

Wish to be a SPONSOR?

- 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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

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.

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Help Wanted

Volunteer Coordinator: a volunteer to help with training new volunteers and staffing volunteers for lessons and special events. Contact Rebekah @ 419-332-6900.

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

Facility Committee Members: individuals interested in participating in the planning and design of our own future facility. Contact Rebekah @ 419-332-6900

Seeking

Office Supplies: Scotch laminating sheets, Dell Series 7 Ink cartridges (black or color), stamps, mailing envelopes, mailing labels
Other: 5 gal. thermos

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

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

Thank You

Monetary Donors: Paul Kaple, Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Other Donors: Cathy Black (tack)

VET Sponsors: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Gerald Nailor

Challenge Ride Sponsors: Amy Coan, Lynne Evans, Marie Overmyer, Steve Recker, Karen Schanke, Paul Silcox DC, Julie Wagner, Alan Weickert



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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'10 CHEVY CAMARO OR '10 DODGE CHALLENGER?

Which one of those cars would you or your friends, family, and co-workers want? Here is the chance to win one. We have been chosen again as one of the participating charities in the Baumann Big Car Raffle. This gives us the opportunity to raise a lot of money by simply selling raffle tickets. We receive 100% of the money from all tickets we sell and a percentage of the tickets sold by all the Baumann Auto Group dealerships. Tickets are \$5 each with fifty finalists drawn on September 18th and the winner drawn on September 25th. Contact Rebekah to get tickets @ 419-332-6900. **The more we sell, the more money we get.**

MEMORINAVILLE ... HERE WE COME

Before you know it, summer will be over. BUT before that happens, we have a blast at Jimmy Bukkett's Memorinaville at Memory Marina during Labor Day Weekend. To get ready for this wild and wonderful weekend, we need your help. Parents and volunteers, you can sign up now to get the best time spots to be bartenders or help at the booth answering questions, selling t-shirts/raffle tickets, and clearing tables. There is a sign-up chart in the barn aisle or you may contact us @ 419-332-6900.

VETERAN EQUESTRIAN THERAPY PROGRAM

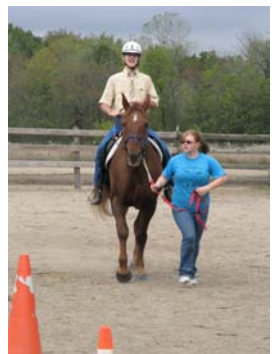
We are pleased to announce that we will begin working with military veterans with disabilities this year. The program will be on Tuesdays starting at 9 AM providing activities to veterans from the Sandusky Veterans Home. To make this a success, we are looking for volunteers and sponsors. To sponsor one veteran, it is \$125. If interested in being a sponsor or volunteer, please contact Rebekah @ 419-332-6900.

Horse Show Sponsors Needed

The 6th Annual Challenged Equestrian Invitational Horse Show is coming up quickly and we have some very exciting news. THE SHOW IS MOVING! We have been given the opportunity to host the show at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds in the big horse arena on Saturday, September 25th. The show will be open to area NARHA and Special Olympics programs. To make this show a success, we need area companies, organizations and individuals to be sponsors. Here are the sponsorship categories:

Gold Medal:	\$1,000.00 +
Silver Medal:	\$500.00 - \$999.00
Bronze Medal:	\$101.00 - \$499.00
Horse Sponsor:	\$100.00
Trophy Sponsor:	\$50.00
Rider Sponsor:	\$25.00

If interested in being a sponsor, please contact us at 419-332-6900 or email us at ridersunlimited@gmail.com. All sponsors will receive recognition at the horse show, in our future newsletters, and in the show program. A certificate will be delivered to you after the show.



Please keep in your prayers our President/CEO, Maureen Mullins, as she heals from surgery for a broken hip.

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Challenge Ride Results

The 2010 Challenge Ride began April 1st and ended on May 31st. Individuals participating were: Faith Mullins, Missy Mullins, Lyle Overmyer, Olivia Salzwedel and Rebekah Recker. Everyone raised enough money to receive their special Challenge Ride T-Shirt. The group was able to raise a total of \$560.00. Faith, Missy, Lyle and Olivia counted all their lesson hours, while Rebekah had a variety of activities. She rode and drove her two draft ponies, tried out a new horse for RU, helped with conditioning current RU horses, and concluded the event by riding her pony, Katie, in the Fremont Memorial Day Parade as part of Rebel's Rest Stable. This was Katie's first parade and she did great.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our Riders and Volunteers

July

2: Kendra Gahler (V)
11: Sharon Krecic (V)
16: Aubrey Dorsey (V)
27: Quinton VanDerLaar (R)

August

3: Kelsey Jimison (V)
8: Doug Hartman (V)
9: Missy Mullins (R)
10: Yvonne Hammer (V)
21: Brendan Orman (R) & Kim McGilton (V)
23: Emily Stamm (V)

September

6: Amber Shaffer (V)
9: Lyle Overmyer (R)
12: Chris Collins (R)
21: Becky Buffington (V)
25: Jessica Long (V)
27: Cathy Black (V)

Julie Goodnight Contest Winner

In the month of April, Julie Goodnight asked people to submit stories about their first horse with the winner to be published in her monthly newsletter. Our Program Director, Rebekah Recker, submitted a story about her pony, Sally, and won the contest. As the winner, she also received a free Julie Goodnight DVD. Here is her story...

