

HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY CELEBRATES 18 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

CHESTER SPRINGS, PA – SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 – HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY, INC. will be celebrating our 18th year of service to riders with disabilities by holding a special fundraising event *"Hopes and Dreams 2015"* on Sunday October 11th 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.

"Come help us celebrate 18 years of proven success to our riders, their families, and caregivers," said Executive Director Jeannie Knowlton. "Confidence, self-esteem, balance, and pride are just a few of the words that come to mind when we see smiles of delight on our riders' faces. Please join us as we welcome in our 19th year."



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.

"We are excited to celebrate the accomplishments made by so many Hope Springs riders over the years, and also to thank our many supporters, volunteers, and staff for their contributions to our community," 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, Julie and Rick Kingery, the Phifer-Gertz Family, and Colliers International. We also wish to thank this year's "Trot" and "Walk" Sponsors: Saunders and Sallie Dixon, Penn Liberty Bank, KT Administrators, Jeannie Knowlton, Eileen M. Corl, Marcia Berner, AdminService, The Berta Family, and The DeFornos at Thorndale Dental. 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 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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