

# THE LEAD LINE

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## Letter from the President ...

*Thank You Hope Springs!*

*Max has been taking weekly therapeutic riding instruction at HSET for seven years ... He has demonstrated improved balance and increased body awareness from the movement of the animal as he guides the horse around the ring. YES, Max is taking the lead!!*

*..... The absolute best benefit from the therapeutic riding is the boost to our son's self esteem. He has a sense of pride when accomplishing a new skill or winning a ribbon at a show...*

*... Most children naturally generate their own interests and talents. What a relief as a parent of a special needs child to help them find something they truly love. Max has a passion for the horses and enjoys taking care of them, even mucking out the stalls. And this is a kid who does not like to clean his room.*

*Barbara and Mark  
Excerpt from letter 12/10/10*



*Max on Tempest*

In 2010 Hope Springs maintained its outstanding service to our community of challenged riders. We provided therapy for about 50 riders per week, extended our summer camp sessions to four weeks and worked with "at risk" youngsters from Philadelphia. In October Hope Springs was pleased to welcome its new Executive Director, Carol Tynan. We were also approved for the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit program, which allows firms to benefit on their state taxes when they contribute to our programs. With all of this we look forward to more growth in 2011 as we continue to focus on improving the quality of life of our riders. We can't forget a sincere vote of thanks to all our friends and the foundations which have made this all possible.

Sincerely,

*Kenneth R. Swimm*

President

## Upcoming events...

**APRIL 16 AND 30, 2011** Hope Springs Annual Horse Show

**JUNE 20-24, 2011** Hope Springs Summer Camp Program, Session 1 \* date *subject to change*

**JULY 18-22, 2011** Hope Springs Summer Camp Program, Session 2

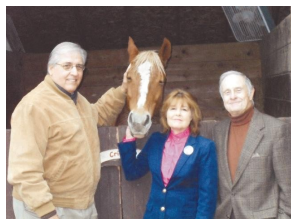
**AUGUST 8-12, 2011** Vanguard School Summer Camp Program, Session 1V -Vanguard students only

**AUGUST 15-19** Vanguard School Summer Camp Program, Session2V -Vanguard students only

**PACE EVENT—MARSH CREEK STATE PARK SEPTEMBER 10, 2011**

**FALL FUNDRAISER — Radnor Hunt Club OCTOBER 8, 2011**

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*Left to right: Dr. Louise J. Beccaria, Cricket (the star of the photo), Carol Tynan and Ken Swimm, Board President.*

### HOPE SPRINGS ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of their new Executive Director, Carol Tynan. They conducted interviews throughout the summer and were pleased to announce their selection in August. We were able to expand our staff thanks to a grant from the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation. "We are happy and privileged to partner with

Hope Springs Equestrian Therapy in the important work that they do to help improve the quality of life of those with various types of disabilities," said Louis J. Beccaria, President and CEO of the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation.

Carol brings over thirty years of experience working with non-profit organizations to Hope Springs. In addition to her extensive

work with disabled individuals, she is also a horse lover and accomplished equestrian. "I am pleased and honored to join the Hope Springs team and be associated with an organization that provides the joy of accomplishment to challenged individuals of all ages."

### HOPE SPRINGS WINS NATIONAL REWARD

Hope Springs Equestrian Therapy is the 2011 Adaptive Physical Activity Council's PROGRAM AWARD! The criterion for the award was judged by a committee who reviewed six criteria for programs nominated throughout the country. Hope Springs was judged on our programs and how they challenge traditional thought and encourage creative thinking in programming activities. We were also judged on how we foster the achievement of independence through physical education/activity/therapeutic recreation and the benefits of our therapeutic riding program. The nomination also included two letters of support from Lou Beccaria of the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation and the Comyns family.

The entire Hope Springs family is honored to be selected as this year's award recipient and be recognized for our dedication, hard work and commitment that we give every day for our riders, our horses and our programs.

### HOPE SPRINGS APPROVED AS AN EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION

Thanks to the efforts of Mark Comyns and Dr. Marie Lewis, Hope Springs was approved as an Educational Improvement Organization with Pennsylvania's Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program! This program provides tax benefits to businesses that make financial contributions to approved organizations. Hope Springs is offering three EITC approved programs: Advanced Social Studies, Advanced Environmental Sciences and Vocational Training in Stable Management and Horse Care Giving. EITC donations benefit both Hope Springs and business alike. For more information about the EITC program go to [www.newpa.org/eitc](http://www.newpa.org/eitc).

### WE TRULY APPRECIATE THE FOUNDATION SUPPORT WE RECEIVED THIS YEAR, HELPING US TO BUILD OUR CAPACITY AND PROVIDE THE HIGHEST QUALITY PROGRAMS!

PHOENIXVILLE COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION  
HARRIET G. FREDERICKS FOUNDATION  
ETHEL SERGEANT CLARK SMITH FOUNDATION  
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THE ALLERTON FOUNDATION  
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STEPHEN & MARY BIRCH FOUNDATION  
THE QUAKER CHEMICAL FOUNDATION  
MILL SPRING FOUNDATION

Hope Springs Equestrian Therapy Inc. has assisted over 500 children and adults with special needs since 1997. This is only made possible through the help and support we receive from our friends, families, staff, foundations, businesses and the community.

