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Thanks to all of you - the friends and families of Hope Springs!

We look forward to your continued support this year.

**Please donate using the enclosed envelope
or give online at www.hope-springs.org**

Hope Springs simply could not do what we do without you. With your help, we can provide life-enriching experiences to even more adults and children like Matthew.

Matthew Williams is a 6-year old boy who has been a Hope Springs rider since February 2017. His father, Ryan, addressed the attendees of the Hope Springs Equestrian Therapy Fall Fundraiser on October 22nd, 2017 where we celebrated our 20th anniversary.

“Our son has had many different medical issues since birth. Matthew is a great little guy and the strongest boy I have ever known considering all the medical challenges he has faced. He has been participating in several types of therapies as he has grown, including occupational therapy, speech therapy and physical therapy. We decided to investigate alternate therapies because the standard therapies were not working to the extent we were expecting.



Jeannie Knowlton and Matthew Williams share a happy moment after one of Matthew's rides at Hope Springs.

My wife Googled “equestrian therapy” and the number one hit was Hope Springs Equestrian Therapy so we scheduled a “Meet & Greet” with the executive director, Jeannie Knowlton. Based on that first visit, we decided we just had to give it a try.

Matthew has always struggled with both his fine and gross motor skills and at times he gets frustrated – he never feels like he is the best at anything. With each lesson, his confidence has grown. One afternoon, six months after learning to ride, Matthew told us, “I am the best horse rider there is.” He has never been so self-assured and the fact that this program can help him feel that way is simply amazing.

I have watched Jeannie grow to love Matthew like her own family. From what I can see, how she cares for Matthew is how she approaches every one of her riders and all the people she works with at Hope Springs.

We live in Elkins Park in eastern Montgomery County and Jeannie was a little bit skeptical at first about our lengthy commute and whether we would stick with it. But my Thursday afternoons are now always blocked out because Matthew and I have a five o'clock appointment at Hope Springs, which is one of the best hours that Matthew has every week.

I want to thank Jeannie and all the instructors and volunteers who have worked with Matthew since February. Everyone has been so caring. You can tell they simply want the best outcomes for each of their riders. It makes me smile from the bottom of my heart.

I would also like to thank everyone here for supporting Hope Springs for the past twenty years. My family has only been involved for one year, but let's make it at least twenty more – if not more than that! *Thank you.*”



OUR MISSION

The mission of Hope Springs Equestrian Therapy is to enhance the quality of life of individuals with cognitive,

physical, emotional or behavioral disabilities by providing them with affordable therapeutic horseback riding and associated special education of the highest possible quality, in a warm, safe and familiar environment.



Hope Springs
Experience the wonder!

2018

EVENTS

July 16-20	HOPE SPRINGS SUMMER CAMP WEEK
August 6-10	HOPE SPRINGS SUMMER CAMP WEEK
September 22	HOPE SPRINGS BACK TO SCHOOL SATURDAY CAMP
October 7	FALL FUNDRAISER: HOPES AND DREAMS 2018
October 28	THORNCROFT ANNUAL FALL HORSE SHOW
November 24	HOPE SPRINGS THANKSGIVING SATURDAY CAMP
November 28	HOPE SPRINGS #GIVINGTUESDAY 2018
December	END-OF-YEAR PARTY & OPEN HOUSE

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