



DREAM RIDERS

*Providing an opportunity for people
with special needs to benefit from
equine assisted activities.*

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Reflections

Spring was a productive season at Dream Riders! Lessons were in full swing, riders rode well, horses did fantastic and we were thankful for all of the volunteers that helped make it possible! We were able to host our open horse show and attended a therapeutic riding show at Lander University. Summer was hot and wet. We managed to get some riding lessons in, but it was hit or miss. Four of our riders practiced diligently for the South Carolina State Special Olympics that was on September 24 & 25. It was a successful event, thanks to Molly being the rock star she is! Our Fall session is wrapping up and has been a fantastic session! We are looking forwards to the Holidays!



Lexington Leadership County Class Project

On March 11th the Lexington Leadership County announced that they chose Dream Riders to be their class project for 2022. We requested for them to build two run-in sheds in two of our pastures and renovate our bathroom. They decided that the bathroom needed a complete rebuild which was even more exciting. They diligently raised the funds for these two projects. The run-in is completed and awesome! The bathroom is in the final stage.



Dream Riders Represented at SC Horseman's Council

On February 26th Jennifer and Corky ventured to the Lake House at Sandhill in Columbia, SC to present at the SC Horseman's council equine summit and annual meeting about the economic impact our industry has in the state. It was a wonderful meet and greet opportunity. Always a joy to share about Dream Riders!



PATH Intl. Region 3 Conference

On March 18, 19 & 20 Jennifer, Corky and volunteer Grace attended the PATH Intl. Region 3 conference held in Aiken, SC. It has been two years since we have had the privilege of attending this event due to COVID. Great Oak equine assisted program did a fantastic job hosting it!!! The weekend was packed full of useful information and as always it was great socializing with fellow enthusiasts!



It was a Blue Ribbon Kind of Day



Leigh, Erin and Liz traveled to Lander Equestrian Center on April 9th to participate in the 1st annual Bearcat Therapeutic Riding Show. It was a cold day, but a wonderful day! Molly was a rockstar, she helped these three ladies win blue's and have a successful experience! Volunteer Cameron Taylor was our official horse handler and Grace Whisman was the official photographer... a big thank you to these two for braving the cold with us!

Midlands Gives

May 3rd was another exciting Midlands Gives for Dream Riders!!! The final total with our match and prizes was \$31,612. Thank you to our early givers, your gifts earned us a prize of an extra \$1,000!!! We can not say a big enough THANK YOU to everyone that contributed! You made an amazing impact on the future of Dream Riders. We ride on keeping the Dream Alive!

**Midlands Gives**
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The connection between horse and human speaks deep into the soul. It is unexplainable and very magical. This is where the Dream of Dream Riders lies... it changes lives.



Open Horse Show Success

On May 14th we held our twenty fifth annual Dream Riders Benefit Open Horse Show. It was a small crowd, but a fun and friendly day of competition. Thank you to Julie Sessions for being our official judge! Leadership Lexington County provided the concessions which was enjoyed by all!



New Friends and Big Smiles



We had the privileged of sharing our horses with the 10:10 Bridge program from Mt. Horeb UMC on July 12 & 13. It was so much fun for everyone involved including the horses!!!



South Carolina State Special Olympics Equestrian Competition

Dream Riders participated in the 2022 SC state Special Olympics competition on September 24 & 25. It was a fun weekend of great competition. Molly was such a rock star! She contributed to Erin Coats' two 1st place ribbons, Liz Twitty's 1st & 2nd place ribbons, Leigh Garner's 1st & 3rd place ribbons and Anna-Neal Hunt's 2nd & 4th place ribbons. We are so proud of our athletes!



Thank You Emerald Springs!



On October 31st Laura Trumbower and the Emerald Springs Equestrians put on their 3rd annual Halloween Dressage and Combined Training Show to benefit Dream Riders. We are so Thankful for their efforts and support!!! Y'all are AWESOME!



LOOK FOR DETAILS ABOUT THE NEW WEBSITE

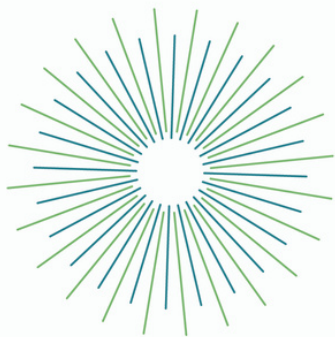
Over the holiday break we will be revamping Dream Riders' website. Keep a look out for details about when it gets published!

OFFICIAL RIBBON CUTTING FOR THE NEW BATHROOM

On December 7th our New Bathroom will be open. Leadership Lexington Class will have an official ribbon cutting ceremony on this day and we are SO EXCITED!!

May 2, 2023 is the Big Day... Midlands Gives

Mark your calendars.... You can be an instrumental part in keeping the Dream Alive!



MIDLANDS GIVES

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This is the biggest fundraising day for Dream Riders! Join us for 18 hours of on-line giving on May 2, 2023 where dollars are multiplied through prizes and incentives.

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