

HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY, INC.



HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY WINS PHILO GRANT FOR NEW VIDEO

Chester Springs, PA – February 12, 2019 – Hope Springs Equestrian Therapy, Inc. was awarded a grant for a promotional video from [The PHILO Project](#). The new video, which is featured on the homepage of the [Hope Springs website](#), features Hope Springs' new therapeutic driving program, Cricket's Carriage Class.

Founded by Elena Gonzalez Shaffer in 1997, [Hope Springs](#) provides high-quality, affordable and personalized equestrian therapy to children and adults with disabilities to help enhance their quality of life.

The new driving program allows students who cannot ride a horse safely or comfortably the rewards of interaction and control of a horse or pony from a carriage seat. The introduction of this program in 2018 makes Hope Springs one of the only equestrian therapy facilities in the region to provide this type of service.

Therapeutic driving (also known as carriage driving) gives participants a riding alternative, opening up the world of horse-facilitated therapy to those who may be unable to ride on horseback due to disabilities.

"Cricket's Carriage Class is an exciting addition to our program," says Executive Director Jeannie Knowlton. "This will allow our students who are no longer able to ride the opportunity to experience not only working with our therapy pony Cricket, but actually get the motion of the horse through the movement of the cart as she pulls us through the countryside."

The new video promoting the program and other services offered by Hope Springs was created through a grant from The PHILO Project, under executive director Gerald Kolpan. "We are so grateful to Gerald Kolpan and his team at The PHILO Project for this wonderful video depicting our riders, horses and new cart program," says Knowlton.



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, please visit us on on-line at www.Hope-Springs.org or call 610-827-0931.

About The PHILO Project

[The PHILO Project](#) creates high-quality, professional videos for small, Philadelphia-area nonprofits free of charge. Since 2014, PHILO has produced over 70 such videos. PHILO is fiscally sponsored by the Greater Philadelphia Film Office.

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