



## DREAM RIDERS

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

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# The Dream Maker

**Summer 2023**

## Reflections

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Winter and Spring of 2023 involved a lot of riding! Classes were full and riders progressed even further. We welcomed back a few riders that participated prior to COVID and were joined by a few new volunteers. Our new website went up in April bringing everything up to date. Midlands Gives was the most successful to date. These funds certainly will be instrumental in keeping the Dream Alive! We were able to have some much needed tree work done around the ring ensuring our lesson space is safe, thanks to Alpine Tree Care. In May four of our riders participated in the 2023 Special Olympics State Equestrian competition aboard our special Molly. In June we rolled into summer which has been so HOT! Not as much riding going on due to the heat, but the Dream Riders horses certainly needed the break. We are excited to start lessons back the week of September 11th. Be sure to check our calendar out!





# Raising the Ceiling around the Ring

Thanks to our donors generous support Dream Riders was able to invest in hiring a professional tree service to clean up dead limbs and take down three unsafe trees around the riding ring. It had become a concern that limbs would fall while riders were mounted in lessons, which posed a big safety risk. During spring break Alpine Tree Care spent 3 full days limbing up our fabulous shade trees around the ring along with carefully taking down 3 trees that were past their time. It was a big job that was too big for Jennifer and Mr. Dyer.



## Dream Riders New Website is Up



On April 21st Dream Riders updated website went on-line. After months of creating and many trials of downloading, we persevered and got it done. Check us out

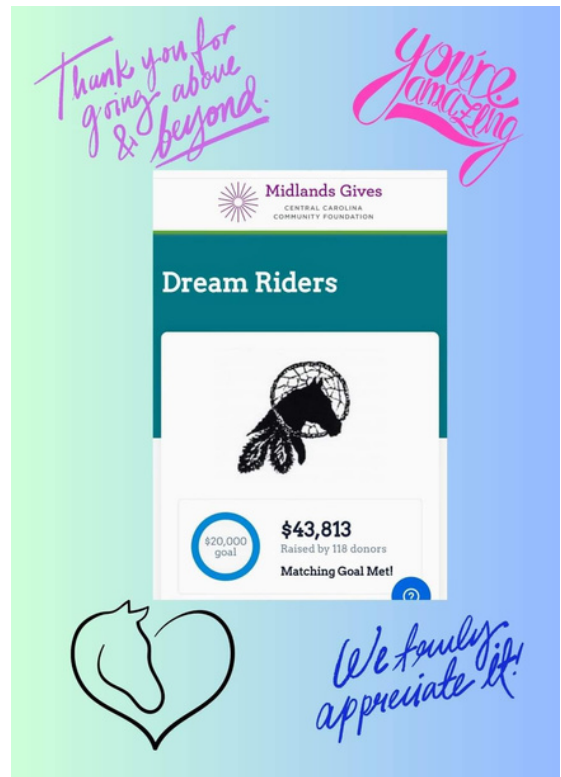
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# Midlands Gives

May 2nd was an amazing Midlands Gives event for Dream Riders!!! We started with a \$10,000 match given by a faithful donor, then had \$2,5000 added to this match by the Cheerful Giver. Just as the day was getting going the Cheerful Giver made another \$10,000 donation. We cannot thank our donors enough for making this the most successful Midlands Gives to date for Dream Riders. The Dream truly does come alive with the magic of a horse and we are so thankful to have another year of Dreams come true!



## South Carolina State Special Olympics Equestrian Competition



Dream Riders participated in the 2023 SC state Special Olympics competition on May 6 & 7 held at Lander University in Greenwood, SC. We appreciate their hospitality and enjoyed the show very much. Once again Molly was such a rock star! She contributed to Erin Coats' 1st and 2nd place ribbons, Liz Twitty's two 1st place ribbons, Leigh Garner's 1st & 2nd place ribbons and Anna-Neal Hunt's 1st & 3rd place ribbons. We are so proud of our athletes! Thank you Cameron, Rebecca, Carol, Grace, Mike and Corky for giving your time to volunteer with us and make this a successful event for our athletes.



## A Few New Equines at Dream Riders

It is always exciting to welcome new horses into the program! Pistol is a seasoned Walking Horse with a lifetime of experience under his belt who joined us in August. We are excited to have him as part of our team! His first day on the job will be September 11th. Legend is a young Haflinger that was purchased as a prospect for Dream Riders. He traveled from Texas to come see if he has what it takes to be a Dream Riders herd member. He is currently a therapy horse in training gaining a better understanding of what it takes to be the brave mount our riders need. In June we brought home "Justice" a very handsome one of a kind Equicizer that was donated to the program. We are so excited to have him to help our timid riders experience motion before getting on a horse, give our riders effective pre-ride warm ups, aid in core strengthening, trunk control, teach proper rein control, balance and so much more.



LEGEND



PISTOL



JUSTICE



**Thank You**  
South Carolina Shavings  
for your donation to get us  
through the summer heat!





# A Big Shout Out for Summer Help!!!



Summers are Hot and Hard for Jennifer. Horses come in either under the fans due to bug allergies or into paddocks to escape the brutal sun. This means more physical work of cleaning the barn and picking the paddocks. Thank you to Rebecca for being here every morning at 8:30 AM on the dot, Dennis came three mornings a week and our young volunteer Abigail pitched in on Mondays. It meant so much to Jennifer to have your help!



**Thank You!**

## **Dream Riders Fall Schedule 2023**

August 26	New Volunteer Orientation and Side-Walker Training 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
September 9	Horsemanship day for volunteers - Leader training and refresher 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
September 11	Monday afternoon/ evening session starts. Grooming starts at 3:30, Lesson times are 4:00, 4:45 and 5:30 PM
September 12	Tuesday morning session starts. Grooming starts at 10:00 AM Lesson time 10:30 AM
September 14	Thursday afternoon/ evening session starts. Grooming starts at 3:30, Lesson times are 4:00, 4:45 and 5:30 PM
September 22	10:00 AM Palmetto Oaks adult day program comes for an equine experience. Will need volunteers to help with this.
October 14	Benefit open horse show put on by Dream Riders at Redbank arena, will need volunteer assistance
October 16	Monday afternoon/ evening session ends.
October 17	Tuesday morning session ends.
October 19	Thursday afternoon/ evening session ends.
October 21	Emerald Springs fundraiser horse show to benefit Dream Riders
October 23-27	No lessons Instructors attending PATH Intl. conference
October 30	Monday afternoon/ evening session starts. Grooming starts at 3:30, Lesson times are 4:00, 4:45 and 5:30 PM
October 31	Tuesday morning Spring session starts. Grooming starts at 10:00 Lesson times 10:30 AM
November 2	Thursday afternoon/ evening session starts. Grooming starts at 3:30, Lesson times are 4:00, 4:45 and 5:30 PM
November 18	Lander University Therapeutic Riding Show
November 20-24	No lessons for Thanksgiving break
December 11	Monday evening spring session ends.
December 12	Tuesday morning spring session ends.
December 14	Thursday evening spring session ends.
December 18-January 5	Break for Christmas and New Years