

TRINews

Winter 2012

Director's Update



Our horses enjoying their new pastures.

Everyone at TRI – staff, volunteers, riders, donors, and board may pat themselves on the back now..... a much deserved “well-done” for a wonderfully successful year on so many levels.

I would like to let you know that the many additions and improvements listed below are possible due to the support of our generous donors who will be honored in our Spring 2013 Annual Donor Recognition Report.

We all do what we do at TRI for one reason – **our riders**. We want them to have the most progressive, safe, and fun horse experiences possible. I know in both my head and my heart that TRI provides top quality service because of the most profoundly generous people I have ever met – that would be everyone listed in my first sentence! Cliché maybe, but it takes all of us together to make miracles happen - *and happen they do*.

In April, we welcomed **Ann Zalek** to the TRI staff as Development Manager. She is off to a good start this year writing grants, meeting donors, and looking for new ways to put TRI “out there” in our community. We want our services to be known to those who need them and of course, we are always looking for new ways to support ourselves.

We are still madly in love with our new facility! In 2012 we completed our new manure bunker affectionately called “Pooh Corner”. Perhaps that’s not as exciting to some of you as it is to **Jeremy** and me, but it is never nice to be hip high in, um, you know, and not have anywhere to put it! We had

new fans installed over the stalls for the comfort and health of our horses as well as a security and fire protection system installed throughout the entire facility.

Our horses were turned out for the first time in their new pastures in May; 12 acres divided into 3 separate pastures for them to run and eat grass. It was a sight to behold to watch them run and play and enjoy their new space. Allowing horses to be horses makes for healthy bodies and minds; our riders are the direct recipients of this wellness!

Our 2 new horses **Zeeda** and **Garuda** have been welcomed by all and are working out well. With a bit of luck, by press time, a new horse from the **Huron Valley Humane Society** will have moved in. She was seized by HVHS in July and we are going to give her time to try us out and see if she would like to live with us.

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Volunteers Bruce Robinson and Mike Hommel installing fans above the horse stalls. Don't look down guys! 1

Director's Update -

Summer 2012, as everyone knows, was a summer of drought. For TRI the shortage of hay as a result of the drought resulted in hay prices doubling. We were very fortunate to make a good connection with a farmer up north of us and purchased enough hay for the winter. The higher prices sure hurt our budget but our horses are taken care of, and that's the most important thing. (We wouldn't turn down more hay if anyone has any!)

We had volunteer continuing education classes throughout the year. Many of our volunteers increased and expanded their skills so that they can be more versatile serving their riders. We will continue these classes as they are so well received.

Our riders and volunteers led TRI to another successful TRI-FECTA 2012 Campaign. These funds are directed towards feeding and caring for our horses. Congrats to our 2012 winner MAIZY!

Now for my favorite part: Rider News! Thirteen new riders joined TRI this year! We also had 2 groups of youths come for a "Day at the Farm". In January, 20 students from the University of **Michigan IDEA Institute** and in August, 11 participants from the **Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired** came out to visit with us. Both groups spent 4 hours at the farm, rotating between classroom studies, grooming and tacking, sensory tours, and riding. The youth were all from the Detroit area and had never had farm experiences before. They were joyous, inquisitive, and fun groups of kids to work with. I think that the TRI staff and volunteers had as much fun as the kids did in re-discovering horses from their perspective. I personally had a most enjoyable time.

For all of you who are invested in TRI on any level – I hope you really know that your time and dollars make a huge difference. To the children and adults who would not

otherwise be able to walk and do so because of a horse. To the person with autism who speaks for the first time. To the person with a progressive condition who becomes stronger in their physical body and therefore delays progression of their disease for some time. To the teenagers with anxiety who cannot relate to their peers and tune out in many destructive ways. To see the joy, the smiles, and the happiness on the faces of all our riders is incredible. These are real



Students from the U of M's IDEA Institute work with our volunteers Kathy Emery and Dave Jessen and instructor Linda Bolton

people who we have the pleasure of working with every day at TRI. Not stories, not fabricated tales to make you feel compelled to give something. REAL PEOPLE. REAL IMPACT.

YOU enhance lives. YOU give joy. Yesterday you did, and today you will and I hope to have you all around for a long time. We make a great team and even if we can't fix the entire world, we will try and fix our own part.

I know I speak for the riders as well as for myself - we couldn't do it without you.

Thank you thank you. You are special people, much appreciated and loved.

Yours,
Jan

Jan Vescelius –
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Rider Spotlight

We want you to meet one of our many riders, to learn what TRI means to her, and to hear how important it is in her life. Every donation we receive helps to make it possible for us to provide Pam and all our riders with an amazing experience.

