

Riverwood Rider

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Reel Shady



Backporch Bluegrass

An Evening of Family Entertainment

- Barbecue Dinner
- Bluegrass Music
- Contra Dance
- Silent Auction Full of Fabulous Items

Saturday, September 24, 2011 5 pm - until

Admission \$30.00 Children under 8 admitted free

All proceeds benefit Riverwood Therapeutic Riding Center

Limited seating, so call early at 922-6426 or visit Riverwoodtrc.org for ticket information

Bluegrass Bash 2011

On September 24th, 2011 we want to see the largest turnout ever for Riverwood's Annual Bluegrass Bash! That means you should make your reservations early for this not-to-be-missed evening of live entertainment, silent auction items, vacation raffle, delicious award-winning barbecue, riding demonstration, homemade desserts, and more! Enjoy family, friends, and good times while supporting your local therapeutic riding center.

This year, Riverwood is proud to introduce "BackPorch Bluegrass," and to welcome back "Reel Shady" for live, foot-stomping music. We are also selling raffle tickets for \$10/each or 6 for \$50. The raffle is for a vacation getaway to lovely Johns Pass, Florida, just south of Clearwater. The winner, announced at Bluegrass Bash, will receive a stay at a 2 bedroom/2 bath condo in a gated development with a view of the ocean. The development has a pool, jacuzzi & a private beach area. More details can be found soon on our website at www.riverwoodtrc.org.

Please contact us if you know anyone who would like to showcase a product or service in this year's silent auction. We are accepting items now. **Items for the silent auction should have a minimum value of \$25.**

Calendar of Events:

Please go to www.riverwoodtrc.org for more information.

Summer session continues through August 7

August 29: Fall Classes Begin

September 24: Riverwood's Annual Bluegrass Bash

October 8 and 9: Annual TRAV Horse Show

October 15: Riverwood's Annual Benefit Open Horse Show

Old Richmond's "Horseshoes of Hope" 2011

2011 marks the fourth consecutive year that the students of Old Richmond Elementary School, led and inspired by Andrea Bostic, raised funds in support of Riverwood. The 5th graders alone raised \$2,200 for Riverwood and continue their sponsorship of Gator! The entire 5th grade made a trip to the farm where they hiked through the trails, had the privilege of watching several Riverwood students ride, and enjoyed a pizza party generously donated by Hilary Kosloske.



In a truly heartwarming gesture, the students wrote thank you letters to Riverwood for their experience. Big Tony was an instant hit, according to everyone's "favorite part" about the visit ("I especially loved Tony," "I got to pet Tony," "Tony was my favorite horse, he is HUGE!"). One student's remarkable comments: "It was amazing to me to think some of these people had to sit in a wheelchair for most of their time. And riding the horses gave them the opportunity to get out." Another student captured much of our spirit, and the lessons we teach every day saying, "I think it's an amazing thing what you do for kids with disabilities. You don't care what they look like or how they are different which is a really good thing."

As a closing comment to one letter, a student wrote, "I will never forget it!" Believe us when we say Riverwood will never forget the students, teachers, and staff of Old Richmond Elementary!

A special thank you to Hilary Kosloske for making this very special day possible!

If your school or organization would like to participate in Riverwood's "Horseshoes of Hope" program, please contact Bree Hendrick at rtrc@windstream.net or call 336-922-6426.

Carolina Classic Open Horse Show Benefitting Riverwood

It is an exciting time for equestrian sports in our area! A new company, Carolina Classic, has formed in our community for the purpose of putting on several local open horse shows. Currently, shows are held at Mila Equestrian Center in Mocksville, NC. A portion of the proceeds from Carolina Classic shows are generously donated to Riverwood!

Riverwood is excited to partner with Carolina Classic for the final show of their season on October 15th. Riders and equine enthusiasts from all over are invited to compete in English, Hunter and Western disciplines. In addition, competitive therapeutic classes will be offered.

We are currently looking for class sponsorships, so please contact Riverwood at rtrc@windstream.net or call 336-922-6426 for sponsorship information. Sponsorship forms will soon be available on www.riverwoodtrc.org.

