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Mission

Statement:
Bright Horizon Thera-
peutic Riding Center
exists to improve the
physical and emo-
tional wellbeing of
individuals and their
families through
therapeutic equestrian
activities built on pro-
fessionalism and trust
with a focus on com-
munity education,
communication and
teamwork

HORSE POWER

Quarterly Newsletter
for

**Bright Horizon
Therapeutic Riding Center**

www.brighthorizonriding.org

Winter 2010

HEARTS FOR HORSES

On Saturday, February 13th, 2010 Bright Horizon Therapeutic Riding Center will be hosting it's 3rd annual Benefit Dinner & Silent Auction, Hearts for Horses. With a Valentine's Day theme, the event will be held at the Pacific Shores Motor Coach Resort at 6225 North Coast Hwy 101 in Newport OR from 5—8 PM.

Dinner is being catered by Local Ocean Seafood and many incredible auction items have been donated! There will be gift baskets, art work, spa certificates, airline tickets, a time share, a Sun River cabin stay and much more! Laura Hunt, our super event coordinator and volunteer, has been leading the charge in making arrangements, distributing posters and tickets, and gathering items for the auction.

Steve and Brandon Cook will be providing music and Doug Hunt of Umpqua Bank will be our Master of Ceremonies. This should be a wonderful evening and we hope you will support Bright Horizon by coming yourself, bringing a friend, and spreading the word. This event raises funds critical for the operation of our organization and provides us an opportunity to gather and celebrate our year, remember our accomplishments, and set course for the future. Don't miss out!

Tickets are \$35 per person and are available at Oregon Coast Bank in Lincoln City and at The Feed Corral in Newport or by phone: Polly Cohen 541-961-4156 / Laura Hunt 541-265-5069. Please RSVP by Feb 8.

Additional sponsors include West Coast Linen, JC Market Newport, Rogue Ales and Pepsi.

Bring a Friend in 2010

Our organization is growing by leaps and bounds and we need everyone's help to expand our ranks to keep up. This winter session alone we have 29 riders. This is up from 12 riders last winter. As our ridership grows we need more volunteers, donors and supporters.

Our slogan for the year is Bring a Friend in 2010. We know that a visit to the barn and the opportunity to see our riders in a class is by far the most effective way for us to

demonstrate our program and interest new people. Anyone already involved knows the magic of our riders' smiles and their delight in directing their horse.

We want to reach out to people interested in children, with or without horse experience. For volunteers interested in Board service, raising funds or special projects this connection to our basic service helps build enthusiasm and enriches our ability to tell our story.



Come see the smiles!

Meet our New Horse Sweetie—A Most Generous Donation



Sweetie is an 8 year old Red Dun, Quarter Horse mare. She has a very interesting background that includes being a pack horse in the mountains as well as a rodeo court horse. Ideal for Bright Horizon at 15.1 hands, Sweetie is very patient with people and has a very strong work ethic.

Sweetie was purchased for Bright Horizon by Mark and Nancy Mize of South Beach, Oregon. Nancy rides on Friday's and works

steadily at her goal of improving her riding skills and core strength. She recognized the fact that we needed a younger bigger horse and not only donated the funds for the purchase but actively participated in the search for a new horse.

After being carefully screened and evaluated by the Program Director Sweetie was welcomed into the program.

Thank you Nancy and Mark. We appreciate your generosity!



Polly Cohen, Executive Director, at her desk!

Bright Horizon Now has a Newport Office

In mid-January, Bright Horizon established a Newport office on the 2nd floor of Bank of the West, 248 SW Coast Hwy 101. Regular office hours are being established. We will now have a centralized place for our recordkeeping and a warm place for meetings! Thanks to Kathy Barnes for finding this space and to Claudia Tower at the bank for her help.

Come by for a visit.

Feed Corral Supports Bright Horizon Giving Tree

For a second year, Feed Corral in Newport sponsored a Giving Tree for Bright Horizon for the holidays.

Materials were donated by Taylor Made Memories, 34 S Coast Hwy, Newport, and our own volunteer, Sandra Wadsley of Toledo, did the decorating.

We received shampoo and conditioner, brushes, hoof picks, vet wrap, a lunge line, lead rope, halter, bucket, and a very generous donation of horse clippers. (a \$400 value).

In – kind donations help Bright Horizon tremendously! Thanks.



Bright Horizon Outreach Programs

Bright Horizon has a variety of outreach programs designed to bring equine-related activities to people who can benefit from them throughout the community. We are pleased to report recent field trips from Toledo Jr/Sr High School, Taft Elementary and Sam Case. Connie Johnson, Taft Learning Specialist teacher, has spoken highly of this experience and articles in both the News Times, January 8, 2010 and News Guard, January 21, 2010 have highlighted her observations. You can view these articles online in the archives of the News Times at www.newportnewstimes.com and New Guard at www.thenewsguard.com.

