



# HORSEPOWER

## June 2023

### Boots and Bridles Barn Dance Wrap Up



*Photos by: A. Duvall and H. Penberthy*

**I am new to the party and I have to say---it was awesome!**

Thank you Committee Chair Amy Legan for all you did to make the **Boots and Bridles Barn Dance** a huge success. Special shout out to Natalie Hoppenjans, Nicole Roca, Kathleen Giusti, Susan McMunn, Joyce Gill, Beth Czerwinski, Beth McMonigle, Linda Beckman and our terrifically talented staff Tatiana Williams and Elena Mussari-Fugate. Teamwork makes the dreamwork!

We are so grateful to DC Prime for a beverage sponsorship and to our event sponsor Veros Technologies. Many thanks to Toth Financial, Essentially Jodie, Total Equine Veterinary Associates, Loudoun Milling, BCT Bank, Norbo Dental, Piedmont Equine, Jain and Associates, Farm Credit and Maid Brigade for supporting the barn dance.

Our in-kind sponsors included One Family Brewing, JMorris Flowers, Bartique, Sri Amudhanar (DJ), Costco and Wegmans.

Monk's BBQ did a great job with the food. Thank you Allan Leach, Heather Payne, Debbie Gerbich, Caitlin Taft, Charlie Barnhouse, Fred George and Ed Felker, it takes a village to make the barn dance happen. At the end of the night, we raised \$168,571 to support our herd and programming at LTR!

Many thanks to all those who gave/collected/purchased silent auction items-we still have a few left to purchase...we will make you a deal!

We appreciate our incredible supporters who paddled up for our ponies! *Great horses change lives, we know that. We have 13 great horses who touch the lives of every rider, driver, volunteer and instructor. We rely on our horses to make this program work, and are honored to care for them!*

Gold Level: \$10,000 – \$5,000

*Kim Partoll, Brian Denny, Allison Goldfarb, Brian Legan, Robynn Berquist, Susan McMunn*

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Bronze Level: \$100 - \$999

*Marytrent Hamilton, Myra McKitrick, Chris Czerwinski, Kathleen Giusti, Christie McKitrick, Bruce Smith, Dan Snyder, Ethan Treese, Bree Turner, Wendy Behm, Geary Higgins, Marilyn Adams, Eva Graves, Jackie Duley, Leslie Esposito, Vickie Fox, Matt Galosky, Clint Gauvin, Jon Hurst, Elda Milef, Heather Payne, Janet Thompson, Lorena Valente, Colleen McKitrick, Jeff Clark, Kathleen Beneski, Cheryl Coughlin, Sandra Felker, Mary Hill, Betsy Wymer, Taylor Payne*

Love, Trust and Respect,  
Laura

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## LTR is Out and About!

**Upperville Horse Show**---Many thanks to our volunteers at the **Upperville Horse Show**, we raised awareness and made some new friends and reconnected with some old friends.



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We're also grateful to the **Upperville Horse Show** for hosting us! We loved our spot between the pony ring and the lemonade stand under the shady trees. Special thanks to Southern States Purcellville for loaning us a beautiful assortment of plants to enhance the curb appeal of our tent.

Thank you also to AlphaGraphics for printing our new brochure and to Dementi publishing for allowing us to sell the Secretariat's Meadow book as a fundraiser. We may have a few copies left if you are interested.

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# IN STRIDE SOCIETY



## Join 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.

We are up to 18 monthly contributors! From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to *Ken & Kathy Blaine, Roberta Saborsky, Michael and Christine Cummings, Susi Friedrich, Nancy Russell, R Scott Pollard, Ray & Gayle Pollard, Kathleen Giusti, Keegan Stone, Karen Rarick, Rosemarie Hamm, Carolyn Brandon, Chris Walton, Sheila Stevens, Scott Fuller, Laura Smith, Allan Leach, Alison Howard*

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## Program Spotlight

### ***Countryside ES - Pony Tales Program***

The grand finale for CES students' Project Based Learning experience was on May 26th when Gnomeo made a surprise visit to thank all 120 **Countryside Elementary School** first graders for their support!

The first-grade team received a grant from the **Loudoun Education Foundation** to partner with LTR to explore how what they were learning in their economics unit applied within our programs. During this school year,

students studied: needs, wants, producers, consumers, goods, services, persuasive writing (does Gnomeo need or want treats?), spending and saving. Through interactive lessons, students officially made "shopping" lists that covered many items the LTR herd needs/wants, which made learning fun with real life applications. Teachers made the purchases which were captured on video, and shown to the kids in the classroom!



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## We're bringing Hippo back!

Not really a hippo—hippotherapy with Catherine Coleman, Speech Pathologist. Coming soon.

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## Volunteer Spotlight

A big LTR **THANK YOU** to all of our awesome volunteers that assisted in the planning and executing of the 2023 Boots and Bridles Barn Dance. **It took approximately 45 volunteers** to make this event a huge success!!

From getting donations for the silent and live auctions, coordinating with vendors, putting together silent auction items, cleaning and decorating the barn and arena and most importantly, attending the event and making sure it ran smoothly...they did it **ALL**! When we say "we can't do what we do without you", we truly mean it. There's a lot that goes on behind the scenes to make this event happen and we appreciate everyone who helped. With the volunteers help with the Boots and Bridles Barn Dance, the LTR staff was able to focus on what we needed to do to provide the best programming to our participants and to care for the herd. Thank you!!!

We also have **NEW volunteer training** coming up on **June 19th at 4:30** - please contact [volunteer@ltrf.org](mailto:volunteer@ltrf.org) for information and to learn about summer volunteer opportunities!

LTR Volunteer Program

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# Upcoming Events/Save the Dates



June 19 - 23: Break week for the horses

Monday, June 19 - 4:30 pm: LTR New Volunteer Orientation and Training

Friday, June 23 - 1 pm - 3 pm: Horse Handling class for returning volunteers

Tuesday, August 8 - 6 pm: Free Movie night, Disney's Secretariat, at Middleburg Community Center

Wednesday, August 9 - Save the date! Bronze Secretariat Sculpture comes to National Sporting Library and Museum in Middleburg. Kate Tweedy, (author

Secretariat's Meadow) will discuss the Golden Anniversary of Secretariat's Triple Crown and Jocelyn Russell will explain how she made the 1½ times life size sculpture of the horse.

Sunday, August 13 - Therapeutic Riding Association of Virginia (Trav) Education Day

Sunday, September 17 - 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Heroes First Fair

Saturday, October 28 - LTR's Ride-A-Thon

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