



HORSEPOWER

May 2023

Welcoming our new Executive Director

It is my privilege to share some fantastic news with our LTR community! On April 24th, we welcomed our new Executive Director, Laura Smith, who brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience from the therapeutic riding industry and the wider horse industry. With her proven leadership skills and experience, we are confident that Laura will take LTR to new heights of success as we approach our 50th year of providing vital services to the community.

In just three short weeks, Laura has already made an incredible impact, representing LTR at public awareness events and diving right into observing lessons and meeting students. She is passionate, knowledgeable, and deeply committed to LTR's mission of providing equine assisted services to those in need. If you haven't yet had the pleasure of meeting Laura, I invite you to our upcoming Boots and Bridles Barn Dance on May 20th to say hello!

Laura and her husband, Bruce, live in Purcellville with their two horses, two dogs, and two cats, which makes her a perfect fit for our LTR family. We are thrilled to have her on board and can't wait to see all the amazing things LTR will accomplish in the years ahead.

We also want to take a moment to express our gratitude to the dedicated and talented LTR staff, particularly Kathy Blaine and Tatiana Williams, who kept things running smoothly in the absence of an Executive Director. We are truly fortunate to have such a wonderful team of professionals working for LTR, and we know that with Laura at the helm, the future looks brighter than ever!

Love, Trust, Respect,

Chris Walton
President of the Board

A Message from Laura...

Thank you for the warm welcome! I am looking forward to getting to know

everyone. I am really delighted to be working at LTR, therapeutic riding has been near to my heart my entire life. It is an honor to be here. This organization has helped so many people in Loudoun County in the last 49 years. This new location for LTR in Lovettsville presents great opportunities for the organization. LTR has an outstanding crew of horses, instructors and volunteers and a supportive Board of Directors. Hope to see you at the Boots and Bridles Barn Dance!

Love, Trust and Respect,

Laura Smith

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Mother's Day is This Weekend!

LTR is wishing all of our mothers and grandmothers a happy Mother's Day this May! Not sure how best to honor your maternal parent this Mother's Day? Treat your mom and/or the motherly influences in your life to a donation in her name to Loudoun Therapeutic Riding, because giving back is sometimes the best gift you can give.

[If you're looking for more of a material gift, take her for a spin at the Barn Dance by purchasing your ticket before 5/15 here!](#)



Event Preview



Get ready for Loudoun Therapeutic Riding's rowdiest night of the year as we gear up for the Boots and Bridles Barn Dance next Saturday, May 20!

Enjoy a night of Line Dancing lead by DJ LK3MY5T, have some BBQ and dessert catered by Monks, and sip on "The Duke," LTR's signature cocktail from adorable boot shaped cups provided by Bartique during cocktail hour!

With One Family Brewing on tap, a fabulous lineup of auction items and, of course, your favorite horse herd ready to meet you, it's sure to be an amazing evening. Wear your fanciest boots for our "Best Boots" contest, bring cash to enter cash games, and show your support for Loudoun Therapeutic Riding!

Ticket sales close on 5/15! Get your tickets today!

[For sponsorship opportunities or to purchase a table of eight at a lower rate, please visit our event page here](#) or click the button on our homepage, www.LTRF.org.



IN STRIDE SOCIETY



Join the In Stride Society

Not able to come to the Barn Dance, but still want to show your support? 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

Program Spotlight

This week, LTR wished a huge happy birthday to one of our largest herd members! Mae West got to enjoy a special treat from one of her regular riders, Megan G, who's been with LTR for over 30 years. Happy Birthday, Mae West!

Additionally, we want to say a huge thank you to instructor and expert gardener Miss Debbie for taking the time to make LTR's outdoors beautiful with her green thumb! Since the weather has been beautiful, our participants have gotten to enjoy the beautiful sights and smells outdoors rather than in the indoor arena. If you have a chance, go check out Mosby's Garden and experience the beautiful view yourself!

We would also like to remind everyone that signups for the summer session are still open. If you haven't already, please follow the link below to sign up for the next session (tentative dates: June 26-Sept 9).

[Sign up for the summer session here.](#)



Volunteer Spotlight

Thank you so much to all of the Verizon volunteers that took the time to come out to help take care of some jobs around the farm! Volunteers spread mulch, cleaned up boards and performed other tasks that needed doing, and we're so grateful for their service! It's general maintenance work like this that sometimes seems small, yet makes a huge difference in the look and operation of the farm. On behalf of the herd, THANK YOU!



We also would like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers who have already agreed to help out during the week of the Boots and Bridles Barn Dance. This event is a huge undertaking for the organization, so your help means so much to us and will contribute so much to the success of the event.

If you have availability at any point from May 17-21, please email us at volunteer@ltrf.org to sign up to help with the Barn Dance!

LTR Volunteer Program

Event Wrap Up

Thank you so much to everyone who came out for Putt for Ponies and made it a huge success! We had over 100 golfers come out to show their support for LTR and to show off their swing on an absolutely gorgeous April day.

Conditions couldn't have been better for a golf tournament, and everyone had a blast trying to beat the pro, using the Golf Ball cannon and meeting Laura Smith, LTR's new executive director! Thank you again to our generous sponsors of the event, and to Lansdowne Resort for hosting Putt for Ponies for the second year in a row.





Upcoming Events

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