



DREAM RIDERS

Providing an opportunity for people with special needs to benefit from equine assisted activities in a safe environment.

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The Dream Maker

Summer 2024

Reflections

It has been a summer of heat, trials and change. We had good Winter and Spring sessions, with a lot of fun lesson activities. We ended sessions in May with the weekend of the Special Olympics Equestrian Competition. Two of our riders participated with our Rockstar mount Molly. We lost our beloved Honey in June, which has left a void in our team of horses. Ducky joined our Dream Team in June as a therapy horse in training, but he is a little fella and can't carry all of the riders Honey did. We are still searching for the perfect match. On July 17th we enjoyed sharing our horses and facility with the 10:10 Bridge kids. This was such a fun experience for them, we hope to have them out throughout the year. It is amazing to see how horses truly change lives! It is our mission to keep changing lives one at a time with our amazing equines and special volunteers.





Midlands Gives

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Dream Riders



\$34,739

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Match Met

Thank You for an amazing Midlands Gives! We are grateful for the donor that provided our \$10,000 match and the Cheerful giver for increasing our match by \$2,500 and gifting another \$10,000. Thank you to everyone that donated helping us meet our match and surpass our goal. It is only through support of donors that we can continue to change lives with Equines!

South Carolina Special Olympics

Equestrian Competition

On May 18 & 19 our head coach Jennifer Stoudemire and team of volunteers Cameron, Shelby, Grace, Dennis, Randill and Corky made the trip to Lander University for the exciting event of the SC Special Olympics Equestrian Competition. Erin Coats & Liz Twitty were our Area 7 athletes competing in Walk independent Pole Bending and English Equitation. Molly was the amazing horse she is, protecting her riders as they made their way through the competition. Erin brought home the bronze in pole bending and gold in english equitation. Liz brought home the gold in pole bending and bronze in english equitation. We are so proud of them and thankful for Molly!



10:10 Bridge Kids

We had the pleasure of sharing the Dream Riders experience with nine kids from the 10:10 Bridge program from Mt. Horeb Church. 10:10 Bridge exists to “bridge” gaps for children in our community that are at risk of not reaching their full potential. Even though we are down a horse we made it work for these children to get the full equine experience knowing this may be the only time in their life they get the opportunity to feel what it is like to sit astride one of these amazing animals. We set up 3 stations for them to rotate through, Ducky & Hershel were the brushing horses; Molly, Pistol & Malchi were the riding horses and our Equicizer, Justice, was the hit of the day! To see the fear wash away as each child rode through the shaded paddock was such a blessing. The smiles were priceless and the laughter was fulfilling.



A Sad Goodbye

Our horses are very dear to us! They are the core of the program. It takes a special horse to fill the job requirements, they are hard to find. On June 25th we had to say goodbye to our beloved and faithful Honey. This has left a void in the program that we just can't seem to fill. Molly is missing her special friend as well. It is so hard to lose a team mate.



Ducky Joins The Dream Team

In June we welcomed Ducky to the farm. He is a 5 year old quarter horse pony standing 13.2 hands tall. At this time he is a therapy horse in training, he still has a lot to learn, but having a great time learning. As our herd ages we thought it was fitting to bring on a young fella to start learning the ropes.



If you are 14 years old or older and interested in volunteering with Dream Riders join us at our upcoming training session
 On Saturday August 24th Dream Riders is holding our New Volunteer Orientation training 9:00 AM- 12:00PM at our facility:
 156 Sandy Hill Rd. Lexington, SC 29072



September 7th
 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
 Horsemanship
 Day for Volunteers

This is for new and old volunteers. Come learn our horsemanship values and leader training. Great refresher for current volunteers



DREAM RIDERS 2024 Calendar

August 24, 2024 New Volunteer Orientation 9:00 AM-12:00 AM

09. SEPTEMBER 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02	03	04	05	06	07 HORSE LEADER TRAINING 9:00AM-12:00PM
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 FALL 1 SESSION STARTS LESSON TIMES: 4:00PM 4:45PM 5:30PM	17 FALL 1 SESSION STARTS LESSON TIMES: 10:30AM 11:15 AM	18	19 FALL 1 SESSION STARTS LESSON TIMES: 4:00PM 4:45PM 5:30PM	20	21
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10. OCTOBER 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
06	07 LESSON TIMES: 4:00PM 4:45PM 5:30PM	08 LESSON TIMES: 10:30AM 11:15 AM	09	10 LESSON TIMES: 4:00PM 4:45PM 5:30PM	11	12
13	14 LESSON TIMES: 4:00PM 4:45PM 5:30PM	15 LESSON TIMES: 10:30AM 11:15 AM	16	17 LESSON TIMES: 4:00PM 4:45PM 5:30PM	18	19
20	21 LESSON TIMES: 4:00PM 4:45PM 5:30PM	22 LESSON TIMES: 10:30AM 11:15 AM	23	24 LESSON TIMES: 4:00PM 4:45PM 5:30PM	25	26 EMERALD SPRINGS BENEFIT HALLOWEEN DRESSAGE & JUMPING SHOW
27	28 FALL 2 SESSION STARTS LESSON TIMES: 4:00PM 4:45PM 5:30PM	29 FALL 2 SESSION STARTS LESSON TIMES: 10:30AM 11:15 AM	30	31 FALL 2 SESSION STARTS LESSON TIMES: 4:00PM 4:45PM 5:30PM	01	02

11. NOVEMBER 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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24	25 NO LESSON	26 NO LESSONS	27 NO LESSON	28 NO LESSONS	29 NO LESSONS	30 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

12. DECEMBER 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02 LESSON TIMES: 4:00PM 4:45PM 5:30PM	03 LESSON TIMES: 10:30AM 11:15 AM	04	05 LESSON TIMES: 4:00PM 4:45PM 5:30PM	06	07
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Dream Riders on Break for the Holidays