For those seeking further education on horses, equine-related topics, disabilities or therapeutic riding, the Bright Horizon staff is available for [workshops and lecture presentations](#). Some of the topics covered are cognitive impairments, sensory integration and riding, seasonal horse care, maintenance of tack and special equipment, and centered riding. This is a great opportunity to obtain valuable information from respected and knowledgeable professionals in the field of therapeutic riding.

Bright Horizon Wish List

Arena

Basketball Hoop
Mirror – 5 x 20' Contact Newport Glass
Plastic jumps
Locking Cabinet for toys
5 yards bark

Tack room:

Small English Safety Stirrups
Dressage Saddle size 15 or 16
Western Saddle pads
Cross ties/leather grooming halters
Bitless Bridles/Rainbow Reins
Vaulting Surcingle
Hood and blanket
Blue water buckets

Office Items:

Print paper
File folders
Laminating Machine
Stamps
Zip Drives

Please contact Polly Cohen 541 961-4156.

Special Project Needs: Cotton Fabric, ribbon, trim, piping, Velcro, buttons, etc.

Gifts in Honor

One of the most meaningful ways you can honor a loved one is to make a gift to Bright Horizon in his or her name. You can honor a participant involved in our programs or a volunteer who gives time and energy to help us succeed. Any donation offers a way to say thank you. A gift in honor of someone also offers a special way to mark an important occasion such as a wedding, birthday or religious milestone. Memorial gifts can also be made to honor the memory of a friend or loved one.

Bright Horizon is grateful and honored to be associated with these symbols of love and remembrance. Donations in honor of people have special meaning to us. They are personal and they make the work of Bright Horizon more real to us all. Making a donation to Bright Horizon in honor of someone is a wonderful way to acknowledge the importance of our mission and the significance of our program in that person's life. If you would like more information on making a gift in honor or memory of someone, please contact **Polly Cohen, Executive Director (541) 961-4156** or contact@brighthorizonsriding.org



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Volunteer Spotlight— Sheldon and Laura Hunt



Sheldon and Laura Hunt began their involvement with Bright Horizon in Sept of 2009. According to Kathy Barnes, volunteer coordinator, "They have both been 100% on board since their initial training. They have been at every Friday lesson, every horse show, and have done everything from mucking stalls and sweeping aisles to providing hands on help with students and horses.... I thank my lucky stars that they are committed to Bright Horizon."

At the direction of Polly Cohen, Executive Director, Laura and Sheldon have also been assisting Bright Horizon in a number of organizational development efforts to help us achieve sustainability and strategize for growth. Polly says, "Laura has been instrumental in making Hearts for Horses into a premier benefit event and we are organizing in new ways."

Thanks to our many volunteers who are helping out in extra ways. Everyone is adding talent and heart. Your efforts are truly appreciated!

Do you want to volunteer or do you know someone who might be able to volunteer?

Contact:

Kathy Barnes

Tel: 961-5727

We are now a part of the Social Media world. Check Out Our New Facebook Page! Become a Fan

Appeal for Lift

Since its inception Bright Horizon's goal has been to improve the physical and emotional wellbeing of children and adults with disabilities through equine assisted therapy and related activities. At this point, we are unable to provide services for riders who utilize wheelchairs. We hope to change that in the near future. The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund has awarded Bright Horizon \$3,675 dollars toward the purchase of a wheelchair lift. The ShurHands lift which we want to purchase is specifically adapted for equine assisted activities and safely allows individuals who use wheelchairs to be mounted on a horse. Right now we are actively working to raise the balance of the funds needed for this project. The lift cost is \$8,243.66. Additionally, we need to build a ramp and make some minor arena modifications to enable us to use the lift. We estimate the cost of these items to be approximately \$2,500. We have received generous commitments from Pro-Build for materials and Mark Hanrahan Construction for help with labor and design but we still need both funds and warm bodies to finish this project.

We still need about \$5,000 to make this project a reality. Please help us reach this group of potential riders who could benefit greatly from our programs if we could obtain the equipment necessary for them to access our programs. Call Polly Cohen at 541 961-4156 or mail your tax-deductible contribution to Bright Horizon Therapeutic Riding, P.O. Box 1238, Newport, Or 97365



Riders being mounted using a ShurLift System at two other NAHRA centers. Help us make it a reality for Bright Horizons Riders.

Coming Attractions

February 13th, 2010 HEARTS FOR HORSES

Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction

5-9 PM at Pacific Shores Motor Coach Resort

Purchase tickets at Oregon Coast Bank (Lincoln City)

The Feed Corral (Newport) Or by phone" Polly Cohen 541-961-4156 / Laura Hunt 541-265-5069

March 13, 2010

Winter Session Ends

April 2, 2010

Spring (10 week) Session Begins—Be sure to register early to get your preferred class time.