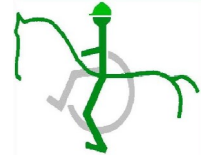




FREDERICK COUNTY 4H THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM Horse Discovery Center



“All we need is a helping hand...”

Winter

FAMILY AND DONOR NEWLETTER

2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We at Silverado Stables and Frederick County 4-H Therapeutic Riding experienced a devastating accidental barn fire on the last day of August. The barn and tack rooms were destroyed. Thankfully, no horses or people were hurt, only our spirits as we watched the barn burn. Sadly, our fall therapeutic riding session had to be canceled. However, the good news is that we plan to resume regular riding sessions in the spring of 2026.

The community has been wonderful in donating items to be used when we restart classes – saddles, bridles, halters, grooming supplies, saddle pads, and more. Cory Endlich donated one of his box trailers for storing all of the wonderful donated items.

The amount of donated equestrian equipment has been incredible. Here are the numbers: Blankets, sheets – 35; Bridles – 125; Girths – 145; Halters – 100; Reins – 81; Saddle Pads – 262; Saddles – 25 (Western and English). Other essential items include helmets, stirrups, tons of grooming supplies, buckets, racks, veterinarian supplies, grain, and hay.

In addition to the equipment, we appreciate the outpouring of monetary donations from individuals, organizations, foundations, and companies.

I especially want to thank Joe and Joey Devilbiss, Joseph F. Devilbiss Construction Company, Inc., and their family for all their support and help. They played a key role in finding help to demolish and clean up the fire site. They also continue to advise us on how to proceed with the new building.

What a VILLAGE! We truly appreciate the overwhelming support and donations from individuals, organizations, foundations, and companies. Thank you all so very much.

Debbie

23RD ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION/SPAGHETTI DINNER

Our 23rd annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction was held on October 25th at the Lewistown Firehall. It's our major fundraiser of the entire year. Each year, we dedicate the dinner and auction in memory of a wonderful volunteer, Carol Devilbiss.

Because of our recent disaster, we could not have our usual 'Silent Auction.' Since we had no place to store the bulk of donations, we had to come up with an alternative. Thus creating a "By Chance" raffle auction. We also had our usual 50/50, vacation raffles and live auctions as well.

The dinner and auction were a success. We had unique items, themed baskets, certificates for restaurants and services and items from local businesses and more. Attendees reported they really enjoyed themselves and liked the new raffle format.

We always enjoy catching up with our TRP families, past TRP riders and their families, and members of our immensely supportive local community.

An event like ours requires the collective help of many of our volunteers and supporters. We appreciate the help of Karen Stull, who handles the facilities, and Frannie Wachter for her help with cleanup of the kitchen. Andrew and Hannah Glazier and Rose Bartz served as chefs and facilitators in preparing the food. Joy Jenkins gathered the supplies for our dinner again this year. Carla Bodnar and Sandy Ruckosky served the donated goodies for dessert. Once again local Civitans, Richard and Laurie Cutting, came out to help set up and serve dinner. Patti Hawkins masterfully spearheaded the new raffle auction format and provided the initiative in getting it organized and operational. We would also like to thank all those who came out on Friday evening to help us prepare and set up the hall and then on Saturday evening to help us clean up and reset the hall.

Shelly Tinney, whose son rode in the program, won the vacation raffle to Hilton Head, donated by Sara Lewis and Chuck Parker, whose daughter Jessica rides in the program.



**BOBBI DENN WINNER
OF VACATION PACKAGE
TO WILLIAMSBURG
DONATED BY ROSE BARTZ**



**UNCLE CHARLIE & RANDAL
ENTERTAINING**



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Without our dedicated volunteers/supporters, this fundraiser would not be possible. We thank all of you for your help in making this event a success.

A 'RIDE IN TIME'— PART FOUR

By: Valerie

RIDER SPOTLIGHT: ROBBIE

Robbie is a true example of *A Rider In Time*.

Robbie came to us when he was 3 years old and as cute as a button :)

The very first picture of Robbie on his pony with his dad and Phil Green as sidewalkers gives us a glimpse of how comfortable he looked.

We should have known then how much he would love horses and riding. Whenever you asked Robbie about his favorite thing about riding, he would stop to think a bit. Then he would say it was shooting basketballs, and he was really good at it!



ROBBIE SHAFFER 1999



ROBBIE ON ABBY

Robbie felt like he had made progress over the years, trying different things while riding. Even though some exercises were hard, he worked harder and could always feel a difference from when he started the session until it ended.

