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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

It's the opening of another season at Ride With Pride! This exciting time involves organizing the barn crew, cleaning and preparing the barn and stalls, scheduling arrival times for the Ride With Pride therapy horses and scheduling all the classes. So much to do and we are very excited to be starting this process!

To help us in this endeavor, we are always looking for volunteers to help with classes and events. If you would like to be involved in volunteering your time, please visit <https://ridewithprideva.org/volunteer/>. There are very few opportunities in this world to volunteer in such a fun and exciting way and be a part the joy of truly seeing and experiencing the mental, physical and emotional growth of special needs people as they work with our program throughout the season.

If you don't have the time to volunteer (our lives can be so busy!) you can still help by donating – any amount helps! Or by sponsoring various things at our program, such as a stall sponsorship that pays for the horse in that stall for the entire season, or a business sponsorship to help advertise your business while also making a real difference in someone's life. Ride With Pride has a variety of levels of business sponsorships to meet all budgets! Ride With Pride also offers NAP credits that are available to individuals and businesses. For more information on these, please visit <https://ridewithprideva.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/RWP-2021-Sponsorship-1-Info-1.pdf>.

Thank you to all who care about our program! We are ready to offer our full program this year and are looking forward to the upcoming program and events!

SPRING 2022

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

A new year brings new opportunities. Ride With Pride is thrilled to see what this year has to offer for our program, clients, horses, and our volunteers.

With many positive changes, we are excited to have our students once again join us in the barn to help groom and tack their horses before they ride. This is something we have not been able to offer since COVID came to our area.

We are also looking forward to telling our students that we will be planning our student horse show in October this year so that they may work hard on building their skills to demonstrate to their friends and family all they have learned.

We pride ourselves as being a family oriented and community driven organization so knowing we will have our student horse show for the first time in 2 years is exciting for everyone involved with Ride With Pride!

-Kelsey Lasher, Program Director



NICKER NEWS - HORSE REPORT

Without horses Ride With Pride would not exist. They are the heart and soul of our program and are the reason we are witness to so many positive changes in our clients. This is why it is always hard when we have to see one of our beloved horses retire. This year we say thank you to Gracie as she retires after two wonderful years with our program. Gracie came to us in the spring of 2020 as a spunky but sweet little chestnut quarter horse. During her first year she became familiar with her new job and loved every second of it, except when she had to wait her turn in the stall after dinner! She couldn't wait for someone



to bring her out and give her some love! Gracie is on the shorter side but was stocky enough to carry both children and adults. For her two years with us she taught, strengthened, and encouraged countless students from ground lessons to riding lessons. Gracie could do it all. Gracie would stand patiently at our mounting block while we helped riders with walkers, crutches, and wheelchairs get on. Gracie loved the attention and supporting her friends. Unfortunately, in 2021 Gracie began to have some trouble with her hoof. Through the support and effort of our amazing vet and Gracie's human dad (and farrier) she was able to support clients for the remainder of the 2021 year. At the end of the year, we decided Gracie would be more comfortable retiring from being a riding horse and she now enjoys her days with her pasture buddy who is also retired at home. We cannot thank Gracie and her owner, Brandon, enough for being part of our program and we hope Gracie enjoys her retirement years!

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.

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VOLUNTEER CORNER

Welcome new and returning volunteers! This year when volunteers reach out, they may notice there is a different name on the emails. Ride With Pride is so grateful to Miranda for being our volunteer coordinator for the past four years. This is a very important job for our program as we fill over 75 spots each week with volunteers during our spring, summer, and fall sessions. Miranda did an amazing job keeping up with the demand but as opportunities in her life changed, she decided to step down from the role after we finished our fall session in 2021. Thank you so much Miranda for the many great years!

We now welcome Sarah as our new volunteer coordinator. She is excited to fill this role and joins us as an advisory board member and our interactive vaulting instructor as well! We are looking forward to working with Sarah and having her be a part of our RWP family!

Ride with Pride is extremely grateful to every volunteer who 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.



Ride With Pride's

fall Ball



Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction

Augusta County's Premier Equestrian-Based
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SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 1, 2022
Hotel 24 South - Staunton, VA

Visit RideWithPrideVA.org for details

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Session Starts [March 14](#)
5K Colorful Run [April 16](#)
Spring Session Ends [April 22](#)
Spring Make-Up Week [Apr 25-29](#)
Benefit Dressage Show [May 15](#)
Summer Session Starts [May 30](#)
Patrick King Clinic [June 25-26](#)
Summer Session Ends. [July 8](#)

Summer Make-Up Week [July 11-15](#)
Benefit Dressage Show [Aug 14](#)
Fall Session Starts [Sept 5](#)
Yearly Gala [Oct 1](#)
Benefit Trail Trade [Oct 9](#)
Fall Session Ends [Oct 14](#)
Student Horse Show [Oct 15](#)
Fall Make-Up Week [Oct 17-21](#)

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BARN WORKER • EVENT PARTICIPANT DONATE • VOLUNTEER • INSTRUCTOR

Ride With Pride 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: \$240 for a 6 week session.

~ 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 from 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 Ride With Pride 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



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