A Thankful Message from Executive Director, Laurie Kush

Whoever coined "you get more than you give" was absolutely right.

The smell of the barn and a graceful gallop to the fence at feeding time.

A child's small hand in yours and non-verbal conversations between a horse and a child.

A parent's pride and watching parents supporting parents.

Observing first rides off lead, the accomplishment of sitting up unassisted, and leaving crutches behind.

Sharing spectacular sunrises and sunsets with a community of new friends.

Discovering remarkable abilities often overlooked.

Knowing you made a difference in the lives of others.

These are just a few of the subtle benefits of volunteering at Saddle Up!. Today and every day we are thankful for the 500 well trained Saddle Up! volunteers who are instrumental in building relationships and supporting the delivery of quality and safe Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies.

Our spotlight is on volunteer Dr. Dana Marshall who chooses to spend her Saturdays at Saddle Up! serving as a horse leader in our adaptive riding lessons.

In Dana's own words, "Saddle Up is one of my favorite places to go. I have met wonderful people big and small. I love horses and have never had the opportunity to have them. When parents thank us for what we do I always feel a little embarrassed because I am there because I love it...........the most selfish of reasons".

Volunteers are the foundation of our work, and over 250 volunteers are needed each week in our lessons. By making a commitment to your riders on a weekly basis, you are an integral part of the rider care team.

The 2019 Annual Fund total is $226,200+. We’re making great progress towards our $295,000 goal. Thank YOU!

Did you know?

Gifts of stock or mutual funds make great stocking stuffers for Saddle Up! and provide attractive tax advantages for donors of long-term appreciated stocks and mutual funds. Find out more HERE.

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Poloween 2019!

Thank you Franklin Polo Academy, James & Lexie Armstrong, and Friends of Franklin Parks for this year’s Poloween! We had a blast celebrating Halloween at the polo field.

From the Herd:

Welcome Smalls and Ben!

Smalls

Joined 2019

Smalls was a mounted games/lesson pony before coming to Saddle Up! He competed in the Rolex Arena for the Mounted Games President's Cup.

Ben

joined 2019

Ben is a big Quarter horse Belgian cross who has competed as a 3-day eventer. He was a favorite horse for summer camps, and he likes to be the boss of his herd.

Check out the rest of our hard-working herd.

Upcoming Calendar

Nov. 25-30 - Thanksgiving Break - no lessons

Dec. 5 and 7 - New Volunteer Training

Dec. 13 - National Day of the Horse - hug your therapy horse!

Dec. 16 - Fall Session Ends

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Jan. 6 - Spring Session Begins

March 1 - Hoofbeats & Heroes

April 4 - SUPER Show

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