

VOLUNTEERS

GREAT AND SMALL NEWSLETTER

WINTER SESSION 2020



WINTER SESSION REMINDERS

- **WINTER SESSION** starts Monday, January 4th and runs through Saturday, February 27th. Want to volunteer? Send in your Winter Sign-up form today to get your spot!
- **COVID Phase 2:** We're remaining in Phase 2 of our COVID plan for Winter Session, which means volunteers can be Horse Leaders, Grooms, or do Facility work.
- **HORSE LEADER** training/Horse practice and **GROOM/TACK** session on Monday, 12/28 @ 4:30pm - 6:30pm. RSVP to Katy - limited spots, so sign up today!
- **GIVING TREE** is up at All About Equestrian in Poolesville - support our local small business and donate to Great and Small!



FALL SESSION RECAP

Despite COVID restrictions, we had an amazing Fall session:

- **Volunteers served over 735 hours this Fall!** This included Horse Leaders, Schoolers, Grooms, Facility, Barn, and Event volunteers.
- **Had 35 Participants in program lessons**, including independent riders and community lessons!
- **Had 100% participation by volunteers using our new app, Track it Forward** to record volunteer hours! THANKS to everyone for doing such a GREAT job recording hours!
- **Held our Murder Mystery Trail Ride** with great success. 15 volunteers came to help out and the weather was wonderful.
- Had a successful **Pop-up Fundraiser at Loch Moy Farm**. We paired with LMF to do some weekend fundraising and volunteer work. We parked cars, sold baked goods, saw some event riders, and raised \$1200! Thanks to ALL for donating the fantastic baked goods which made MANY riders VERY happy!



NEWS AROUND THE FARM

NEW TRIAL HORSES What?! New horses you say? We've got two new beautiful faces in the barn:

- Jacklyn, a 17hh Chestnut Dutch Harness Horse mare acquired from Columbia Horse Center
- Quincey, a 16hh Chestnut Overo Paint gelding, on free lease

We're excited to work with both horses and gearing them to be in program this Spring!

CONGRATULATIONS TO MIKE MAPES for being accepted to Farrier School at Cornell! Mike is a regular Thursday volunteer who is an amazing Horse Leader, so we know he'll be a great farrier. Good luck, Mike!

CONGRATULATIONS PAIGE who's on maternity leave and expecting her first bundle of little girl joy. We can't wait to meet her! Thanks to **Lisa Gatons**, who's serving as Interim Program Manager.



COMING SOON: SPRING SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

SPRING SESSION will begin March 8th and we're hoping for Phase 3 to begin!

Phase 3 will include welcoming back all Side Walkers into program lessons. Look for an update in January and a re-training in February!

HIPPOTHERAPY in the works! We're working on a partnership with Unbridled Rehabilitation Services to bring Hippotherapy (HPOT) back to Great and Small. Stay tuned for more news this Spring.

SPRING VOLUNTEERING PLANS:

- **Loch Moy Farm Fundraisers** - We'll pair again with LMF to help with parking and sell baked goods at their weekend horse shows! Want to volunteer or show off your amazing baking skills? Stay tuned for Spring dates!
- **SW and HPOT Re-Orientation** - Stay tuned for "Spring Training" for returning SWs and HPOT volunteers