

Ride With Pride

Lancaster County Therapeutic Riding, Inc.

Global Day of Giving

On May 21 LCTR was the beneficiary of a group of 15 wonderful volunteers from XL Insurance Company in Exton. They participated in The Global Day of Giving and spent over 6 hours at Greystone Farm, home of LCTR, involved in a variety of projects. They gave our office a makeover with a thorough cleaning, new curtains, a smaller desk, new chair, file cabinet and assorted office supplies. They also made colorful poles to use in the arena for our lessons and even had the energy to clean tack. They cleaned the cobwebs from our horse's stalls as well as many of Shannon's stalls (Shannon is the barn manager). They even did windows!

A group worked in the woods to clear out dead wood. Six of the volunteers came to one of our orientations in the spring. This group worked with us as sidewalkers during our Wednesday morning classes. We are very grateful for the work that Stephanie



McCoy, the group leader, and her co-workers did that day.

If you know of any organizations looking for volunteer opportunities within the community, please think of LCTR and have them contact Patti Draude to discuss how they can help LCTR.

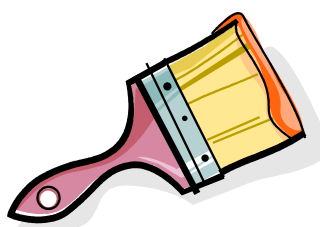
-Patti Draude

Improvement to Indoor Arena

On June 21 the indoor arena will get a new coat of paint! Volunteers Butch Prokay and Troy Hess are the chairpersons for this project. Board member Drew Hostetter's cousin, Kent Hostetter of **J.B. Hostetter and Sons True Value Hardware** in Mount Joy is donating all the materials. Volunteer Erika Atkins' husband Rick and his father's company, **Atkins Deck and Powerwashing**,

are donating the power washing before the painting takes place. Also a crew of our volunteers will help to paint. **There will be no class on June 19th** due to the arena getting power washed that day. **The class will be made up on June 26.**

We sincerely thank these companies for their generous donations. If you have a chance to shop at their store



or contract their services, you will be supporting those who support LCTR.

Watch for this and other facility improvements throughout the year.

-Patti Draude



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Special points of interest:

- LCTR receives large donation
- Fundraising thru GoodShop
- Promotional DVD
- New instructors join LCTR

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Volunteer Corner

It's hard to believe we're well into session 2 as I write this! We have over 70 volunteers helping with our classes and many others who are signed up for future sessions. Sandi and I have welcomed several new volunteers over the past several weeks. We appreciate the



many hours you all give to LCTR. Our program flourishes with all the people that give to it. We see most of our en-

thusiastic volunteers in the barn during lessons but there are also those who give in other ways; handiwork in constructing things for our program, fixing things around the barn, a recent donation of tack, a volunteer who sponsors one of our horses, and contributions made to the program in honor of others or in lieu of birthday gifts. Each and every one of you is a special part of LCTR!

-Patti Draude

LCTR Receives Anonymous Gift

In April, LCTR was the recipient of an anonymous gift in the amount of **\$12,500**. The gift was received from the Foundation for Enhancing Communities. We do not know who is responsible for this very generous donation...but if you are reading this, please know that your gift will allow us to continue the good work we provide to our many riders.

Volunteer Clinics

We completed our series of volunteer clinics sponsored by Ressler Mill Foundation on May 8th when 21 participants attended a training with Shannon Zimmer, Greystone's Barn Manager. Everyone enjoyed Shannon's lively presentation as she demonstrated how to keep Rascal quiet and focused as she was talking to the group. Her focus was on establishing leadership with

calm intent to ensure safety while handling horses. This also enables the leader to influence the horse in a way that gives our riders the best movement possible. Shannon invited our volunteers to feel free to ask her questions when they see her at the farm as they continue building their horse handling skills.

-Patti Draude

Tidbits

Summer Camps

Everyone is anxious for summer camps to begin, so get ready for a fun time. Adult camp begins 6/23 and youth camp begins 6/30.

Trail Ride Babies

Riders and volunteers had a very special treat this spring. Two mares gave birth to 2 foals which our riders get to see when they go on a trail ride.



New Board Member

Tim Keller from the Worship Center has been elected to a 2-year term on

the LCTR board. Welcome, Tim.

Santa Raffle

Marguerite Hartman, mother of two of our riders, has again generously donated one of her one-of-a-kind Santas to Fulton Financial Corporation for their annual LCTR fundraiser. Keep an eye out for your opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for this worthy event.

