

HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

CHESTER SPRINGS, PA – OCTOBER 9, 2017 – HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY, INC. will be celebrating our 20th year of service to riders with disabilities by holding a special fundraising event "Hopes and Dreams 2017" on Sunday October 22nd from 11 am 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 benefit the riders of Hope Springs.

"And so the day begins...As each student enters the barn and greets each of our gentle giants, our staff is able to see that confidence shine through. For 20 years we have witnessed



this amazing transformation take place and help our students gain that confidence", said Executive Director Jeannie Knowlton. "We see every day how our program has made a difference in their lives, their abilities and how this carries over to their everyday life. Please join us in welcoming in our 21st year and in helping us become a contributing factor in so many lives."

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.

"As we celebrate our 20th anniversary of service to our riders, we want to thank the instructors, volunteers and supporters that have made so many lives better," 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 and Sandra Hansen, Julie and Rick Kingery, Roy and Linda Sturgeon, Colliers International and Gawthrop Greenwood. We also wish to thank this year's "Trot" and "Walk" Sponsors: BLOCS, Jeannie Knowlton, Saunders and Sallie Dixon, the Buccini/Pollin Group, the Bullivant Family, the Phifer-Gertz Family, Admin Service, Frank and Eileen Berta, and Integrity Staffing. 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 www.hope-springs.org/HopesAndDreams 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-line at www.Hope-Springs.org or @HopeSpringsOrg, call 610-827-0931, or mail PO Box 156, Chester Springs, PA 19425, or visit us at 1800 Art School Road, Chester Springs, PA

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