We are pleased to introduce **Pam Litchford** to you. Pam is one of our adult riders, part of the Tuesday morning “gang”. Pam recently shared a personal success story with Jan Vescelius (her instructor) and her volunteers. It was so touching that I asked if she would share it with our newsletter readers. So here it is.



Pam enjoying her lesson on Sigbjorn, with her team – Dave Jessen, Kristin Hannahs, and Meghann Deering

In the spring of 1993, I went partially blind in both eyes, making it impossible for me to drive or to continue to work selling real estate. Numerous visits to neurologists did not come up with a diagnosis and I ended up very sick and dehydrated and in the hospital that summer. At this point, I had great difficulty walking. That fall, I went to the Mayo clinic for testing and an MRI showed plaques on my brain, and I received my diagnosis of multiple sclerosis. This was devastating to me. I remember crying when I got the diagnosis, wondering how I could be vital, be worth anything to anyone. I vowed to fight going into a wheelchair.

MS comes in different levels and types and everyone has different experiences. My immune system is attacking my T-cells which causes plaques to develop on the nerve endings in my brain and spinal cord. Also, the myelin protective sheaths around my nerves are deteriorating. Both of these factors mean that messages don't get through from my brain to my body properly – the phone lines are down or damaged. My MS is the relapsing/remitting type. I had a pretty steady decline in my strength and skills. Walking was increasingly difficult, then literally one day I woke up and I could no longer walk. I had to face my nightmare and was in a wheelchair for 4 months. Through hard work and PT, I was able to regain some strength and return to walking, but only very short distances. If we went to the grocery store or Home Depot, I had to use one of the carts to support me and give me balance

This was my life for 19 years, until I came to TRI in August 2011. Since I started

riding lessons with Jan – and also going to hippotherapy which is like PT on horseback – my muscles have become much stronger. My core muscles are also stronger so I have better balance and coordination. I walk faster now, and am able to enjoy my daily exercise walks much more!

In September this year, my husband and I went to Meijers. He headed off to get his things and I got the cart to go get groceries. I got all the way to the back of the store by the yogurt when I decided the cart was a hindrance; I didn't want to push it anymore. My husband had rejoined me so I passed the cart off to him and I WALKED! I felt so liberated. I was walking by myself. I called all my family that evening and we were all so happy we cried. I now pick my feet up better so I am safer walking. I trip much less and my strides are longer. It is now my husband's job to push the cart around the store!

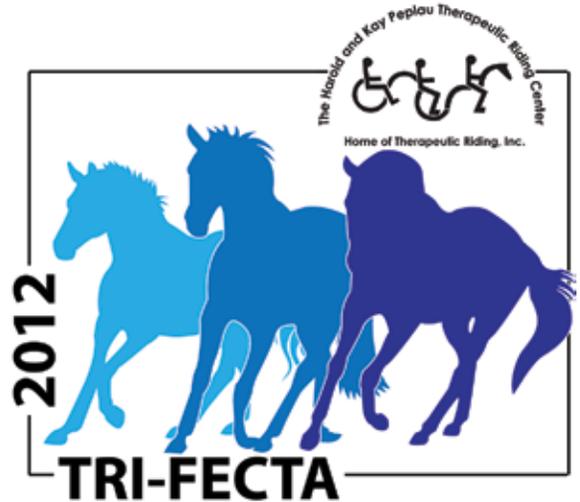
While her therapeutic riding lessons and hippotherapy sessions may have played a big part in her dramatic improvements, those of us who know Pam know that it is her incredible determination and positive attitude that made it all possible. Pam, you are an inspiration to us all and it is a pleasure to have you as one of our family members.

TRI Test -

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1. How much did one hay bale cost at this time last year? How much did it cost this year?
2. How much does one farrier visit cost for one of our horses?
 - a. Extra credit – What does a farrier do?
3. How much does it cost to provide bedding for one of our horses for a month?
 - a. Extra credit – What do we use as bedding?
4. How much does it cost to adopt a TRI horse for one year and cover all these costs and all the rest of the expenses involved in caring for our horses?

TRI-FECTA 2012 – A Successful Race/Fundraiser, With A Surprising Winner



Each year, our riders and volunteers come together to do a fundraiser to raise money for the care and feeding of our horses. We call this event “TRI-FECTA – TRI providing riders with Fun, Excitement, Challenge, and Therapeutic Adventure.” Each rider and volunteer goes out and gets “bets” on their favorite horse and tries to move their horse around the track and into the Winner’s Circle. This year’s event was a lot of fun and brought in over \$25,000. But I should let Fable, our Fabulous Field Reporter, take it from here.

