

*Palmetto Equestrian Therapeutic  
Riding Program Newsletter February 2018*

*Visit our Facebook page or website for details on our  
upcoming fundraisers and community outreach events!*



*-Helen Keller*



*"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be  
seen or even touched- they must be felt with the heart."*



This year, the Palmetto Equestrian Therapeutic Riding Program will celebrate its' ninth year of service as a non-profit organization having provided therapeutic riding and equine-facilitated learning

services to over 75 children and adults with special needs in the upstate and midlands of South Carolina.

Therapeutic riding offers mounted

horseback riding to promote the cognitive, physical, emotional, and social well-being of people with disabilities through the teaching of horsemanship skills. Equine-facilitated learning is an educational approach where equine-assisted activities facilitate personal growth and development of life skills through equine interactions. Caring for and riding horses provides opportunities to teach critical life and communication skills. Benefits of EFL include developing responsibility, accountability, and discipline through dedication, time, and effort in caring for horses; fostering self-confidence and self-esteem, as well as, enhancing sensitivity to others' feelings and self-awareness to understand personal non-verbal communication.



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Hundreds of volunteers have supported the program in our nine years of service from horsemanship projects caring and farm to efforts with events. Our all ages and making an exceptional difference in the lives of others. When considering all of the valuable partnerships formed with local service providers- residential care and rehabilitation facilities, public and home school programs, collegiate and civic groups, and daycares and nursing homes- we are inspired by the compassion and commitment that our communities hold in serving individuals with special needs in our area. With the guidance of our diligent board of directors and the financial support of our generous sponsors, we are overwhelmingly blessed and truly grateful for the calling to provide this ministry to our community.



Please, consider if you feel your heart's call to offer support to this mission in any capacity- from physical volunteerism and prayer or mentorship to making a tax-deductible contribution to sponsor a rider or an event for recognition of your family or business. Any

amount- great or small- is a blessing to this ministry! We would love the chance to thank you personally for your kindness- please, visit us at the farm to experience the difference you are helping to make.

*"We love life, not because we are used to living,  
but because we are used to loving."*

*~Friedrick Nietzsche*

## *PET Calendar of Events*

- **Spring Festival & Mud Run**  
Saturday, March 24 postponed until further notice
- **Barn Gala & Horse Show** (student riding exhibition)  
Saturday, May 5 time TBA~ contact for invitation
- **Farm Animal Day** with Clinton High Agriculture  
Friday, May 11~ Local school kindergarten programs
- **Summer Camp** (visit our website for application)  
July 9-12 & July 16-19 for beginner riders ages 5-10



*"One of the most beautiful qualities of true friendship is to understand and to be understood." -Lucius Annaeus Seneca*

If interested in supporting the Palmetto Equestrian Therapeutic Riding Program in any of the following means, simply fill out a personal or company check for the amount you wish to donate and send to PET at P.O. Box 71 Clinton, SC 29325. Thank you for your generosity and prayers as we strive to make a difference!

Rider Sponsorship:	\$25 for one lesson _____	
	\$150 for 1- six week session _____	
	\$300 for a season (Winter-Spring/Fall) _____	
Horse Support:	Bag of Feed-\$20 (yearly cost-\$200) _____	
	Hoof trim-\$35 (yearly cost-\$210) _____	
	Yearly vaccinations & teeth floating (\$200) _____	
Event Sponsorship (with recognition of business):	\$150 each event	
	Spring Festival and Mud Run (postponed) _____	
	Barn Gala and Horse Show _____	
	Farm Animal Day _____	
	Summer Camp _____	
Other Contributions (General Donation, In Memory, In Honor)	_____	
	<b>Total Sponsorship</b> _____	



- All donations are tax-deductible. Please list your name and address below so that we can send you a statement reflecting your donation.

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*"The greatest healing therapy is friendship and love."*

~Hubert Humphrey

