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Whatever Your Reason

We all have our reasons for volunteering. For some of us, it is to ensure that people have access to programs like Journeys, for others it's the opportunity to work with horses, while others are hoping to make connections and gain work and volunteer experience. For 16 Tuesdays during the Spring and Fall programs, we come through like the mail! Through sunshine, rain and snow we're there to fulfill the tasks that have been assigned.

The contributions that volunteers make come in many different forms. Thank you for helping out by grooming horses, working with students, providing food for volunteers, selling raffle tickets or sitting on the JTRS board. It really is a team effort and without that team pulling together week in and week out, there wouldn't be a Journeys program. I hope that whatever your reason for volunteering is, that you understand how important you are to the success of our program.

Thank you.

Sheena Taggart, Volunteer Coordinator



A message from the JTRS Instructors

The 2019 season seems like a distant memory as we enjoy this beautiful week of late fall weather. The 16 week program was completed with 9-weeks uninterrupted in the spring however, the fall 7-week session was challenging with 3 postponed days! We appreciate everyone's patience as we were able to complete with a fun un-mounted final day of classes.

As we celebrate our 10 - year anniversary we are tremendously grateful for the combined efforts and generosity of many. Our riders, families & guardians participate with enthusiasm and courage to always improve, while a dedicated team of volunteers make our program possible. The executive board & directors work tirelessly to keep everything in the background working. Our fundraiser this year included a successful raffle with Shannon Lawlor. Our three instructors are indebted for the opportunity to attend a week - long course to further their knowledge and obtain certification. This brought them closer together and more committed to each rider's success. The horses provide many special moments including Max & Quanah owned by JTRS and Anna, Angel, Izzy, Toni, Tari, Chick, Juan, Kim, Dudley, Shufly, Buzz, Twist & Cheeseburger who are leased/borrowed and complete the constantly changing herd.

We look forward to 2020 as Journeys steps into the next decade of treasured moments at Winning Strides.

Sincerely,

Laurie Messner, Program Director

Vernon Lundy, Sarah Olsen & Kelsey Fath CHA IRD Instructors

In 2019, JTRS was delighted to partner with renowned artist Shannon Lawlor in the raffle of a commissioned painting. Erin Rehmman, JTRS V. P. coordinated ticket sales and promotions over the course of several months. Volunteers, parents, students and board members worked hard at selling tickets at rodeos and fairs and to family! One of our students, Robbie Sinclair aka "Super Seller" sold 100 tickets! To everyone's delight all tickets were sold and in the draw on Oct 8, 2019 Kelly Hall was declared the lucky winner.



In Lane Holmes' memory we believe that... For every rider there is a horse... For every horse there is a rider... And for every horse and rider there is a journey.

2019 Accomplishments (By the Numbers)



IN THE NEWS!

In early 2019, Journeys Instructors Sarah Olsen, Kelsey Fath and Vernon Lundy travelled to Ohio to gain certification to teach special needs students. As part of their time in Ohio, the instructors were evaluated on their skills as riders. All three instructors obtained certification at various levels for physical and cognitive special needs riders through the Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA). Congratulations!



MISS RODEO CANADA 2019

Former volunteer Jaden Holle stopped in for a visit in May. Jaden was crowned Miss Rodeo Canada in Nov 2018. Thanks for stopping by Jaden!

NEW FOR 2020:

Journeys Swag – Don't miss out!

Watch the Journeys Facebook page for information about ordering your own Journeys swag.

A Volunteer's Testimonial to Teamwork!

"I found this year to be transformational for many of the riders, which is a testament to the lesson planning of the instructors, the care given to the program's horses and the team approach of the rider's volunteer team. This allowed many synergies to occur resulting in progress for our riders – our ultimate goal."

Looking ahead

The 2019 Spring and Fall programs were very successful. We were able to recruit some new volunteers and welcome some new students. The photo of Zander, to the right, sums up how we feel about the 2019 program and we're already looking forward to next year!



A message from the JTRS Board

The Executive Board of Journeys Therapeutic Riding Society would like to extend our appreciation to the many people who contribute to the success of the Journeys Therapeutic Riding Program. It is because of this dedication and commitment that we are able to offer this program at such a reasonable cost each and every year.

We are also indebted for the support we received this year from our dear and valued donors:

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The successful 2019 season has paved the way to an even greater one in 2020!

JTRS Board & Executive



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