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Augusta County Virginia's premier equestrian-based therapeutic horsemanship program

MISSION

Serving those in Greater Augusta County with physical, emotional, developmental special needs through a wide range of therapeutic equine activities.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Laura Martlock
Board President

Hello!

We are closing in on the ending to another exciting year at Ride With Pride. There have been many activities and events over this past season, and we have appreciated all the support from the community. We would like to invite each and every one of you to join us in giving thanks for all of our blessings this past year at our Annual Dinner and Auction, this year to be held on November 8. I would like to personally thank all the horse owners who allow us the privilege of giving their beloved equines a job and a home during the Ride With Pride program season. Our program depends on people like you and we are truly thankful you trust us with your precious horses. Thank you, also, to all the volunteers and staff that work tirelessly to keep our program moving along as smoothly as possible and bringing such joy to all of our clients.

Please be sure to check out the information for the Dinner and Auction as well as our Benefit Trail Ride and Halloween event. See you all next year!

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

It is hard to believe we are in the fall season already! With fall comes many events here at the barn as we wrap up our session and prepare to send horses home for their winter vacation. Along with some major events such as our second Gala we also prepare for our Halloween Party and Student Horse Show. Our Student Horse Show is a fun event that we do every year for our students to show their friends and families what they have been learning over the past year. We have a judge attend the show and the students get to win ribbons. It is a fun event for everyone involved and we are so happy to provide the event each year for our students.

Let's not forget about this past summer. We were busy with some new events and returning events. While we had our regular summer session we also incorporated an emotional support summer camp. This camp was full of fun activities where the campers could work with the horses, complete meaningful arts and crafts, and create friendships while learning to understand their emotions better. With the new camp a huge success, I am very excited to see what is in store for next year!



-Kelsey Lasher

HORSE REPORT

A Tribute to A loved Soul

Ride With Pride will always be thankful to all of its hard working and loving equine partners. One partner who had been a part of the Ride With Pride family for over seven years and had called Cedar Creek Stables home for many many years was Dania. It is never easy to say goodbye to a horse, especially a horse as special as Dania. Dania was the type of horse that could never be replaced. She taught many riders love, care, responsibility, and courage. She was loved by many and will never be forgotten in our hearts. Miss Dania Doodle passed unexpectedly on September 15th do to old age. She came in, ate her breakfast, laid down for a nap, and never woke up. A peaceful end to great life. Rest in Peace Dania. 1990-2019.



Nicker News- Horses Report

Over the past year our herd of horses has done an incredible job teaching and caring for our riders. Each horse that comes through our doors leave a special spot in the lives of those who enter our barn. We are so thankful to the wonderful owners who allow us to care for their horses throughout the year so that these horses can do a job that changes lives. It is often the students will ask the instructors who their favorite horse is but many times the instructors hesitate. Often the answer our instructors find is this: "when we work with each and every one of these horses we find things to love about each of them. Their different personalities and ways of interacting with us and the students make each horse uniquely special. Because of this there is not just one favorite horse but all the horses find a special place in my heart in their own different way." The emotions, personalities, and interactions these horses give teaches our students not only about how we can learn to love the differences in these animals but how we can also learn to love the differences in ourselves. Our horses are the heart of our program. Please consider being a stall sponsor for one or more of these amazing animals. With this sponsorship money you will help pay for their monthly board at the barn as well as their hoof and general upkeep care. To find out more information please contact Kelsey at info@ridewithprideva.org.

EXCITING NEWS

Neighborhood Assistance Program

Ride With Pride is so happy to once again have been approved for the Virginia NAP program after a few year's absence!!

NAP was created by the General Assembly in 1981, to encourage businesses, trusts and individuals to make donations to approved 501(c)(3) organizations for the benefit of low-income persons. RWP is an eligible 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and received an allocation of tax credits from VDSS on a basis of our proven operational success and our capacity to serve a low-income person or an eligible student with a disability. Our calendar year for this is July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. We receive a limited amount we can use, so for this reason donations are first come, first served bases.

Who qualifies for a Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) tax credit? Individuals, Businesses, Trusts, Health Care Providers, Pharmacists, Mediators, and Physician Specialists who make a qualifying donation to a NAP organization. NAP State tax credits may be available to an individual or business donating cash or marketable securities directly to a NAP organization. The minimum donation by an individual must be at least \$500. Tax credits may be available to a business donating at least \$616*.

*What types of donations can a business make in order to receive a tax credit?

- Cash
- Stock
- Merchandise
- Real Estate
- Rent/Lease Facility
- Contracting Services
- Professional Services
- Health Care Services
- Pharmaceutical Services
- Mediation Services
- Physician Specialist Services

If you have any questions or want to donate, please send it to our mailing address at PO Box 1203 Staunton, VA 24402 and thank you for always thinking of RWP when making your donations.

