



## HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY, INC.

### HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY CELEBRATES 17 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

CHESTER SPRINGS, PA – SEPTEMBER 17, 2014 – HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY, INC. will be celebrating our 17<sup>th</sup> year of service to riders with disabilities by holding a special fundraising event “*Hopes and Dreams 2014*” on Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 pm.

This family-friendly fundraiser, hosted at the Kimberton Arts Building in Kimberton PA 19460, is an activity-filled afternoon of food, music, and fun. Proceeds from this event – which will include a silent auction, mystery raffle, wine tasting, face painting and more – will benefit the riders of Hope Springs.

“Please come help us kick off our 18<sup>th</sup> year of helping so many riders realize their potential by gaining confidence and freedom at Hope Springs,” said Executive Director Jeannie Knowlton.



Hope Springs Equestrian Therapy was founded in 1997 by Elena Gonzalez Shaffer to enhance the quality of life of children and adults with disabilities by providing them with affordable therapeutic riding. For 17 years, Hope Springs has continually served children, youth and adults with physical, mental, developmental, social and behavioral disabilities. Our approach 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.

“We are excited to celebrate the accomplishments made by hundreds of 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, the Phifer-Gertz Family, Core Competence, Inc., and Colliers International. We also wish to thank this year’s “Trot” and “Walk” Sponsors: the Wharton Advisory Group, Thorncroft Equestrian, Penn Liberty Bank, KT Administrators, Jeannie Knowlton, Eileen M. Corl, Marcia Berner, AdminService, Palmarella Curry P.C., Semus & Associates, the Gorni-Stoner Family, and the Reynolds Family. We sincerely appreciate the support of these Sponsors and the many local businesses and individuals donating nearly 100 items to this event’s auction and raffle.

To learn more, donate, or join us at this event, please visit [www.hope-springs.org/HopesAndDreams](http://www.hope-springs.org/HopesAndDreams) 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. Additional tickets can 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](http://www.Hope-Springs.org) or [www.Facebook.com/HopeSpringsOrg](http://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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