Show dates for the series are August 13, September 24, and October 15. Visit their website: www.carolinaclassicsshows.com for more information. Please make plans to come out and support Riverwood on October 15th!



Special Thanks

Mt. Tabor UMC-Mt. Tabor UMC made Riverwood part of their Great Day of Service. Adults and children groomed trails, and cleared rocks from the paddock area

Macauley Morrison- Senior Girl Scout Troop 477 - Macauley chose Riverwood for her Gold Award. She planned and built raised garden beds. She also supervised fellow scouts in creating beautiful hand painted plant markers

Girl Scout Junior Troop 40382 - Under the leadership of Eva Jane Felts, Girl Scouts Ava Foster, Molly Southern, Nikita Makwana, Laura Corum, Emma Glen, Mya Goodley, Sophia Lonergan, Elise Myers, Abby Patten, Haley Reece, and Ruan Walker, worked all day as volunteers for the Riverwood horse show. The girls also made a grocery store game to be used in our therapeutic riding classes.

Spring Fling Horse Show

This year's spring horse show at Riverwood was quite an adventure! Twelve hours before the show we were holding a collective breath as we watched heavy rain, lightening, hail and gale winds pummel the farm. The decision was made to go ahead and hold the show, and it turned out to be an amazing day. The weather was cool and cloudy with only a quick shower at lunchtime.

We were thrilled to welcome so many of our students and their families as well as students, instructors, horses and volunteers from Bright Star Farm in Rougemont, NC. This is the first year that we have had riders from another therapeutic riding center, and it really brought out the camaraderie in our students.

Our amazing group of volunteers helped the show run smoothly and kept all of our riders safe. The parents of our students supplied a great bounty of food while the Girl Scouts from Junior Troop 40382 helped cook, give out ribbons and cheer on the riders. This year's show was truly a team effort and showcased the amazing talents of our students. We had many riders who showed independently for the first time and many for whom this was their first show.

There is nothing like watching a horse and rider complete a timed obstacle course, from memory, and seeing that rider's smile and hug for the horse when they finish. The cheers from parents, instructors, volunteers and other students is a testament to the hard work and dedication each rider shows through the year! Please plan on attending next year the second weekend in May to become a part of the fun!



Bonefish Grill hosts Spring Community Care Lunch

On April 7th, Bonefish Grill of Winston-Salem hosted approximately 80 guests for Riverwood's Spring Community Care Luncheon. This was the first fundraising luncheon for Riverwood, and it was a great success! The idea of the lunch, aside from raising funds for our programs, was to introduce Riverwood to new friends and supporters and spread the word about the work we do for those with disabilities.

After a delightful wine reception, guests were treated to a delicious Bonefish meal, an introduction by Susan Hubbard, a wonderfully heartfelt story from Cindy and Hannah Hiatt, and speakers Mike Britt (Executive Director of The Centers for Exceptional Children) and Doreen Hughes, MD. Board President Hilary Kosloske shared closing remarks. Riverwood is pleased to announce that our contributors at this lunch gave over \$14,000!

We are sincerely grateful to Bonefish Grill for their continued partnership and to the following Table Captains for 2011: Lacy Azevedo, Beth and Sandy Baldwin, Dennis Beauchamp, Jeni Fowler, Nancy Hancock, Janet Hano, Jane Hendrick, Deanna Hines, Debra Holliday, Hilary Kosloske, and Jane Marvin.

Riverwood would also like to thank Modern Automotive for their matching donation and sponsorship of the lunch.

2011 Graduates

Eric Holthusen graduated from Mt. Tabor High School. Eric has been a longtime student at Riverwood and we congratulate him on his success.

Board Members

Candi Abramson - Lacy Azevedo
John Church - Linda Collins
Jenifer Fowler - Marcella Farmer
Susan Hubbard - Hilary Kosloske
Victoria E. Newell, DVM
Karen Nicolay - Ashley Vogel

Spreading the News

We are always excited about opportunities to help educate the community about the benefits of equine assisted activities. This year, Riverwood and Hughes Equine Energy have had the unique opportunity to partner with Northwest AHEC. The Northwest Area Health Education Center is an educational outreach and training program designed to enhance the health of the public through diverse community/academic partnerships.

