

HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY CELEBRATES 19 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

CHESTER SPRINGS, PA – SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 – HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY, INC. will be celebrating our 19th year of service to riders with disabilities by holding a special fundraising event "*Hopes and Dreams 2016*" on Sunday October 9th from 11am to 3 pm.

This year's event will be a benefit brunch, hosted at the Whitford Country Club in Exton, PA. All proceeds from this family-friendly fundraiser – which will include pony bingo, a silent auction, face painting and more – directly benefits the riders of Hope Springs.

"As we start our 20th year, we are building for our future," said Executive Director Jeannie Knowlton. "This year, we moved to an amazing new facility, Peace by Piece Farm in



Chester Springs. We added new instructors, a new equine therapist, and more wonderful volunteers. We have proven over our 19 years the importance of the caring and compassion that we deliver to our students. We continue to give each student the individual attention needed to grow and reach his or her own potential and personal goals."

Founded in 1997, Hope Springs serves children, youth and adults with physical, mental, developmental, social and behavioral disabilities. Our approach is rider-centered, with each receiving individualized attention, instruction, and care. At Hope Springs, our students and their family members receive affordable customized therapeutic riding in a consistent, nurturing environment that fosters healing, growth, empowerment, and enhanced quality of life.

"It's all about our riders and their achievements. We are so proud of their accomplishments and we want to thank our staff, our many volunteers and the individual contributors and organizations that have made them possible," said Hope Springs President Kenneth Swimm.

Our dedicated staff, volunteers, and 8 gentle therapy horses strive to make a positive difference in every rider's life – but we could not do what we do without the generosity of our supporters, including this year's "Gallop" and "Canter" Event Sponsors: the Swimm Family, Daniel & Sandra Hansen, Julie & Rick Kingery, Colliers International, and the Phifer-Gertz Family. We also wish to thank this year's "Trot" and "Walk" Sponsors: Integrity Staffing, the Bullivant Family, Saunders & Sallie Dixon, Jeannie Knowlton, The Buccini/Pollin Group, Marcia Berner, Dr. & Mrs. Richard E. DeForno, Eileen M. Corl, AdminService, and Howard & Shirley Brotherton. We sincerely appreciate the support of these Sponsors and the many local businesses and individuals donating goods and services to this year's Silent Auction.

To learn more, donate, or attend this event, please visit <u>www.hope-springs.org/HopesAndDreams</u> or call (484) 202-0634. Admission tickets can be reserved by mail or on-line at \$50 per adult and \$15 per child under 13. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. *Press passes are also available.*

About Hope Springs Equestrian Therapy, Inc.

The mission of Hope Springs is to enhance the quality of life of individuals with cognitive, physical, emotional or behavioral disabilities by providing them with affordable therapeutic riding and associated special education of the highest possible quality, in a warm, safe and supportive environment. To learn more about our programs and view photos of our riders demonstrating what they have accomplished, please visit us on on-line at www.Hope-Springs.org or @HopeSpringsOrg, call 610-827-0931, or reach us at PO Box 156, Chester Springs, PA 19425.

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