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- Horse Sponsor: 1 month - \$250, 3 months - \$750, six months - \$1500, 1 year - \$3000
- 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

Riders Unlimited is an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization. ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Upcoming Events for 2010

- April**
- 1: Challenge Ride Fundraiser Begins
 - 7: Memorinaville Bartenders Meeting, 6 PM, Fremont Yacht Club
 - 8-10: Equine Affaire, Columbus, Ohio
 - 15: Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, Trinity Lutheran Church, Fremont
 - 24: Summer Session Deposit due
- May**
- 13: Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, Trinity Lutheran Church, Fremont
 - 28: Spring Session Ends
 - 31: Challenge Ride Fundraiser Ends
- June**
- 2: Volunteer Training, 6PM, Sidell & Co. Equestrian Center
 - 10: Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, Trinity Lutheran Church, Fremont
 - 14: Summer Session Begins
 - 19: Summer Session Final Payment Due

* June – 1st two weeks: 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

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Mission Statement

"Using horses and respect, Riders Unlimited is dedicated to helping our riders grow beyond the limits of their disabilities."

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Hoofprints

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Challenge Ride

It's not too late to sign-up and participate in the Challenge Ride fundraiser. Our goal is to raise at least \$1,500. It's simple to help...

1. Get and complete the Registration Sheet
2. Get a Sponsor Sheet and people to sponsor you.
3. Ride/drive your horse during April and May.
4. Collect your sponsorship \$ and return to us.
5. Receive your T-shirt (for raising at least \$50) and prizes for the top 3 fundraisers.

This can be done by individuals, volunteers, our riders (counting their lessons times), 4H clubs, and other equine organizations. If this grows, we can add in a special "fun ride" in the future.

2010 Goals

The Board of Directors has created the following goals for 2010:

- Begin using the new mission statement and have the logo professionally enhanced.
- Increase the number of board members to 11 and have all spots filled.
- Increase the number of NARHA certified instructors and assist in the certification process.
- Develop/formalize policies and procedures and continue to make necessary changes to meet the NARHA Standards for Accreditation.
- Meet all fundraising goals without additional fundraising events.
- Continue to grow the Able-Bodied program and add the VET (Veteran Equestrian Therapy) Program.

You may notice changes occurring at the barn and in the way we operate. All these things are designed to meet the goals in order to make the program better for everyone involved and to ultimately increase our success and security for the future.

The ultimate goal in the next few years is to have our own facility with funding to secure its long-term operations. If you have any ideas to help with meeting this goal, please let us know.

Grant and Donation help with Promotional Upgrades

Our Program Director, Rebekah Recker, wrote a grant to the Gannett Foundation to assist in the purchase of PR equipment. At the end of 2009, Riders Unlimited received that grant for \$1,000 AND a matching donation from Deb Sidell. With the majority of these proceeds, we have been able to purchase a new HP Notebook laptop computer and an Epson X31 projector to be used for our promotional booth at events and providing community presentations. Thank you Gannett Foundation and Deb Sidell for your support!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our Riders and Volunteers



April

- 9: Sara Buffington (V)
- Cobe Reesman (R)
- 12: Lollee Wyss (V)

May

- 7: Sonya Gower (I)
- 13: Jim Everett (V)
- 18: TJ Stricker (R)
- 21: Sue Hoffman (V)
- 23: Brenda Sisler (V)

June

- 2: Olivia Salzwedel (R)
- Kelly Scheuffler (V)
- 4: Faith Mullins (R)
- Victory Durand (ABR)
- 9: Marissa Wilt (V)
- 18: Traci Zoller (V)
- 26: Jane Chimahusky (V)
- 28: Dylan Rathburn (R)



2009 Annual Report

Riders Unlimited is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation. We are dedicated to using horses and respect to help our riders grow beyond the limits of their disabilities. Horseback riding helps our students improve balance, coordination, muscle tone and self-esteem.

Our base of operations continued in Gibsonburg with the program operating independently. In 2009 we began with 36 children and adults on roll with 27 participating from Sandusky, Ottawa, Erie, Lucas, Huron, Seneca and Wood counties being served through 321 hours of lessons. Our riders ranged in age from 5 to 66 years old. Forty-one volunteers gave a total of 1500 hours of service to help us provide these lessons. Eight horses provided Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies, as well as, Able-Bodied program lessons.

Accomplishments:

- Began offering riding lessons to the public as part of our new Able-bodied programming.
- Was a major part of getting Equestrian Sports recognized by Special Olympics Ohio and participating in the first sanctioned competition.
- Developed two new fundraising events - Wine Tasting and Runners for Riders 5k/10k.
- Began upgrading our PR through a new website, obtaining our own e-mail address, and joining Facebook.
- Existing equine policies and forms were revamped to better meet the needs of the program.
- Updated our bylaws.

Looking to the future...

