



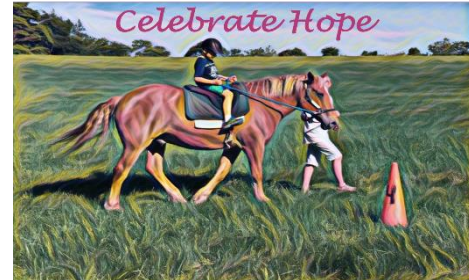
## HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY, INC.

### HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY CELEBRATES 21 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

**CHESTER SPRINGS, PA – SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 – HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY, INC.** will be celebrating our 21st year of service to riders with disabilities by holding a special fundraising event “Celebrate Hope 2018” on Sunday October 7th 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, magic show, photo booth and more – benefit the riders of Hope Springs.

“For 21 years, Hope Springs Equestrian Therapy has helped our students achieve goals that they themselves did not realize they had,” said Executive Director Jeannie Knowlton.



“Not only did we watch and help them achieve these goals, but we also helped their families, friends and caregivers give support and encouragement to each student. Every smile, laugh and even some tears are a testament to the fortitude and courage of our students and their families. Our nine four-legged therapists and our amazing staff still greet our students with a gentleness that melts so many hearts. Please join us in welcoming in our 22nd 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.

“This year’s theme, Celebrate Hope, is especially fitting as we celebrate our students and the confidence they gain as they achieve their personal goals,” said Hope Springs President Sandy Hansen. “We also celebrate our dedicated team of instructors and volunteers whose hard work and passion make a difference in quality of life for our riders.”

Our dedicated staff, volunteers and 9 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, the Hansen family, Julie and Rick Kingery, Peace by Piece LLC, Colliers International @ColliersPhilly, and Gawthrop Greenwood, PC. We also wish to thank this year’s “Trot” and “Walk” Sponsors: BLOCS, Jeannie Knowlton, the Bullivant Family, the Phifer-Gertz Family, Kent Smith, Marcia Berner, Lamia Barakat, Jan and Sam Brooks, Thorncroft, and Admin Service. 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/CelebrateHope](http://www.hope-springs.org/CelebrateHope) 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](http://www.Hope-Springs.org) or @HopeSpringsOrg, call 610-827-0931, mail PO Box 156, Chester Springs, PA 19425, or visit us at 1800 Art School Road, Chester Springs, PA 19425.*

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