



# HORSEPOWER

## January 2023

### Board President's Remarks

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As the new Board of Directors President for LTR, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation, admiration and gratitude to our dedicated staff and volunteers. Your tireless efforts, passion, and commitment to our mission have been invaluable. Your dedication to the well-being of our equine partners and the support you provide to our students is truly inspiring.

All our staff are standouts; however, I must give a special shout out to our Program Director, Kathy Blaine for filling the shoes of Acting Executive Director and to Tatiana Williams for holding down the administrative fort these past few months. Your tireless efforts are seen and appreciated by the Board, your colleagues, our volunteers, and our students. Thank you!

As we move forward, I am excited to continue working with our dedicated team to provide the best programming and support to our community. We are committed to the growth and success of our organization, and we will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that our students and our community are well-served.

A special thanks to our outgoing President, Reggie Howard, for his dedication, hard work, and leadership over the past few years. Under his guidance, our organization has successfully navigated challenging times and flourished, and we are grateful for his contributions. Reggie remains on the Board and continues to be committed to the long-term success of this amazing organization.

I also wish a heartfelt farewell to outgoing Board Members Joe Cummings and Pete Vaccaro. Your commitment to LTR made all the difference. Thanks for your dedication and commitment. You both will be missed.

I look forward to working with all of you to achieve our shared goal of fulfilling our mission:

*Loudoun Therapeutic Riding embraces the power of horse-assisted services to promote well-being and community inclusion for people with physical, cognitive, and mental health challenges.*

Thank you all for your unwavering support and dedication.

Love, Trust, Respect,

*Chris*

Chris Walton  
President of the Board  
Loudoun Therapeutic Riding

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A few of the LTR staff shared their New Year wishes with us, and we wanted to include them here to inspire you to make your own wish for the New Year:

Kathy B., Program Director- My wish for 2023 at LTR is a year filled with peace, grace & intentional growth.

Debbie G., Herd Manager/Instructor- May 2023 be your year to shine! Happy New Year!

Elena M., Horse Care- Wishing for no frozen water this winter!

Heather P., Assistant Program Director- I am wishing everyone a healthy year filled with happiness and horses!

Tatiana W., Administrative Service Officer- Wishing everyone a safe and warm New Year! Let's be our best selves in 2023!

Claudia Y., Instructor- My wish for the New Year is that LTR's North Spring program expands to provide services for more participants. It would be wonderful to also have more time in each session for the kids to have lunch at the barn or do their homework with the horses!

You make up all that is wonderful about this organization, so on behalf of all of LTR, thank you, and we hope your year is off to a great start!

With Love, Trust and Respect,

-The LTR Horse and Human Herd



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## Join the In Stride Society

We are excited to announce the return of our monthly giving program, the [In Stride Society](#). Join us *In Stride* by pledging a monthly recurring donation, and we take it from there! No matter the size of your contribution, it makes a difference in the lives of our participants.

We greatly appreciate the generous support of everyone in our community that gives what they can and keeps LTR flourishing. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you!

[Join the In Stride Society today](#)

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## Program Spotlight

Only 46 days until it's *officially* SPRING! But spring begins on March 6 here at LTR with the beginning of a new session. [Registration is now open so don't forget to submit your lesson requests as soon as possible!](#)

Prospective students can reach out to us for



information on initial meet & greets at the farm. New Horsepower groups are forming with a focus on building relationships, self-awareness and connections through partnering with the herd in groundwork!



## Volunteer Spotlight

New volunteer orientation is coming up on Thursday, February 9th so that we can ensure that our volunteers understand the important role they play in contributing to the safety and support of our students.

We appreciate every one of our volunteers, especially the ones who have stuck it out in the January weather, and we can't wait to add more to the LTR herd!

Thank you, team!

LTR Volunteer Program



## Event Wrap Up

We would like to say a special thank you to everyone who donated to our Giving Tree! LTR received many useful material donations in exchange for our handmade ornaments. We are overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of everyone who gave back during the holiday season, and we are absolutely stocked up going into 2023!



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## Upcoming Events - *SAVE THE DATE!*

**Monday, April 24, 2023:** Putt for Ponies Golf Tournament!  
[Register Here](#)

**Saturday, May 20, 2023:** Boots and Bridles Barn Dance

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