



November 2017

A Salute To Our Volunteers

As another year of Journeys Therapeutic Riding draws to a close, it is a good time to think about the many people who have contributed to yet another successful season. Every week of the program there are several people who arrive early in the morning to bring in the horses and groom them in preparation for the classes. Still others help out by taking photographs, donating baking for the volunteers to enjoy during the day or by being at the arena first thing to set up the hospitality table. Volunteer horse leaders and side walkers generously donate their time and talent to making sure that the riders enjoy their best possible experience. Members of the JTRS Board work together to ensure that all of the logistics and funding are in place to pay the bills and focus on growth and improvement.

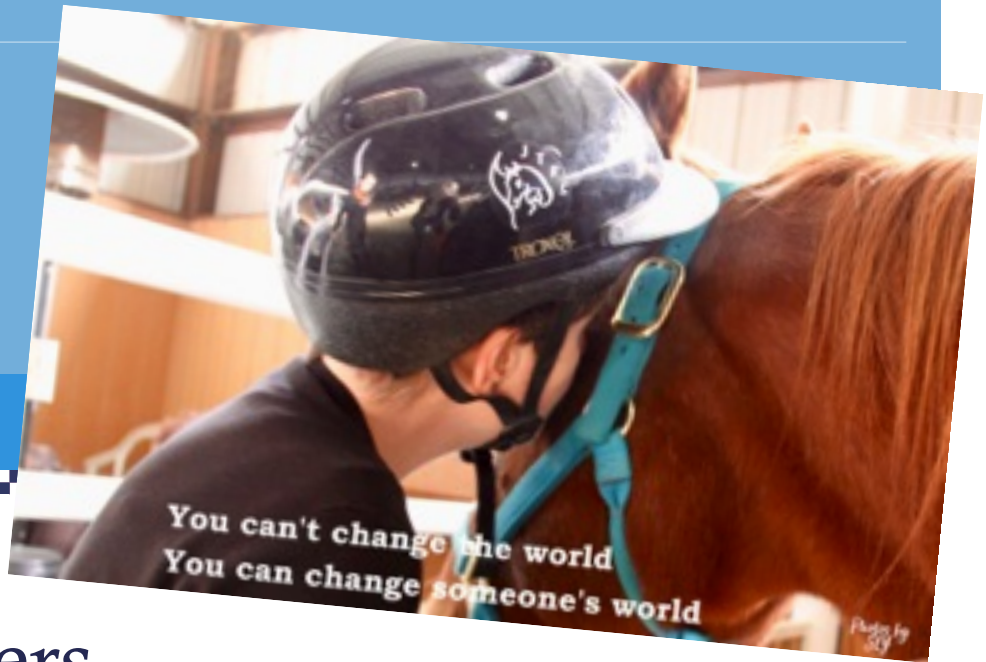
Putting together a program like Journeys isn't really about one big thing. It truly is the million small things that volunteers like you have added to the mix.

Thank you for all that you do as an individual and as a team. You'll never know the difference you make!

Sheena Taggart
Volunteer Coordinator



MAY YOU BE PROUD OF THE
WORK YOU DO
THE PERSON YOU ARE
AND THE DIFFERENCE YOU MAKE





To my AM JTRS Volunteers;
 I've had a chance to rewind the Spring and Fall programs for 2017. WOW another great year, many successes, many personal goals achieved. I think about the riders, the horses, but most of all I always come back to the great group of volunteers I've been blessed to work with, it has truly been an honor. It takes a small army (led by our very own Sheena Taggart) to safely support our clients and horses. You are from many different backgrounds, and have many different skills that you bring to the arena but one thing you all have in common is this - 'The will to serve'. I offer you all a very heartfelt thank you, and I look forward to seeing you back at Winning Strides in 2018.

Vernon Lundy, Riding Instructor



Thanks Doug!
 This year our long time volunteer and friend Doug Goodwin retired from the program.

We miss Doug, his laughter and sense of humor greatly but know that he continues to be a staunch Journeys supporter.



Jake, one of our youngest volunteers, volunteered for 78 hours in 2017. Thanks Jake!

38 Volunteers + 1155 hours = 1 great program!

"I am grateful for the continued commitment and dedication from all our volunteers including all those in and out of the arena. The many moments of courage, growth and change by everyone involved encourages the sustainability of the program. Thank you all!"

Laurie Messner
 Program Director

Journeys Therapeutic Riding would not be possible without the dedication of our volunteers. I personally would like to send out my heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you. Each of you played a special role in the rider's joy and accomplishments in every lesson. You could tell when the students would arrive and the excitement they all would have on their faces to see you all. To you it's not just something to keep you busy it's a passion each of you have to bring a smile to their faces and to help them have a great day even if it didn't start out great. I look forward to seeing you all in the spring of 2018 at the orientation and getting to know you all even better throughout the year.

Sarah Olsen, Riding Instructor

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