



Rider Maggie B. with Big Mack

Dear Friends of Saddle Up!,

We hope everyone is safe and remains so until the COVID-19 Pandemic is resolved. To everyone on the front lines who are essential staff in our community, we are so grateful for everything you are doing.

For the well-being of our community, Saddle Up! has suspended activities at the farm through May 2nd, and we will keep you up to date with information about resuming our programs on our website, by email and through social media.

We miss you! The horses miss you! In the meantime, we encourage you to watch on social media for fun games and posts about our herd.

Many have asked, how can we help? Twenty-seven well-loved and very important horses still need care, feed, shavings, and farrier services. We know that many of our participants will need even more subsidy aid once we resume our programs. Please do not visit our farm as access is restricted to only our full-time staff and already scheduled weekend volunteer feeders.

In our 30 years of service to the children and youth of Middle Tennessee we have overcome challenges, and we have always persevered. The children, their horses, and providing excellent outcome based programming remain central to all we do.

How can you help see Saddle Up! through this time? It is with the greatest respect for each individual's circumstance at this time that we reach out to you, a member of the Saddle Up! family, to ask if you would consider supporting our herd and our kids with a tax deductible donation.

Everyone, together, will ensure that this ride never ends.

Yours truly,
Laurie Kush

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Celebrating PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center Designation

Saddle Up! is proud to announce that we passed our recent accreditation visit and will maintain our PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center designation. Earning the PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center status puts Saddle Up! in the top tier of therapeutic riding facilities, being one of only 4 in the State of Tennessee. Accreditation is a voluntary process that recognizes PATH Intl. Centers that have met established industry standards. The accreditation process is a peer review system in which trained volunteers visit and review centers in accordance with PATH Intl. standards. A center that meets the accreditation requirements based on the administrative, facility, program and applicable special interest standards becomes a PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center for a period of five years.



Hoofbeats & Heroes 2020

Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate our 2020 Saddle Up! Heroes at our recent **Hoofbeats & Heroes** event presented by *Jackson National Life Insurance Company* in partnership with *The Franklin Theatre*. Our host for the afternoon, News 4 Today's Meteorologist, Laura Bannon shared her passion for the impact of therapeutic riding and introduced our Heroes through 3 short videos.



Connor B., Eric R. and Kenbe R. share the spotlight at our 2020 Hoofbeats & Heroes event.

Because of your generosity, Hoofbeats & Heroes kicked off our Rider Sponsorship campaign more than \$10,000 raised. We hope you will help continue to spread the message about the essential funding needed to keep our lesson fees low and provide transformative experiences with horses to our riders by sharing our Hero videos. Connect with us @saddleupnashville.



New "hidden" sprinkler heads in the rail of the indoor arena. No more leaks or frozen pipes!

Donor Spotlight

Prior to the Safer at Home order and while our herd is enjoying some time off from regular programming, we were able to make some already scheduled, much-needed facility improvements thanks to our very generous grant partners.

- Installation of a new indoor arena sprinkler system with remote function thanks to a generous grant from the **Dugas Family Foundation**.

AWC Family Foundation has provided funds for:

- Updated landscaping and six new trees in the front and back pastures. Thanks to Board member Kristy Williams for helping select and procure the trees with the expert advice and support of Outdoor Classic Structures' Ernie Reynolds and Linda Childs.

- Construction of two new run-in sheds which will be named in memory of our donor's beloved horse, Rhett.

- Two heated self-watering troughs for the pastures which will be essential for keeping our herds' water free of ice in cold weather.



Staff members, Natalie & Russell had some powerful help digging holes for the new trees.



Stay Tuned

Check our website and social media for updates regarding our 2020 Event Calendar.



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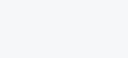
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