We have had the chance to offer workshops about our Equine Assisted Psychotherapy and Learning (EAP/L) program to educate the medical and professional community. "The Power of Working with Horses" is a 3 hour interactive workshop that gives people the chance to see how equine assisted psychotherapy and learning can be powerful therapeutic modalities. The workshops also offer 3 CEU credits for professionals.

We have partnered with AHEC for four workshops so far in 2011, and we are already planning three more over the next year. Our partnership is one we hope to continue for many years.

To learn more about the next workshop scheduled for September, please watch our website or visit the website for NW AHEC at www.northwestahec.wfubmc.edu

Special Sidewalkers and Loyal Leaders

(new volunteers)

Kathy Sloane	Emma Hamilton
Zach Sharpe	Michael Serosky
Nina Harris	Jennifer Pardee
Lisa Jo Sparling	Adam Jass
Sterling Hart	Christina Brunner
Tiffany Nelson	Joette Unks
Sarah Unks	Brooke Bond
Amy Lewis	Cody Davidson
Giselle Roth	Susan Gray
Alyssa Mansir	Tamara Stover
Beth Stover	Emma Noles
Cristina Kitchens-Law	

Riverwood Contributors

Since March 2011

Thank you all....We hope we haven't missed anyone. Your continued support is appreciated.

James Butler
Mr. & Mrs. Barry Boneno
Reynolds American Foundation
Nancy Smith
Lamar & Marilyn Parker
Charlotte Eggers
Beth and Sandy Baldwin
Collett and Lawren Thach
Nancy Truluck
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Hugh Roberts
Catherine Boss
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Patricia Reed
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Ruth Clark
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Nancy J. Smith
Dan Haley
Anthony Ahiabuike
Mary Jo and Robert Beckman
Kurt and Jacquelyn Gehsmann

Riverwood is pleased to announce that our 2010 Annual Report and IRS Form 990 are now available on our website. Please visit www.riverwoodtrc.org and view the "about Riverwood" section.

Corporate Sponsors:

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- Greystone Veterinary Service
- Salem Kitchen
- Triad Moms on Main

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Martha Key
In Memory of Edith Newell
by Laura & Chris Pallavicini
In Honor of Kevin Kiser
by Laura & Chris Pallavicini
In Honor of Martha Key
by Laura & Chris Pallavicini

Riverwood Rider

In Memory Of

Abby, Gypsy & Edith
by Wanda & Randy Hillman
Mrs. Cannon by Kathryn Petty
Brenda Gangwani
by G.C. and Judith Petree
Steven Owenby
by Debra Owenby and family
Geneva, Kathryn Petty's Godmother
by Nina Phaup
Katie Fitzgerald by Diane Wiegel
Jane Eldridge by Anne Watson
Mrs. Evelyn Renfroe by Mrs. Martha Key
Camden and Smitty
by Kyle and Marie Petty
Camden and Smitty by Doreen Hughes

In Honor Of

Tammy Poindexter by Katie Manning
Dr. Vickie Newell by Katie Manning
Cynthia Williams by Aaron Williams
Jozy Unal by Medge Owen & Can Unal
Jozy Unal by Karen & Antony Taquey
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Jozy Unal by Robert & Catherine Clegg
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by Christopher & Sharon Turner
Jozy Unal by Austin & Angela Caviness
Jozy Unal by Pere & Jo Ann Owen
Jozy Unal by Jackie, Peggy
& Madison Cochrane
Susan Hubbard by Bob and Helena Kenny
Zach Sharpe by Steve Martin
Kathlynn Barnhill by Anne Watson
Karen Fitzgerald by Diane Wiegel
Red Man by Jerry and Elizabeth Banks

Wish List

- Paper towels • Toilet tissue
- Hand Soap • Bottled water
- 2 pony sized English
hackamore bridles
- 2 horse sized English
hackamore bridles
- 12- 6 foot cotton lead ropes
with small snaps
- Self-sealing business envelopes
- Forever stamps • Printer paper