He enjoyed working with the different instructors and volunteers, and each horse he rode was his “favorite.”

Robbie always has a big smile for everyone, and he never forgets a name.

We have watched Robbie grow from a little boy into a young man.

It has been our great pleasure to work with him!

Here's to many more years of success and fun for Robbie — 25 more years??



HATS OFF TO OUR TERRIFIC VOLUNTEERS

As you know, our main barn burned down on August 31, just two days before the first classes of our fall session. There are two main reasons volunteers give for helping the TRP program: assisting disabled riders and handling horses. With the cancellation of the fall riding program, those motivations were gone. But under the shadow of loss and worry, our spirits were raised by overwhelming expressions of concern and support.

The equine community from Frederick County and from across the nation heard of our loss, and donations of tack and supplies poured in. Despite missing chances to work with our riders, TRP volunteers stepped up to do what was necessary to gain control of these donations.

Horse care had to continue. Losing the main barn required revising feeding schedules and processes, including funneling the horses through our remaining four stalls twice a day. A corps of volunteers has assisted with feeding throughout recent weeks, while others have come to the farm to groom the horses.

A chock-a-block of donated items stored in a semi-truck trailer had to be sorted, inventoried, and cleaned. Over the past months, volunteers have come to the farm on work details to sort and clean. The red-shed (dedicated to back-up storage) had to be emptied to accommodate the final site preparation for a new barn. On very short notice, we sent out a call for help, and volunteers arrived quickly to move a shed-full of tack and equipment down to the indoor arena. The entire process was quite amazing to witness.

Finally, over the summer, Kim and Patti had been working with the management of the Great Frederick Fair to set up a TRP display. We thought it would be a great opportunity to promote our program and possibly reach out to new prospective volunteers. Several people expressed interest in joining us, either as volunteers or as participants in Horse Buddies. Besides promoting our program to prospective volunteers, the TRP volunteers highlighted the great losses the program suffered. Consequently, the efforts of these five volunteers created an amazing stream of financial support.

WELL DONE, VOLUNTEERS.

VOLUNTEERS KEEP ON HELPING

Jan Boden and Patti Hawkins attended the “Nonprofit Sustainability Workshop” at the Delaplaine Arts Center on May 5, 2025

Jan Boden continues to write grants for our Program –already over \$30,000 for the 2025-2026 campaigns.



BRYCE RIDING



CLAIRE WATCHING PATTI

THE GOLDEN PITCHFORK AWARD



THE GOLDEN PITCHFORK AWARD is a tribute to **Paul Creamer**, who was, to say the least, a mentor, an awesome therapeutic riding instructor, a volunteer, a friend and the one person the riders loved to call out, “Mr. Paul, pickup needed!” He would go right for the pitchfork, much to the delight of the riders, who loved him so much. I am sure he enjoyed the laughter as much as he did “his job.”

Each year a special volunteer is chosen to receive The Golden Pitchfork Award in recognition of his/her service to our program. This special volunteer is one who has devoted much time and energy to developing financial resources, training horses, teaching our riders, and assisting others wherever needed.

This year, Kayla Morgan was awarded the Golden Pitchfork pin for her dedication to Frederick County 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program at the annual dinner and auction in October.

A volunteer since August 2021, Kayla has shown her love of this program year after year. We have come to depend on her readiness to step in and do whatever needs to be done.

Congratulations, Kayla, and thank you for everything you do.



**KIM, LEE, AND KAYLA
AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION**



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Community Foundation of
Frederick County –
Susan Compofelice

GRANTS

Monocacy Foundation Grant for therapy equipment

Community Foundation of Frederick County – Richard W. Kanode Fund
for feed and care of our maintenance of our therapy horses

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for riding helmets

Delaplaine Foundation for the veterinarian and farrier care of our therapy horses.

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Lamb
Goat

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 of so many children and adults in our community.**

**From corporations to teachers to volunteers, it takes each
 and every one of you to make
 Frederick County 4H Therapeutic Riding Program
 a success.**

Our success is your success.

Thank you for your support.

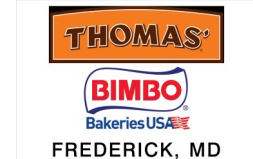
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If you own a business in Frederick County, please consider becoming a member of our *Circle of Sponsors*. Your contribution will help support the Frederick County 4H Therapeutic Riding Program and will be an opportunity to reach a large number of potential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

For a donation of \$300, a circle membership includes the following:

- ♦ A 2 feet tall X 3 feet 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.

Thank you
for your patronage.



Mike Tebeau