AND THE WINNER IS...

The 2012 TRI-FECTA has officially come to an end. Our horses were happy to finish the race in time to take cover before the winds and rain courtesy of Hurricane Sandy washed out the track. Our thanks to all the riders, volunteers, and donors who made this a successful fundraiser. I, as your trusty field reporter, embedded myself in the race to get an up-close and personal view of the proceedings. For a look back at the weekly updates, please visit our website at <http://therapeuticridinginc.org>. I had **Tracy** publish them there so everyone could read them. Now, without further ado,

here are the results – in reverse order of course, and no fair peeking at the end. Patience, patience, patience.

Proving that what is written on the paperwork is not necessarily your destiny, our thoroughbred brought up the rear of the pack. **Zeeda** showed some spark periodically and hinted that she might make a push for the Winner’s Circle, but in the end, her true personality won through and she was happy just to mosey along and mooch candy off her riders during trick-or-treat week.

After holding onto 7th place for almost the entire race, **Ella** ran out of steam and dropped down to 10th. However, we won’t hold that against her. After all, I hired her for her size and strength, not her speed. It is because of Ella that our larger youth and adult riders are able to participate in our program. Without her, they wouldn’t be able to experience the joy of horseback riding. So I will forgive her for her lack of racing skills since she makes up for it in so many other ways.

As I said, I embedded myself in the race, more as a reporter than a racer. After all, I proved myself with my win in 2010. So I found that 9th place was a good position for me – I could see what was happening ahead of me without influencing the results with my presence. (**Schrodinger** is one of my favorite scientists.)



Not exactly a “race horse” – thoroughbred Zeeda was content to bring up the rear of the pack.

Garuda showed his consistency by finishing in 8th place – a position he held for the last two weeks. Considering how new Garuda is to our program, and how few riders he currently works with, I was very pleased with his efforts. As he increases his number of students, I expect that he will move to the front of the pack in future TRI-FECTA campaigns.

Like Garuda, **Dakota** did not have many people out there collecting for him. He specializes in working with our independent riders, who generally have no volunteers, so he has fewer people to support him. So I congratulate him on moving up from 11th to finish a very respectable 7th place.

I am very thankful to announce that **April** finished in the middle of the pack in 6th place. I was quite nervous there for a while when she was in 11th place. She would have been seriously annoyed to finish last and April “does” annoyed VERY WELL! So April, you should be proud of yourself for your accomplishments, congratulations! Now will you please be in a better mood?

After a slow start (actually, it was more of a “no start” since he didn’t start racing until the second week), **Dobbs** showed his hard-working side and moved steadily up in the pack. He finished in 5th place and could have kept racing for several more weeks. We don’t call him Mr. Energy for nothing. He would have finished in 4th place except for a last minute generous donor who supported our 4th place horse.

After spending much of the race languishing at the back of the pack, **Miko** got serious the last two weeks and ended in 4th place, barely squeaking past Dobbs. Since the two boys share a paddock, I have a feeling there will be some challenges thrown down and some private re-matches. That’s fine guys, but don’t forget, we have Holiday Session classes until December 15 and I expect you both to



Your 2012 TRI-FECTA Winner – Maizy!

report to work every day. I don’t want to be receiving any calls claiming you are lame or sore and can’t teach your students!

And now for your top three racers! In 3rd place, after spending the entire race in the top tier, is **Sigbjorn**! He ran his hardest and was a serious contender for first place. In fact, I think he is a serious contender for the hardest working horse in the herd. Sigbjorn has more riders than most of the other horses and teaches them all with his trademark goofiness and caring. Yes, his Halloween costume may have been a clown, but he is all business in the arena and we love him for it.

In second place, after rocketing to first place the fourth week, is **B Smiley**. Our handsome boy works with both independent and group lesson riders. He is known for doing exactly what a rider asks him to do, causing more than one frustrated independent rider to wail, “But I didn’t MEAN to ask him to do that!” A stickler for balance, he will stop and wait for his riders to get

themselves situated in the middle of the saddle before he moves on. He never gets flustered but will let the human staff know something isn’t to his liking by swishing his tail. It’s no surprise that his dinosaur plates (the ones attached to his tail) were “swished” loose within ten minutes of him putting his Halloween costume on!

And now, in first place, is (drum roll please)

(OK, now ‘fess up. How many of you sat there and made the drumroll noise or drummed on your desk?!)

MAIZY!

