

HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY HOLDS EVENT TO CELEBRATE 15 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

CHESTER SPRINGS, PA – OCTOBER 1, 2012 – HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY, INC. will be celebrating our 15th year of service to riders with disabilities by holding a very special fundraising event "*Hopes and Dreams*" on Saturday October 6th, from 3-7 pm.

This family-friendly fundraiser, to be held in Barbara Berry's renovated barn at 1825 Kimberton Road, Phoenixville PA, will be an activity-filled afternoon of food, music, and fun for all.

All proceeds from this event – which will include live entertainment, gourmet sandwiches, a silent auction and raffle, wine and beer tasting, face painting, children's activities, dessert baked by our riders' families and more – will benefit the riders of Hope Springs.



Hope Springs Equestrian Therapy was founded in 1997 by Elena Shaffer Gonzalez to enhance the quality of life of children and adults with disabilities by providing them with affordable therapeutic riding. For 15 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 the "Gallop" Sponsor of this year's event, The Swimm Family of Chester Springs, PA.

We also wish to express our gratitude to this year's "Canter" Sponsors: the Wharton Advisory Group, Core Competence, Inc., and The Phifer-Gertz family. And thank you to our "Trot" Sponsors: KT Administrators, Penn Liberty Bank, Thorncroft Equestrian Center, and Jeannie Knowlton; and to our "Walk" Sponsors: AdminService, Palmarella Curry P.C., S. Cottone Pet Portraits, and the Semus Family ATU Foundation. 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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