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- Rider Sponsor: 1 session - \$250, 2 sessions - \$500, 3 sessions - \$750, 1 year - \$875

Enclosed is my donation of: \$ _____ Please make checks payable to Riders Unlimited.

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Donations and sponsorships may be sent to: Riders Unlimited, P.O. Box 135, Fremont, OH 43420

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We thank the following who have recently provided donations to Riders Unlimited:

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Hoofprints

Annual Rider and Volunteer Recognition Dinner

Sunday, January 24, 2010 2:00 PM
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
3077 County Road 170, Fremont

Please help us celebrate the special individuals you are. Enjoy homemade chili (regular and vegetarian), salad, corn bread and desserts. Relive special memories and contributions from the past year. Be the first to see who wins the big year-end awards.

RSVP by Thursday, January 14, 2010 by calling 419-332-6900 or emailing us at ridersunlimited@gmail.com.

Families are encouraged to attend.

The Board of Directors and Committees

It's the start of another year and we are looking forward to continuing to offer our unique services and making the program grow. However, this can't happen without a lot of people stepping up and being "hands-on" with the program both in and out of the barn. As part of the strategic planning we finished a couple years ago, we are revamping our Bylaws and structure. From this, we will be looking to add more positions to the Board of Directors and working towards more active committees. We want to encourage anyone who has an interest in the success and growth of the program to take advantage of these changes and help us out.

Below are the committees we have. If you would like to be on one of them, please contact us ASAP.

Fundraising: raises money through special events. Subcommittees for: Wine Tasting, Horse Show, 5k/10k, Memorinaville, Denim & Diamonds Ball (2011)

PR & Marketing: promotes the program in the community; website, photography, videography, posters, etc.

Building & Grounds: maintains the care of the facility and does the heavy jobs.

Instructing: provides instruction to individuals with disabilities.

The Feed Lot: provides care to the horses, mornings and evenings.

We also have 1, 2, and 3-year terms available on the Board if this is more in line with your interests. Currently, we are also looking to fill the Vice President and Treasurer board positions.

Openings available for 2010. Please call 419-332-6900 to be a part.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our Riders and Volunteers



January

- 4: Nick Werling (R)
- 18: Katie Cantu (R)
- 30: Connie Thompson (V)

February

- 1: Amy Long (V)
- 3: Cody Zoller (V)
- 7: Ann Morris (R)
- 14: Gavin Coonrod (R)

March

- 4: Michael Dusseau (R)
- 13: Bobbe Povolny (V)
- 17: Bodey Moon (R)
- 20: Sharon Dean (V)
- 21: Pam Wolfe (V)
- 26: Sarah Prunty (V)
- 29: Alex Laughlin (R)





Straight from the Horse's Mouth

In November a couple members of the Equine Committee visited Sonny Boy and the McWilliams family outside of Bellevue. Sonny is a 17 year old, red roan, Quarter Horse gelding. He has been working as a 4H Western Pleasure horse, but is now looking for a new job. He came to the Riders Unlimited barn for his 60-day working job interview on November 20th. Since then he has been being exercised, worked around our obstacles and getting acquainted with all the other horses. So far he has been very calm working in the arena, is capable of doing a very smooth walk/trot/canter, can do lateral work around and over obstacles, and can do turns on the forehand. So nothing seems to bother him while working. If all continues to go smoothly, Sonny will be donated to the program in January.

Moving Along Life's Trails: As part of her retirement, Josie was returned to one of her previous owners in October. She is now residing outside of Helena with Teri Sharpe and at least one of her old buddies.