My first horse AND my best friend came when I was about 10 years old. Sally was a 2 ½ year old green broke (to ride) ½ Haflinger mare. Anyone who has ever been around Haflingers will understand that each and every one of them has a unique personality and powers almost beyond belief. We affectionately called her the "Mac truck in the Toyota body". Even though Sally was only part Haflinger, she never disappointed. Most people get bored and outgrow their pony, but not me with Sally. She taught me much of what I know – mostly that horses don't read the books we do. Just when I thought I "knew it", she would prove me wrong and teach me a new lesson. We grew into such a good partnership, that we had complete mutual trust in each other. Anytime we got into any jangle while riding, I knew we'd get out of it safely – she would take care of me and I her. Sally has been with me since her purchase. When I got married, she moved with us. When we moved to another state, she took the over 500 mile journey south with us. When I got involved with doing therapeutic riding, she became part of the program. She was great for riders with ADD/ADHD; although I couldn't instruct with her because our partnership was so strong that she would only listen to me. When we returned home to Ohio, Sally came back with us. She sustained an injury in 2001 that made her completely unsound physically, but we didn't give up on her. It's been 8 ½ years since that injury, but it hasn't gotten her down. She still has that same old sparky personality as always even though her fiery red coat is getting grayer and her hearing is getting worse. She still enjoys squealing at the vets during immunizations to scare them, which our regular vet loves when he can put students in for training. Even though we also have a 26 year old Morgan, a 7 year old Haflinger mare and an 11 year old Haflinger gelding, Sally is still an integral part of our family. She was/is my psychologist. She knows my heart and soul inside and out, and thankfully keeps all my most trusted secrets. Her strength of spirit keeps me going when life presents its challenges and difficulties. I know the day will come when Sally, who is now into her 30's, will no longer be with me physically (I dread that day.), but she will always be in my heart. Everything she has taught me is and will be the core of my relationship with all other equines that I have the pleasure of sharing my life with. God bless Sally and the day He brought her into my life.

One of Rebekah's friend wrote the following when she saw the story in Julie's newsletter:

I HAD to comment on you and Sally on Julie's announcement post. Here are my comments in case you missed it. I don't know if you know how much I like and respect both you and Sally. "Oh my ... I know Sally and Rebekah! I taught with Sally at the therapeutic riding center. You could not have picked a better pair. Rebekah has spent her adult life improving the lives of children as a Special Ed teacher and leader of therapeutic riding programs. Not only could Rebekah not teach with Sally, neither could many others! Sally is very particular about humans and while she was always good with the children,, her preferences about which adults she would tolerate were always obvious. She allowed me to teach with her and I always considered it an honor. She was indeed fantastic with the children with ADD/ADHD. I remember one little boy in particular. I explained to him that if Sally was in a classroom, she would be the one making faces behind the teacher's back. He grinned and nodded. I told him he needed to pay attention to her every minute or she would take him back to the barn. Sure enough, when guiding her himself the first time, she began to walk back to the barn! He was great at guiding her after that as he had to pay attention or she would end the ride! Another instructor decided she wouldn't work with Sally anymore because she moved too fast through the lesson. Always fair, Rebekah took Sally to the arena and sure enough, Sally performed the hour lesson steps in lickety split time. This instructor learned that variety was necessary for Sally, and of course, for the children! Rebekah's care of Sally since her injury is unparalleled as evidenced by Sally's personality remaining unchanged. I consider it a blessing to know them both. I know this is long...but it only touches the surface of this remarkable pair's experience together.

Ongoing Fundraising Opportunities

Shop at Kroger

EVERYONE MUST RE-ENROLL FOR 2010 . So far only about 37% of last year's participants have re-enrolled.

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.

Jeffers Vet Supply

Looking to purchase supplies for your pet(s) or horse(s)? Jeffers Vet Supply company that offers a variety of supplies and equipment for pets, livestock and horses. Riders Unlimited is now an affiliate partner and can receive a percentage of purchases made by those who select us as their recipient. If interested, you can go to www.jefferspet.com. At check out there will be a place where you can select a charity. It would be Riders Unlimited, Inc. with affiliate #13102.

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.

Upcoming Events for 2010

July	EAAT Summer Session continues 8: Board of Directors meeting, 7:30 PM, Location TBD 9: SANDCO DayArray Summer Session begin, 10 AM – 11:30 AM 17: Fall Session Deposit due
August	12: Board of Directors meeting, 7:30 PM, Trinity Lutheran Church, Kingsway 13: SANDCO DayArray Summer Session ends 19: EAAT Summer Session ends 24 – 29: Sandusky County Fair 30: Volunteer Training, 6 PM, Sidell & Co. Equestrian Center
September	1: Volunteer Training, 6 PM, Sidell & Co. Equestrian Center 2: Summer Session Thursday Make-Up Lesson 3 – 6: Jimmy Bukkett's Memorinaville 8: EAAT Fall Session begins 9: Board of Directors meeting, 7:30 PM, Trinity Lutheran Church, Kingsway 11: Fall Session Final Payment due Statewide Special Olympics Horse Show, Cincinnati 15: 4 th Quarter Newsletter Deadline 24: Horse Show Prep 25: 6 th Annual Challenged Equestrian Invitational Horse Show, Sandusky County Fairgrounds, Fremont

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

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 3:30 PM – 8:30 PM		3:30 PM – 8:30 PM		8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Lessons	6:00 PM – 8:15 PM	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	6:00 PM – 8:15 PM	6:00 PM – 8:15 PM	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM