



## Donor Corner

### Annual Appeal

So far we have raised \$2655.00 from our annual appeal, thanks to these generous donors!

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### Thanks to These Recent Donors...

In Celebration of Jeri Berc and Roni Posner  
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In Honor of Wiley Smith \$35.00  
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Network for Good	\$95.25
First Giving	\$115.62

### SDTRHR Receives \$5,000 Grant

SDTRHR received a \$5,000 grant from Sussex County Council from Councilman Lynn Rogers. The grant is for much-needed equipment-including new saddles, helmets, and specialized reins and stirrups. SDTRHR is very grateful to Sussex County Council and former councilman Rogers for their generous support.



### Rider Spotlight

Joey started riding at SDTRHR in November, 2008.

Here is Joey on Skip... "Look how straight and tall he is sitting in the saddle, I think he's proud of himself. Thank you for providing therapeutic horseback riding opportunities for him, we all love it." Joey's mom, Sue

"From the moment Joey walked into the arena, he was so excited and as soon as he sat in the saddle, he was completely illuminated," says Georgia Truitt, Joey's instructor. "He smiled and laughed and laughed. He never demonstrated any fear."

Joey's dad says Joey starts getting excited by Wednesday for his Saturday lesson. Sue, Joey's mom hopes horseback riding will improve Joey's balance and strength in addition to him having such a good time.

Joey is 18 has three brothers and lives in Lewes with his mom, dad and dog. He attends Howard T. Ennis, loves people, music and animals. He has cerebral palsy and developmental delays. Georgia's goals for Joey include teaching him to hold the reins so he can steer and stop independently.



### SDTRHR is pleased to introduce WILLY WONKA!!!!

Hi! I'm Willy Wonka! I am a 6-year old American Racking Horse gelding, and I came to SDTRHR in August 2008. Wow! Being part of SDTRHR has been fun and challenging. I had it made at my last home-an occasional trail ride, loads of attention and TONS of treats-black licorice being my personal fave! Since arriving at SDTRHR, I have made new friends and I like my new job. My riders try very hard and everyone is so happy. I get a lot of attention, kisses and hugs.

I have learned a lot in the past few months. They say I am quiet, steady and have smooth gaits...whatever that means. One of SDTRHR's riders, Anna, has been cantering with me, and she seems really happy about it.

I look forward to meeting everyone. I am in need of a sponsor to cover the cost of my board, Ferrier, deworming (yuck) and vet care. Please check out our website, [sdtrhr.com](http://sdtrhr.com), for more information about sponsoring me or my friends Champ and Skip.

Later, Willy W.

## New Year's Resolution SUPPORT SDTRHR in 2009...

*Often WITHOUT SPENDING A  
DIME!*

*Check out these quick and easy  
ways to support SDTRHR...*

- Register my Food Lion MVP Card-super easy & quick and a portion of the sale comes to SDTRHR.
- Utilize GoodSearch instead of Google for my on-line searches.
- Use Ebay Goodworks when selling or buying on Ebay and dedicate a portion of the transaction to SDTRHR.
- Eat lunch or dinner at Roadhouse Restaurant in Lewes on March 4 and 10% of the day's proceeds will be donated to SDTRHR-50/50 drawing at 7 p.m.
- Be a Beach Ride sponsor for SDTRHR's 12<sup>th</sup> annual Beach Ride & Walk for \$100-get your name or your business' name on our commemorative shirts as well as newsletter and website!
- Put a donation box in my business.

For more information,  
please call: 302 644-1920  
or check out website: [www.sdtrhr.com](http://www.sdtrhr.com).

"Horses change lives. They give our young people confidence and self esteem. They provide peace and tranquility to troubled souls. They give us hope."

Toni Robinson

"In riding a horse, we borrow freedom."

Pam Brown

## SDTRHR Riders Participated in Show at Kershaw Acres on November 2008



Pictured from top to bottom: Alex on Champ, Olivia riding Skip, Angela on Skip and Caroline on Champ.

Congratulations to all participants: Olivia Davidson, Angelia Barnes, Caroline Dunn, Sarah Ritter, Anna Stroup, Sasha Hudson, Aly Fisher, McKenzie Sanford, Ashley Webb, Alex Layton, Andrew Townsley.

## Volunteer Spotlight Melissa Reed



Melissa is one of SDTRHR's newer Saturday volunteers. Melissa owns "Hey Good Looking" salon in Milton and has been a horse person most of her life. Melissa currently owns two Quarter Horses, Gal and Shawnee (mother and son). Melissa loves working with the horses and riders at SDTRHR. She says, "I know the positive impact horses have made in my life. However, I am amazed at the physical and emotional transformations I witness in SDTRHR's riders!" Kelly Smith, SDTRHR instructor states, "we are very happy to have someone with extensive horse experience to volunteer on Saturdays. Melissa is very comfortable and confident working with our horses."

Melissa sells doggie bags to benefit SDTRHR out of her salon and is busy planning a SDTRHR fundraiser-stay tuned.

### A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words...

SDTRHR would like to have a professional, promotional video made to put on our website. We would also like to have DVDs made of the video to include with grant applications and for public relations purposes. If anyone knows a professional videographer who would be willing to donate this service or offer at a discount, please let us know by calling 302 644-1920.

### Alex, Can We Have Your Autograph?

A reporter from the Bayside Gazette visited the barn on January 24 to do a story featuring Alex Layton who has been a SDTRHR rider for over 10 years! So, get the Gazette to read Alex's story. Thanks to Alex for sharing his SDTRHR experiences with everyone!

## Upcoming Events...

### Valentine's Day Horse Show!!!

Please come by Kershaw Acres on Saturday, February 14 to watch SDTRHR's riders compete in a horse show. Most of SDTRHR riders will be riding from noon until 1:00.

Kershaw Acres is on Route 5, one mile south of the Route 9 and 5 intersection. For more information, please call 302 644-1920.

### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Beach Ride & Walk March 28, 2009 Rain or Shine

Please bring your horse or your walking shoes and join us at Cape Henlopen State Park in Lewes, DE for our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Beach Ride & Walk.

The cost to ride and lunch is \$25 for adults (14 and up) and \$15 for children (13 and under). Raise \$50 or more and receive a commemorative tee shirt. We encourage everyone to get sponsorships and compete for awesome prizes for raising the most money for SDTRHR.

We will have beautiful raffle items for adults and kids as well as prizes for highest fundraisers, largest horse, oldest horse, youngest rider, etc.

Last year, we raised over \$15,000---let's see if we can top it this year! Funds raised are used for horse care and rider scholarships.

### Lunch or Dinner at the Roadhouse in Lewes on March 4!

Please mark your calendars to enjoy a great meal at the Roadhouse on March 4. SDTRHR will receive 10% of the entire day's proceeds. There will be a 50/50 drawing at 7:00. For more information, please call 302 644-1920.

### SDTRHR in the News...

Georgia will be visiting the studio at Cool 101.3 radio station on February 12 to talk about SDTRHR.. The segment will be aired on February 13.

A reporter from the Cape Gazette will be at the horse show on Valentine's Day!

So, keep your eyes and ears posted for these stories! Thanks to Bobbi Chandler for arranging these visits.