

HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY CELEBRATES 16 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

CHESTER SPRINGS, PA – OCTOBER 1, 2013 – HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY, INC. will be celebrating our 16th year of service to riders with disabilities by holding a special fundraising event "*Hopes and Dreams*" on Saturday October 12th, from 3-7 pm.

This family-friendly fundraiser, located at the Kimberton Arts Building in Kimberton PA 19460, will be an activity-filled afternoon of food, music, and fun for all.

All proceeds from this event – which will include a silent auction, wine tasting, face painting and more – will directly benefit the riders of Hope Springs.



Hope Springs Equestrian Therapy was founded in 1997 by Elena Gonzalez Shaffer to enhance the quality of life of children and adults with disabilities by providing them with affordable therapeutic riding. For 16 years, Hope Springs has continually served children, youth and adults with physical, mental, developmental, social and behavioral disabilities. Our approach to equestrian therapy is rider-centered, with each receiving individualized attention, instruction, and therapy. At Hope Springs, our students and their family members receive customized care in a consistent, nurturing environment that fosters healing, growth, empowerment, and enhanced quality of life.

Our dedicated staff and volunteers and eight 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. We are therefore extremely pleased to announce this year's "Gallop" Sponsors: The Swimm Family, The Phifer-Gertz Family, and Core Competence, Inc.

We also wish to express our gratitude to this year's "Canter" Sponsor: the Wharton Advisory Group. And thank you to our "Trot" Sponsors: The Knowlton Family, KT Administrators, Marcia Berner, Penn Liberty Bank, and Thorncroft Equestrian Center; and to our "Walk" Sponsors: AdminService, Palmarella Curry P.C., and T.J.'s Agricultural Services. We sincerely appreciate the support of every event sponsor, as well as the many local businesses and individuals that have already made donations to this event.

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

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 www.Facebook.com/HopeSpringsOrg, call 610-827-0931, mail PO Box 156, Chester Springs, PA 19425, or visit us at 1105 Green Lane Road in Malvern, PA.

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