Sue Guyer
Treasurer



EVENTS

**Fall Therapeutic Riding Session
Begins - September 9, 2019
Ends - October 18, 2019
8 AM - 5 PM**

**Student Horse Show
October 19, 2019
8 AM - 5 PM
Cedar Creek Stables
2435 Shutterlee Mill Road Staunton,
VA 24401**

**Halloween Party
October 26, 2019
Cedar Creek Stables
2435 Shutterlee Mill Road Staunton,
VA 24401**

**Benefit Trail Ride
October 6th
Stuarts Knob Lane, Craigsville**

**Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction
November 8, 2019
7 PM - 11 PM
Stonewall Jackson Hotel
24 South Market Street
Staunton, VA 24401**

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HONORARY

Pat & Charles Tripple
Waynesboro Moose
Cedar Creek Stables

THANK YOU TO THE 2019 SPONSORS

Volunteer Corner

We cannot have the program we have today without our wonderful volunteers. The assistance volunteers give our students is not just about safety. Although, volunteers help keep our program a fun and safe environment they also give our students someone to connect to. As an instructor I have seen many meaningful conversations take place during our grooming and tack up time. On the first day of lessons with new volunteers it is common for the barn to be quite. The students are often shy with their new barn buddy's but as time progresses I will hear a laugh at a joke or an excited conversation about what is coming up for that student on the weekend. Suddenly a quite barn is now full of laughter, smiles, and excitement. Hugs, fist bumps, and high fives are given by the end of the lesson and our students and volunteers are already looking forward to seeing each other next week. Our volunteers help our students build the confidence they need and create an environment they enjoy!

-Kelsey Lasher

Ride with Pride is extremely grateful to every volunteer that steps through its doors. Without our volunteers riders would not be able to ride, our board would not exist, and the organization would not be able to function smoothly. We are always looking for eager and new volunteers. If you or someone you know would like to find out more information about volunteering with Ride With Pride please email volunteer4rwp@gmail.com or call us at 540-255-2210.

Recent events

Over the summer we had our first emotional support summer camp. The students who participated had a blast and were eager to see what each new day held for them. We are very thankful for the many volunteers that helped us as well as the donated lunches from Kathy's Restaurant, Tropical Smoothie Café, and Food Lion. We are also grateful to Patrick King Horsemanship for hosting a clinic where 100% of the proceeds were donated to Ride With Pride. Patrick King is an amazing clinician who teaches classical dressage and balance work with horses. He travels all over the country and once a year takes time to give a clinic for Ride With Pride's benefit. We are so excited for him to come back next year! If you missed this year's clinic keep an eye out for next years. It is an opportunity you do not want to miss! Our last summer event was our Judged Trail Ride. This event was full of fun and obstacles that challenged horse and riders' skills. This event was done on a beautiful 6 mile loop with 10 challenging but fun obstacles to be judged. Winners received ribbons and prizes. We are looking forward to next years event!



RIDE WITH PRIDE'S
ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER & AUCTION
 VA's premier equestrian-based therapeutic horsemanship program

*A November
 to Remember*
 Eat. Drink. Give.

Friday, November 8, 2019 • 7 PM – 11 PM
Stonewall Jackson Hotel
 24 South Market Street • Staunton, VA 24401

RSVP BY OCTOBER 25, 2019
 (540) 255-2210 or email RideWithPrideTR@gmail.com

To reserve a hotel room, call (540) 885-4848
 Visit www.RideWithPrideVA.org for additional details.

TICKETS

\$85 each (includes dinner ticket & two drinks)
100% of proceeds benefit RIDE WITH PRIDE



BAND

Mason Jar Blues Band

LIVE & SILENT AUCTION

List of items can be found on
www.RideWithPrideVA.org



HOW TO SUPPORT

BARN WORKER EVENT PARTICIPANT

DONATE VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTOR

RWP is a volunteer-based, 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Rider fees only cover a small percentage of our costs and we turn no one away due to an inability to pay. Therefore, we rely on the generosity of individuals, community businesses, and foundations to help us provide our very special services. Donations are fully tax deductible.

~ Participate in our scholarship program. Consider being a partner for one of our young men and women and their families by providing a scholarship for an individual session or an entire year. Your tax deductible gift will support a child or adult for one session: \$180 for spring or fall sessions (6 weeks); \$250 for summer session (8 weeks).

~ Purchase goods at Amazon Smile. A portion of the proceeds from your purchase will be donated to Ride With Pride. Simply go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1583440> and shop!

~ Make a choice off of our Amazon Wish List – visit <https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/281ZPW-T535E9A> and see the items you can purchase for us.

It won't take much effort on your part. Giving to RWP is easy and tax deductible.

Go to <http://ridewithprideva.org/donate/>, or send a check to Ride With Pride, P.O. Box 1203, Staunton VA 24402

RIDE WITH PRIDE DONATION FORM

Return in enclosed envelope to Ride With Pride, P.O. Box 1203, Staunton VA 24402



Please accept my gift of:

___ \$500

___ \$250

___ \$100

___ \$50

___ OTHER

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EMAIL

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___ I/We wish to remain anonymous

___ Check enclosed, payable to Ride With Pride

___ Please charge to my ___ VISA ___ MC ___ AMEX ___ DISC

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