HOW CAN I HELP? ·

**BECOME A VOLUNTEER · SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL APPEAL · BECOME AN EVENT SPONSOR · ADOPT A HORSE · MAKE A DONATION**

For more information on how you can help, visit [www.hope-springs.org](http://www.hope-springs.org) or call (610) 827-0931

## Spring 2011

### 2010 HIGHLIGHTS

☞ Our annual Spring Horse Shows were held on beautiful days in March and April. Each division had a trail class, equitation class and a fun class. We made our own ribbons this year and everyone was a winner, taking home three ribbons and a present for participating! Our special thanks to the Northern Chester County 4-H Club for preparing the horses for the show ring—our horses gleamed!

☞ WOW, what a summer! Our four weeks of Summer Camp were very successful! Our special thanks go to all those who worked hard to make the camps fun and educational. Heather was the instructor for the June Camp and the riders were able to ride twice each day. Melanie was the instructor for the July Camp with all NEW riders. Campers rode twice each day and were trotting by the end of the week! Jeannie was the instructor for The Vanguard Camps, with Jan as the classroom instructor using the Strides for Success curriculum, teaching many aspects of everyday life. Campers were trotting by the end of their sessions and some were able to ride independently at their horse shows!

☞ We formed a new partnership with Hope World Wide and held three day long Saturday camps with them this Fall for inner city children aged 9 to 19. They learned about horses and had the opportunity to ride. This perspective is different from the city streets and we were all able to learn about each other and that we all want to be accepted.

### IMPROVEMENTS FOR BARN AND RING!!

Have you noticed all the great improvements to the ring and barn? The steps, with side railings now give us a safe way to enter and leave the ring. The horses negotiate them with ease. The new drainage systems keep our ring dry, level and

with great footing. The drainage system around the barn keeps the horses dry and comfortable. No more Mississippi River running through the ring or the barn! Special shout out to TJ AGRICULTURAL SERVICES to a job well done.



### SHIPS AND SALSA—2010 FALL FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, October 16, 2010, Hope Springs held its annual fundraising event, "Ships and Salsa!" at the Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia. Guests were treated to the sounds of Laz Herrera and his Synthesis Latin Band and to the Club's exquisite cuisine. Event sponsors were numerous, with Kenneth Swimm, the Comyns family, Penn Liberty Bank, Citizen's Bank, PA Foundations Online and the law firm of Palmarella, Curry and Kelly, P.C. among them. Some thirty items were donated for the Silent Auction, which raised nearly \$7,000 for the organization.

Special thanks to Carissa Katz for designing the invitations and to Carol Tynan for designing the evening's program; also to Ty Churchville, Jennifer Newby and Nina Fox for helping make sure the silent auction ran smoothly."

### NEW!! LENDING LIBRARY — LETS READ

HSET is starting a small lending library for our students and their siblings. We have the library set up in the tack room. The books can be signed out for a two week period or siblings are invited to read one while they wait during the lesson. In order to increase the available titles we will accept any horse related books you may have. Donations for future books are welcome.



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### **... a special thank you**

I am taking this opportunity to thank the Instructors: Ann, Dallas, Doreen, Heather and Melanie for all their hard work, dedication and willingness to give time and expertise to our program. Without their skills and knowledge we would not have the wonderful, safe, educational program that we offer to all. Julie, our Volunteer Coordinator does a commendable job keeping us covered with the volunteers we need to do our jobs. Our reputation is talked about far and wide and more than we will ever know. We are not the biggest but we can count ourselves among the best...

Thank You,

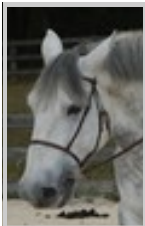
*Jeannie Knowlton*

*Program Director/Senior Instructor*

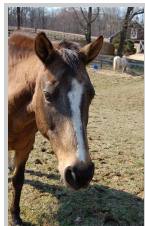
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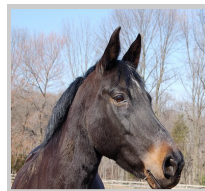
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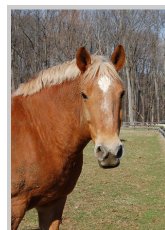
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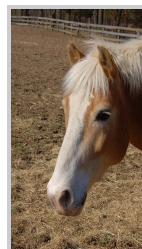
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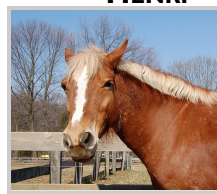
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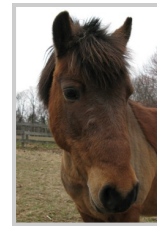
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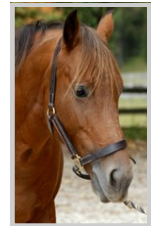
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