



Greenlock Therapeutic Riding Center e-Newsletter

"Horse Bytes"

November 2008

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October Fall Family Festival A Success

Greenlock held its Annual Fall Festival and Open House on Sunday October 12, 2008. The day combined food, horses, dogs, and children's activities to make for a fun day for all. Greenlock's own clients had a fabulous time taking part in our

Name Our e-Newsletter Contest Results

We had a great response to the *Name Our Newsletter Contest*, and received many clever entries.

Thank you to all who participated!

After careful consideration, the following winners were chosen:

Grand Prize Winner: Horse Bytes - submitted by Shyanne Levesque and Joyce Rossi

Column Winner 1: Paddock News - submitted by Barbara Rossi

Column Winner 2: Sidewalker - submitted by Rob Mariani

Column Winner 3: Horse Tails - submitted by Melissa Chaplin and Elizabeth Davenport

Congratulations!

horseshow. Many ribbons and smiles were seen among the 40 participants. During a break in the horseshow visitors enjoyed watching a dressage demonstration and dog frisbee and obedience demonstrations.

Activities were set up for the children to enjoy such as painting, coloring books, and of course Cheryl the Famous Face Painting Expert. The silent auction was a great success with items for every person's taste and even the Art Gallery was open with local art set up for sale and enjoyment. The food was fabulous as usual thanks to Mike, Al, Diana, and Kathy.

Greenlock would like to thank all the volunteers, staff members and therapists who help make the Fall Festival such a success!

Who We Are

Greenlock Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc., is 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization that utilizes equine-related activities for the therapy of individuals with physical, developmental, and emotional differences. Uniquely, the horses are our treatment partners. We offer both Hippotherapy and Therapeutic Riding that teaches specific riding skills. Hippotherapy is a practice in which physical, speech, and occupational therapists employ the horse's movement as a treatment tool to improve neuromuscular function, language and fine motor

Paddock News

Greenlock's 20th Anniversary Celebration Committee In Full Swing

Exciting news: Katherine Pelson has joined Kathy Lerner and Debby Nelson as co-Chairs for the event. Katherine brings extensive fundraising and event planning skills, and has already helped secure the Renaissance Providence Hotel for the October 17, 2009 venue.

Mehdi Khosrovani, Chair of the Anniversary's Corporate Sponsorship Committee has already begun sponsorship solicitations. Mehdi is seeking everyone's help to identify potential candidates. Mehdi stated, "We all know somebody, one way or another, who could be a potential sponsor of the event. It might be a coworker, a friend who owns their own business or even the parent of another child on your child's soccer team." If you know somebody who may be interested in a sponsorship, please email their name, business and contact information to Mehdi at Mehdik@nemd.com as soon as possible. Mehdi and his team will be happy to follow up on all suggestions. Please let Mehdi know if you are interested in approaching them about the sponsorship opportunity, or if you would prefer that a member of the Sponsorship Committee handles the outreach.

Other committees for Greenlock's 20th Anniversary Celebration are: Operations, Food, Invitations, Entertainment, Publicity and Promotion, Auction items and Decorations.

Anyone interested in participating please contact Michelle Riggs at:

Michelle@classic-communications.com

Horse Tails

Volunteer Profile

Alicia Hoffman



by Kathy Darowski, Greenlock Instructor

Every week volunteers come to Greenlock and

skills. Hippotherapy relies on the sensory input provided by the horse's rhythmic and repetitive gaits to prompt a neuromuscular response in the rider - a response that mimics the movement a child's body would ordinarily make while walking. We offer hippotherapy and therapeutic riding to physically, mentally, and emotionally-challenged persons from throughout RI and Southeastern MA.

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tirelessly give hours of their time to better the lives of our riders, staff, and horses. Without these volunteers, Greenlock simply wouldn't run. We treasure each and every one of them. Every once in a while though, a volunteer comes along that exceeds even our ideas of how helpful one can be. One such volunteer is Alicia Hoffman.

Alicia began volunteering a few summers ago. Unlike the two hours we often request of each volunteer, Alicia chose to come to Greenlock two full days a week! Alicia was extremely helpful handling the horses, sidewalking, and was even happy to do the many "unglamorous" chores such as mucking stalls and cleaning water tubs. She is an extremely hard and very willing worker who always has a smile on her face.

Last September, Alicia moved to volunteering on Saturday mornings for the school year. Anyone who has been to Greenlock on a Saturday morning knows that it is organized chaos. We see an amazing number of riders in only a few short hours. Alicia has made such a positive addition to Saturday mornings that we can barely remember them without her. Always knowing that Alicia is also on top of things like tack changes, where horses need to be, and who rides which horse takes an amazing amount of pressure off me.

Often, I can write about one strong suit a volunteer has and how helpful that is to Greenlock. With Alicia it is impossible to choose just one; she is a well-rounded young lady who offers support in so many areas. Alicia is an exceptional horse handler, an attentive sidewalker, a happy helper, and a great friend to many.