated to service and to social and spiritual improvement. Renovations and construction began immediately, and the first ‘Anthroposophical Summer School’ was held in July 1933. Within a few years, the ‘Summer Season’ of activities ran from early June to Labor Day, with a summer school for three weeks in July.

The Threefold Café serves delicious meals made primarily with organic and biodynamic ingredients. Open for lunch year-round, with extended hours in summer and for special events. (Located in the Main House)

The Waldorf Early Childhood Association of North America (WECAN), founded in 1984, is a membership organization of individuals and early childhood programs working with children from birth to seven out of an understanding of body, soul and spirit.

The Otto Specht School offers an academic and artistic Waldorf curriculum to small, individualized classes of children in grades 1 through 12. The school is designed for children with learning differences, alternative learning styles, and sensory and social sensitivities. Classroom work is integrated with arts and practical skills. School activities take place within the Fellowship Community.

The Fellowship Community is an inter-generational care community focused on the care of the older individual. Overseen by the New York State Department of Health, the community features practical and creative workshops, a farm, dairy, and sensual gardens. Living here is a “schooling in life” where altruism is a guiding principle.

The Hand and Hoe is open to the public on Fridays from 12-5 pm selling pizza, bread and baked goods, seasonal biodynamic produce and handmade gifts. (Located at 241 Hungry Hollow Rd)

The Threefold Community is part of an international movement for religious renewal striving to meet the spiritual needs of the 21st Century. Services for adults and children take place on Sundays and during the week, and special events are held throughout the year. (Located at 13 Margetts Rd, left off Hungry Hollow Rd)

The Camphill Foundation is a public, not-for-profit educational, independent foundation dedicated to serving and supporting the intention of the Camphill vision in North America and around the world. (Located in the Main House)

The Otto Specht School is open to serve all stylistic and ability needs with a focus on serving children in grades 1 through 12 who are developmentally disabled. (Located in the Arts Building)
Anthroposophy (“wisdom of the Human Being”) is a spiritual scientific worldview founded by the Austrian philosopher Rudolf Steiner (1861-1925) that underlies and inspires our work as individuals, organizations, and initiatives here in the Threefold Community.

For more information, please visit www.anthroposophy.org