As part of the Strategic Plan set forth in 2008, the Board of Directors and Program Director will continue to work on the following goals in 2010:

- review the Bylaws and make changes as needed,
- begin developing policies and procedures as set forth by the NARHA Standards to be met for accreditation,
- have at least two Instructing Assistants achieve NARHA Registered Instructor certification,
- expand current programming within EAAT and Able-Bodied,
- and possibly begin programming for veterans.

2009 Income/Expense

Income	\$66,115.05
Special Events	33%
Program Fees	29%
Donations	21%
Corporate	8%
Other	4%
Sales	3%
Grants	2%
Expenses	\$54,350.61
Administrative	32%
Horse/Facility	31%
Fundraising	13%
Insurance	13%
Program	7%
General	3%
Other	1%
Net Income	\$11,764.44

Major Supporters:

Anne Andrews Black Unitrust
Sunrise Cooperative
Land O'Lakes Foundation
Deb Sidell
Gannett Foundation

Fundraising Events:

- Challenge Ride
- Wine Tasting
- Jimmy Bukkett's Memorinaville
- Annual Challenged Equestrian Invitational Horse Show
- Runners For Riders 5k/10k
- Annual Appeal

Annual Appreciation Dinner: was held on Sunday, January 24th, at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. We had a wonderful turn-out that enjoyed the program where we recognized our 2009 accomplishments, the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, horses, and riders. Everyone received a complementary chapstick from BEEentials and a program water bottle. There were six year-end honors given to the following:

- President's Award:** Ace & Kathy Hughes of Walkin' Loose Stables, Castalia, Ohio
- Executive Director's Award:** Jennifer Keating of Clyde, Ohio
- Program Director's Award:** The Rob Zoller Family of Fremont, Ohio
- Teen Volunteer Award:** Marissa Wilt of Woodville, Ohio
- Companionship Award:** Allison Barnes of Lindsey, Ohio
- Sportsmanship Award:** Faith Mullins of Toledo, Ohio

Following the program and awards presentation, all were treated to a homemade dinner of chili, corn bread, salad, and a selection of desserts. Thank you to everyone for a wonderful 2009. May 2010 be even better.

Fundraising Opportunities

Shop at Kroger - EVERYONE MUST RE-SIGN AS OF APRIL 1st.

Riders Unlimited can earn money from your purchases at Kroger. Simply register your Kroger Plus card by following these steps...

1. Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com
2. Click on "Ohio" to sign up for a Kroger.com account OR
3. Click on "Already enrolled? Sign In".
4. Follow the steps provided.
7. The RU NPO is #83794.



You must have a Kroger.com online account to participate. They no longer have the bar code. Whenever you use your Kroger Plus card, Riders Unlimited will receive a percentage of the total amount you spend.

GoodSearch/GoodShop: help raise money for RU by doing all your internet searches and shopping through GoodSearch.com and GoodShop.com. Go to the GoodSearch.com website, sign in with Riders Unlimited and download the toolbar. We will receive money for each sale at the participating online stores (Amazon, Apple, Avon, Banana Republic, Barnes & Noble, Best Buy, Crate & Barrel, Dell, Ebay, Gap, Home Depot, HP, HSN, JCPenney, Kohls, LL Bean, Lands' End, Macy's, Microsoft, Nike, North Face, Office Depot, Old Navy, Oriental Trading Company, QVC, Ralph Lauren, Sears, Staples, Target, Toys R Us, Walgreens, Williams-Sonoma) and each online search when using the toolbar.

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.

Program Operational Hours:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Office	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM		
Barn	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM 3:00 PM – 8:30 PM		4:00 PM – 8:30 PM		8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Lessons			6:00 PM – 8:15 PM	6:00 PM – 8:15 PM	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

CLASSIFIED:

Help Wanted

New Volunteers: to help with lessons beginning in June. Training offered Wednesday, June 2nd, 6 PM. Contact Rebekah @ 419-332-6900.

Board Members: looking for individual's interested in continuing the growth of the program. Contact Maureen @ 419-344-3950

Committee Members: parents or volunteers to help with PR, Fundraising, Feed Lot or Building/Grounds.

Looking For

Office Supplies: Scotch laminating sheets, Dell Series 7 Ink cartridges (black or color), stamps, mailing envelopes, mailing labels

Equine Supplies: Dressage Saddles, Saddle Pads, English Girths, All Purpose English Saddles

Proof of Purchase labels: off of Nutrena, Tribute, and Triple Crown feed bags.

Thank You

Annual Appeal Donors: Fremont Eagles, Paul Kaple, Yvonne Hammer, Fremont FFA, StyleCrest Enterprises, James & Donna Reardon

Foundations/Trusts: Anne Andrews Black Charitable Trust, Gannett Foundation

Other Donors: Deb Sidell, Karen Schanke, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Greunke (Memorial)