2004-2009 Program Statistics

D = Riders with Disabilities A = Able-Bodied Riders

Category	2004 - 2007 Average	2008	2009
Riders on Roll	D - 52 A - 6.5	D - 51 A - 4	D - 36 A - 5
Riders on Waiting List	D - 13 A - 1	D - 4 A - 0	D - 4 A - 0
Riders Served	D - 43 (83%) A - 6.5 (100%)	D - 38 (75%) A - 2 (50%)	D - 27 (74%) A - 5 (100%)
Riders with Learning/Mental Disabilities	39 (76%)	39 (76%)	32 (88%)
Riders with Physical Disabilities	17 (32%)	12 (24%)	13 (36%)
Riders with Emotional Disabilities	2 (4%)	3 (6%)	2 (6%)
Riders with Sensory Disabilities	5 (10%)	3 (6%)	2 (6%)
Riders from Erie County	2 (3%)	4 (8%)	2 (6%)
Riders from Huron County	.25 (.5%)	1 (2%)	1 (3%)
Riders from Lucas County	D - 5 (13%) A - 1 (12%)	4 (8%)	3 (8%)
Riders from Ottawa County	D - 17 (33%) A - 1 (16%)	D - 15 (29%) A - 1 (25%)	D - 8 (22%) A - 1 (20%)
Riders from Sandusky County	D - 25 (48%) A - 5 (69%)	D - 23 (45%) A - 3 (75%)	D - 19 (53%) A - 4 (80%)
Riders from Seneca County	1 (2%)	2 (4%)	1 (3%)
Riders from Wood County	.75 (1.5%)	3 (6%)	2 (6%)
Hours of Lessons Provided	340	D - 325 A - 40	D - 321 A - 43
Volunteer Hours during Lessons	1699	1420	1500
Volunteers on Roll	64	65	56
Volunteers Serving	49 (77%)	44 (68%)	41 (73%)
Volunteers from Erie County	1.5 (2%)	2 (3%)	2 (4%)
Volunteers from Hancock County	.25 (.5%)	1 (2%)	1 (2%)
Volunteers from Huron County	2 (.5%)	7 (11%)	1 (2%)
Volunteers from Lucas County	2 (3%)	2 (3%)	2 (4%)
Volunteers from Ottawa County	15 (23%)	14 (22%)	11 (20%)
Volunteers from Sandusky County	34 (59%)	38 (58%)	35 (63%)
Volunteers from Seneca County	2 (4%)	1 (2%)	2 (4%)
Volunteers from Wood County	3 (4%)	0	2 (4%)
Horses Owned	4	4	8
Horses Leased	4	1	0
Hours of Lessons for Horses:			
Sweetie (began October 2009)			11 (2%)
Pepper (began September 2009)			13 (2%)
Sprite (began June 2009)			80 (14%)
Slick (began 2009)			94 (17%)
Smokey (began Summer 2008)			20 (4%)
Quest	145 (22%)	168 (28%)	135 (24%)
Zado (began Nov. 2005)	160 (23%)	179 (30%)	120 (21%)
Josie (retired October 2009)	117 (18%)	137 (23%)	28 (5%)
Samantha (retired August 2009)	100 (15%)	56 (9%)	66 (12%)
Dixie (retired 2008)	118 (18%)	63 (10%)	
Happy (retired 2006)	27 (5%)		
Peanut (retired 2006)	77 (13%)		
Nettie (retired 2005)	16 (3%)		

Runners for Riders 5k/10k - A Huge Success ... Thanks to the following sponsors:

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| VFW - George Stoll - Post #3343 | Whirlpool Corporation | |

Upcoming Events for 2010

- January 11: 2010 Rider Registration Packets available
14: Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, Trinity Lutheran Church
24: Rider & Volunteer Recognition Dinner
- February 11: Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, Trinity Lutheran Church
27: Rider Registration Packets and Spring Session Deposits DUE
- March 8: Volunteer Training, 6 PM, Sidell & Co. Equestrian Center
10: Volunteer Training, 6 PM, Sidell & Co. Equestrian Center
11: Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, Trinity Lutheran Church
12 - 14: NARHA Region IV Conference, Kalamazoo, MI
15: Spring Session Begins - Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 6 PM, Sidell & Co. Equestrian Center
2ND Quarter Newsletter Deadline
27: Spring Session Final Payment DUE

* January through March 17th: Equine Conditioning will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 PM - 7 PM pending weather.

For the most accurate information and dates, please refer to the Calendar on our website: www.ridersunlimited.org

Fundraising Opportunities

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- Enter the RU NPO #83794, follow prompts to confirm.



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Cetyl M Joint Supplements

Riders Unlimited is a distributor of Cetyl M joint supplements and creams for humans, horses and dogs. If you would like to know more about the Cetyl M products, you may go to www.cetylm.com. To order products or get prices, please call us at 419-332-6900. Orders must be prepaid and picked up at the barn.

Raise \$ for RU through Country Supply - PROGRAM HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED

Program Operational Hours

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Office	11:00 AM - 12:30 PM		8:00 AM - 12:30 PM		
Barn	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	3:00 PM - 8:30 PM	4:00 PM - 8:30 PM		8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Lessons	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM				
	6:00 PM - 8:15 PM		6:00 PM - 8:15 PM	6:00 PM - 8:15 PM	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

* Currently there are no lessons going on. Equine Conditioning takes the place of lessons on Mondays and Wednesdays through mid-March.