### FREDERICK COUNTY



4-H THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM



STUDENT REGISTRATION AUGUST 15

### VOLUNTEER TRAINING AUGUST 27

TUESDAY 5,6, 7 SEPT 6,13,20,27; OCT 4,11,18

THURSDAY 5,6,7 SEPT 8,15,22,29; OCT 6,13,20

SATURDAY 9 TO 3 SEPT 3,10,17,24; OCT 1,8,15

ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION SPAGHETTI DINNER OCTOBER 22 All we need is a helping hand..."

#### **SUMMER 2022**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our spring session 2022 just concluded with almost 50 riders participating in our 12 classes. The weather, ever challenging, has always been a factor in scheduling lessons—thunder, lightning, wind and heat. But, we only needed one make up day because of weather. We all "muddied" through, including the horses, who just love mud.

The COVID times continue to also make our nonprofit operation challenging. It's not the shortage of feed, hay or care; it's the shortage of horses and volunteers! Even though technically, we could handle 72 riders, we do not have enough horse power or man power.

Of course, we also saw rising costs—feed, diesel, farrier and veterinarian care. Our horses, like people, also get older. Some of our horses retired and our other equine heroes stepped up and worked harder.

Our fall session begins September 3 and continues through October 20. Come and visit and watch our amazing volunteers encourage our riders to have fun and learn.

Our Biggest Fund Raiser—Annual Spaghetti Dinner/ Silent Auction will be held Saturday, October 22 at the Lewistown Fire Hall—see pg 6 for further details.

All of our families and volunteers thank you for continuing your support of the program. Without all of you, we would not be able to continue our good work.



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### **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**



Did you ever wonder how all of the horses and ponies made it to the ring clean and with their rider's correct equipment? That would be Missy.

**MISSY MILLER – Lesson Barn Manager** 

Missy first came to Silverado 14 years ago to watch her son, Brandon's riding lessons. She never thought she would be interested in horses until bringing Brandon to the farm to ride and volunteer in the barn. Brandon began volunteering in the barn with the horses, why not her. Missy loves everything about horses – medical issues, training, and perfection in grooming.

Missy, who also rides, first rode Oliver, who is now retired.

Missy is married with

two kids, Brandon and Kayla,. She has an elderly Shih Tzu, Buster. Missy provided day care for children while her kids were growing up, and now she cares for her 4legged children.



## COME JOIN THE FUN AND MEET THE TRP FAMILY

Therapeutic Riding would like to connect with local businesses to help fill our volunteer needs. Are you looking for community service projects for your employees? Your company's TEAM of 2 to 5 individuals would travel to the farm for ONE SATURDAY to volunteer for 2 to 3 hours or if you prefer have your TEAM come volunteer on a Thursday Evening from 5 to 6 pm. On the job training is provided. We provide fun, fresh air, and water. Your TEAM would work directly with our riders, assisting and encouraging them to complete their goals and have fun.

### CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK WWW.FC4HTRP.ORG or Call 301-898-3587

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# **2022 DONORS**

## **GOLD TO 5000**

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# **COPPER TO 1000**

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Susan Compofelice and Andrea Myers Mannix donations to our Fund held at the Community Foundation of Frederick County

The Paul L. Stine, Jr. Memorial Fund, The Paul L. Stine, Sr. Memorial Fund, and The Pritchett Family Foundation Fund, all three funds held at The Community Foundation of Frederick County, <u>www.frederickcountygives.org</u>, awarded The Frederick County 4H Therapeutic Riding Program FY2022 Impact Grants.

The Paul L. Stine, Jr. Memorial Fund provided funds to purchase digestive and joint supplements for our equine heroes. The Paul L. Stine, Sr. Memorial Fund provided funds for veterinary services for our retired therapeutic riding horses. They are 30 and 33 years old, respectively. Horses and ponies who join our TRP family stay for life.

And the Pritchett Family Foundation Fund provided necessary funding so that our therapists could continue their hippotherapy education and certification.

The Maryland Horse Industry Board provided funds so that we could purchase a laptop for our Volunteer Coordinator.

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# MARYLAND HORSE DISCOVERY CENTER

Frederick County 4H Therapeutic Riding Program has been approved to be a Maryland Horse Discovery Center. HORSE DISCOVERY CENTERS provide opportunities and activities for individuals, children and adults, to come to the farm and provide out reach activities to learn about horses and ponies – where they live, what they eat, what care is involved, how to take care of them.

Maryland has more horses per square mile than any other state, providing over \$2.4 billion economic impact in Maryland. Our first Maryland Horse Discover Center activity will be 'HAVE FUN WITH PONIES' scheduled for Thursday, July 28. If interested in participating or helping out, please leave a message at the office.



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# **CIRCLE OF SPONSORS**

If you own a business in Frederick County, please consider becoming a member of our *Circle* of Sponsors. Your contribution will help support the Frederick County 4H Therapeutic Riding Program and will be an opportunity to reach a large number of potential customers that participate in the Program as clients, family members, program volunteers, and horse boarders.

For a donation of \$200, a circle membership includes the following:

- A 2ft tall X 3ft wide, full-color banner placed in the riding ring for two years
- The cost of the banner with your logo and information that you want to include.
- Visibility of your message to several hundred visitors each week
- Your banner and name will be placed on the TRP web site



**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY** On Saturday, June 25 a Fun Day for our Volunteers was held at the farm. Horses were saddled and ready for anyone to ride. Riders played basketball or jousting or just rode around, experiencing the many horses they have led or side walked. Everyone brought food to share. No work, just food, friends and fun.







#### Saturday, October 22, 2022

Dinner Served: 4:30 TO 7:30 PM SILENT AUCTION CLOSES: 7:30PM

#### LIVE AUCTION 7:30 PM

Adults: \$12.00 {\$15 at the door} Children: \$7.00 – (10 Yrs. and under) Light Wine and Beer – Cash Bar Lewistown Fire Hall, Lewistown, Maryland



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To purchase tickets:

.Call Debbie at 301-898-3587 .Ask any board member, volunteer, or student . www.fc4htrp.org

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