Horse Treats

All of our horses love getting treats as much as we enjoy giving them treats. However, giving treats prior to the end of lessons can lead to bad behavior

GoodSearch and GoodShop

Thanks to everyone who has been faithfully using GoodSearch as their internet search engine. Everytime you make a search using GoodSearch, LCTR earns one cent...and all those pennies add up.

If you want to make a more significant contribution, please make your online purchases from many well known retailers using GoodShop. While you shop LCTR earns money...it is a win-win for all of us.

from our horses.

Please hold all treats until the completion of the last lesson before putting the treats in the feed dishes.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Scholarships Available

LCTR has scholarships available for those who have financial need. LCTR will not turn away riders due to an inability to pay for the lessons. See Ellen Barnes for details.

Ellen's Corner

We are off to a busy start to 2008; this session we have 49 riders scheduled every week! It is great to see everyone at the barn again. We are thankful to have new instructors Sarah Lupinacci and Hannah Royer joining us in addition to the instructors you know- Jan Birch, Libby Craver, Patti Draude, Jen Good, Sandi Pearsall, Lee Ann Ressler, Kaylynn Shelly and Karen Weber-Zug.

Karen is stepping up to assist LCTR in many ways - one that directly helps me is by being the coordinator of the Sat-

urday morning clinics. If you haven't been involved in the clinics you might want to check into them - it is a group setting instead of the individual lessons we are accustomed to, and there is always time to play games at the end as riders (and often volunteers) learn horsemanship skills. One of Karen's ideas was to have a theme for each clinic. The first theme was left to right balance which riders were able to test both on the ground and on their horse, and she planned several games to test balance as well. Thank you for

going above and beyond for LCTR, Karen.

Patti Draude and Sandi Pearsall continue to wear many hats for LCTR including coordinating volunteers, keeping up on the horse related issues and still manage to find time to instruct! In addition both are involved in the summer camps being planned now. Thank you both for the many hours you put into making LCTR successful.

-Ellen Barnes

Horse Show Advertising

This year's horse show is early—September 13. We will soon have information about the horse show program and will be seeking businesses and individuals to sponsor classes and buy advertising space again this year. The annual horse show is a good fundraiser for LCTR. We will also need volunteers to serve on the horse show committee. Contact Ellen Barnes for more information.



Board Embarks on Strategic Planning

Later this month, the LCTR Board of Directors will embark on development of a strategic plan that will ensure the long term future of LCTR. Board members will work closely with staff to develop an informative and comprehensive plan. More information will be forthcoming on this major initiative.

-Georgina Condran

Lights...Camera...Action



DVD. The DVD will be used for soliciting donations from companies

It might not be Hollywood, but LCTR is ready to embark on the production of a promotional

and organizations. It may also be used for making presentations to various community service organizations who may be interested in supporting LCTR.

The DVD will be yet another tool to “get the word out” about what LCTR is all about.

Dick Miller, husband of volunteer

Kathy Miller, has agreed to volunteer his time to produce this exciting DVD.

So if you see someone at the barn video taping riders or conducting interviews, you now know why.

-Georgina Condran



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June 8 6:00—9:00pm
Country Farm Market
211 S. Donnerville Rd., Lancaster
Tickets \$15....riders are free!
Check our website for additional information.

A full calendar of events is available at www.lctr.net



Horses leave footprints on the heart.

Alphabet Soup??



Have you ever watched one of our riding lessons only to see the rider stop at every letter on the wall of the indoor

arena. You then see them thinking hard and speaking to their instructor or volunteers. This exercise not only helps the rider learn to halt and walk on command, but also encourages them to tell their instructor a horse-related word that begins with the letter where they have halted. This is an example of just one way we combine physical, cognitive and verbal skills in a fun way.

It is amazing the wonderful job our riders do with this activity. Ask them to share some of their equine related

words with you. Here are just a few examples.

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MUZZLE

MANE

FORELOCK

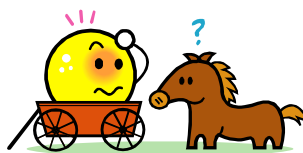
HOOF

BRIDLE

EQUINE

MARE

FOAL



Grant Committee Update

The Grant Committee is pleased to have two new volunteers, Pat Stockwell and Angie Weidman, who bring grant writing and fundraising experience to LCTR. We look forward to their assistance as we develop our fundraising strategies in conjunction with our strategic plan.



It is not too late to become a part of this important committee. Contact Sandi Pearsall if you are interested.