Gifts in Kind

Martha Key – toilet paper/paper towels/
Horse Show lunch items
Devon Adams & Blaze Therapeutic
Riding Center – brushes, saddles, stirrups,
pads, helmets, halters, lead ropes,
reins, mounting block, hackamores,
stirrup leathers, fly sprayer, stop sign,
chairs, rake, cones and baskets.
Jennifer Mallow-Canter – Easter baskets
and eggs
Jennifer Marion – Easter eggs
Kevin Grissler – electrical work to repair
stoplight
Marilu Jason – 6 Fly Masks
Anne & Greg Epting – Horse show lunch
supplies
Branch Banking & Trust – 20 Large
Folding Tables
Joe Paschal – Lemon Pound Cake for
Horse Show lunch
Flowers Bakery (Jennifer Canter) – Hot
dog buns for Horse show lunch
Marie Petty – creating felt shims to
accompany new Theraflex saddle pads
ByLo – 10 bags of ice for Horse Show
Barbara Bowman – boots
Marian Bell – Vogel English boots,
jumping vest, riding vest, chaps &
riding pants
Marie Gibson – 2 pr. Boots and 1 pr.
riding pants

Two Stalls Named in Honor of Donors

Two more of our stalls have been named in honor of Riverwood family members!

Aaron Williams and family secretly named a stall in honor of Cynthia Williams' 40th Birthday and presented it to her on her special day with her family members present.

Debra Owenby and family named a stall in honor and memory of Steven Owenby, a loving and lasting tribute.

We are pleased to provide a commemorative plaque on the outside wall of each sponsored stall.

LTD Donations

Cynthia Glasscoe
Adelaide Beeker

Horse Sponsors

Horse sponsorships are \$1000 a year and help with their cost and care.

Angel - The Piedmont Kiwanis Club
Blaze - Kyle and Marie Petty
Boomer - Doreen Hughes
Boomer - Diane Behar
Fits - Jane Marvin
Flash -needs a sponsor
Gator - Mariam Wright,
in honor of Vickie Newell
Gator - Old Richmond Elementary
5th Graders
Ibby - The Hines family
King - David and Jennifer Barksdale
Pet - The Beauchamp Family
Pet - Lovell's Little Bits
Sassy - William & Marie Davis
Skip – needs a sponsor
Thomas - The Hubbard Family
Tony - Courtney Czarnecki
Tony - Alan & Susan Kirby

As the cost of keeping our horses increases, we hope to have at least two sponsors for each horse. Please consider sponsoring a horse.

Student Sponsors

Student sponsorships are \$1000 a year and supplement costs that are not covered by tuition, including scholarships.

Chris and Danny Herko
Teresa Dampier
The Mobile Doc, PLLC
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From the Director

Dear Friends,

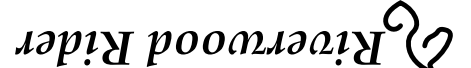
Riverwood's family is growing! We are excited to welcome many new students and their families, volunteers, new business partners and all the individuals who are making Riverwood a place to give financial support. As we welcome those who are new to the Riverwood family I also want to recognize friends who have been with us year after year. We appreciate all that you do and have done to help grow Riverwood's programs to better serve our community. Welcome new PATH intl. certified instructors Bree Hendrick and Amanda MacInnes.

This fall is packed full of events for students, volunteers, our sponsors and individual supporters with lots of opportunity to get involved. We will be attending two horse shows, hosting clinics and volunteer orientations. The Bluegrass Bash promises to be the best ever with some additional food items, a new band to add to our old friends and a great program. We will have dancing and our faithful and dedicated board members will be serving desserts.

Riverwood has published its first annual report that is available on our website. We are proud to report that Riverwood met its 2010 budget with income that goes to fund therapeutic programs at 83%. The remaining 17% goes toward administrative and fundraising costs. \$.83 of every dollar donated to Riverwood goes toward providing equine assisted activities to individuals with special needs. Thank you to all our donors-individual, corporate, church, and community organizations-who have given Riverwood the financial capability to underwrite 70% of the cost of our therapeutic riding services which allows us to fulfill our mission and provide financial assistance for those in need.

Susan

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