

HORSEPOWER October 2023

Fall is in the Air!

"What do you use to mend a jack-o-lantern? A pumpkin patch." - Unknown

We continue to march through the fall with the leaves steadily changing here at the farm, our horses and ponies getting fuzzier coats in preparation for winter and Mother Nature still giving us an occasional golden warm evening! Read below about our annual **Ride-a-Thon Costume Trail Ride**, and other happenings at the farm!



Ride A Thon Update! Costume Ride October 28th!

We are SO close to our goal!

Help push us over the top to support our students that make strides every time they partner with one of our wonderful horses!

Sponsor a current student for \$150, or create a fundraising page using the button below to help spread the word in your community!

Our horse and human herd **THANK YOU** for keeping the magic happening at LTR each day!

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Walk, Trol, Decanler wasn't a Rain Out!

Even though Mother Nature tried to "dampen our spirits" with a drizzle-y rain on Saturday the 14th, we didn't listen and a good time was had by all!



We thank Nashville Recording Artist Templeton

Thompson, all our guests including **Amy Stone** and **Karyn Brown** for sharing their stories, as well as the **Leach Family** who spoke in addition to tending bar!

We appreciate all of our volunteers including <u>Claude Moore Community Builders</u> and sponsors: <u>Blossom & Bloom Thrift Shop</u>, <u>Another Turn Tack Shop</u>, <u>Delamar Hotels</u>, <u>Southern States</u> <u>Purcellville</u>, The McMunn Family, The Howard Family, The Fuller Family, The Giusti Family who helped make it a great evening!

We especially loved the opportunity to celebrate our much loved, much appreciated **Program Director, Kathy Blaine**, on her 30 years of leadership at LTR! When you are in the barn, wish Kathy a "Happy Anniversary"!





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Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Loudoun Therapeutic Riding by preordering our 2024 calendar today!

Makes a great holiday gift! Estimated delivery date is 12/1/23



IN STRIDE SOCIETY

Are you In Stride with LTR?

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 19 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, James Rarick, Rosemarie Hamm, Carolyn Brandon, Chris Walton, Sheila Stevens, Scott Fuller, Laura Smith, Allan Leach, Alison Howard

Join the In Stride Society today

Program Spotlight

The farm is aglow these days with the changing leaves and happy smiles as the fall session nears the halfway point!

Over 100 students a week are participating in adaptive riding & driving, speech therapy using **Hippotherapy** and **HorsePower Social Hour**. We're also busy preparing for the annual **Costume Ride a Thon** which is always a highlight of our entire year! Check out ways to support this important fundraiser.





In addition to our regular programming, LTR welcomed 5 awesome **Shenandoah University Division of Occupational Therapy students** and their faculty to the farm for their course in *Community Applications with Individuals*. "The purpose of this course is to provide students with the opportunity to apply foundational knowledge and techniques learned in the first semester courses in a therapeutic setting. In order to learn the OT process, the students will utilize their interviewing and observation skills as a therapist to create an occupational profile and an occupation-based activity that is meaningful to a community partner."

Our students, instructors and volunteers have enjoyed supporting and learning from these enthusiastic, bright future occupational therapists through hands-on experiences this semester.

Volunteer Spotlight

We are **SO Thankful** to <u>Accenture Federal Services</u> for spending the day with us on October 9th to spruce up the farm! From painting fences to organizing our shed, a good time was had by all!









Interested in volunteering? Students needing service hours? Special Events your thing? We can always use some extra hands! Please reach out via the buttons below!

LTR Volunteer Program

LTR Volunteer Application

Upcoming Events/Save the Dates

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



Monday, Nov. 20 - Saturday, Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Break - No Lessons

Tuesday, November 28 - Giving Tuesday - More Details to Come! **Saturday, December 2 -** <u>Middleburg Holiday Parade</u> - Click to learn more!

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