Yes, our beloved “Lazy Maizy” showed us all what she could do by powering to the front of the pack and staying there. She held off all challengers and put on a last burst of speed to sneak by B Smiley and claim the Winner’s Circle for herself. We jokingly call her “Lazy Maizy” because she is somewhat, um, reluctant to go on occasion, but clearly, when the stakes are high, she can pull out all the stops and do her part for the herd. Thank you to all of Maizy’s supporters for earning her a Day at the Spa. With those gorgeous blond locks of hers, she will be heading straight for the hairstylist when she arrives. Then perhaps a nice pedicure? Congratulations Maizy!

Of course, we horses couldn’t do this on our own. Many thanks to our amazing family of riders and volunteers who went out there and raised the funds needed to care for us in the coming year. You are all winners in our book.

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Lots of Treats and One Very Special Trick

TRI-FECTA - *Continued from page 5*

We have two Fundraising Winner's Circles – one for the greatest amount of donations brought in and one for the greatest number. On the Rider side of the circle are:

For Greatest Amount of Donations brought in:

- 1st – **Nick Curristan**
- 2nd – **Mary McClusky**
- 3rd – **Rhys Mitchell**

For Greatest Number of Donations brought in:

- 1st – **Allison Smith**
- 2nd – **Jansen Sweeney**
- 3rd – **Donald Poole**

On the Volunteer side of the circle are:

For Greatest Amount of Donations brought in:

- 1st – **Andie Veach**
- 2nd – **Bill Boitos**
- 3rd – **Liz Marsh**

For Greatest Number of Donations brought in:

- 1st – **Andie Veach**
- 2nd – **Liz Marsh**
- 3rd – **Becky Ellwein**

If you have any donations that came in after the race was finished, please send them in to my staff in the TRI office. While the race has ended, our need for donations has not. Any donations that come in for our TRI-FECTA campaign will still go towards paying for our care and feeding for the next year.

Now I will take a short break after the combined efforts of racing and writing. But I will return to writing duties in our next newsletter with more "TRI Tales", including an update on our winter break activities and information about our exciting plans for 2013. I hope everyone has a safe winter and wish you all the best this holiday season. See you in 2013.

6 Submitted by *Fabulous Fable*,
Your Field Reporter

Trick-Or-Treating Week is a long standing tradition at TRI. The last week of Fall Session finds our farm transformed. No riders, horses, or volunteers to be found. Instead, lots of fairies, ninjas, crayons, and one very large alien! Our riders and volunteers were thrilled to see the amazing equine Halloween costumes created by our ever-inventive board member, Marcia Mullen. Thanks to our generous families and volunteers, the riders took home overflowing bags of yummy treats. And the trick I mentioned? One of our horses disappeared, replacing himself with... a zebra?



Our costume designer extraordinaire, Marcia Mullen, and Fabulous Fable, your Field Reporter.



Since when did we start hiring zebras?

In the Pink with rider Daphne Matthews and volunteer Paula Evers.

A Loud Whinny of Thanks to . . .

The **Lloyd and Mabel Johnson Foundation** was a crucial supporter of our Capital Campaign, issuing a challenge grant that enabled us to meet our fundraising goals. We are humbled to announce that the foundation is continuing to support our program through its recent grant of \$25,000 to be used to purchase items to maintain and improve our facility. Our deepest thanks go out to The Johnson Foundation for not only helping us to build our home, but ensuring that we have what we need to take good care of it.



Rider Robert Graham helping out by being a “House” and passing out candy to rider Caitlin Fokken (with her volunteer Tammy Abraham).

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TRI Test - Answers

1. Last year - \$3.50 a bale, including delivery. This year, \$5.00 a bale, not including delivery. Ouch.
2. \$35 per visit per horse. Hmm, wonder if **Jon (Sweet, our farrier)** does human pedicures as well?
 - a. Extra credit – A farrier takes care of the horse’s feet (hooves). Like your fingernails, hooves need regular trimming and shaping to make sure they stay healthy.
3. Approximately \$30.
 - a. Extra credit – Finely shredded sawdust, very soft and absorbent.
4. \$5,000.



Getting into the spirit of things – Maxwell Smith, Queen Emily Fokken, Caitlin Fokken, Mason Lexcen, and Darby Lexcen.

Can't Have a Horse of Your Own? Adopt One of Ours!

One very special way to support TRI is by supporting our very foundation, our horses. Each horse may serve 12 or more riders per week. By adopting a horse, donors receive not only our sincere gratitude and the knowledge that you have touched many lives but many other perks as well! Please contact us for more information.

We are proud to welcome the following "Adoptive Families", who join **Ruth Glancy** – adopted Ella – and the **Glancy Foundation** – adopted Zeeda – in helping us take care of our very special horses.

The **James A. and Faith Knight Foundation** have supported TRI since 2006 with grants to our Capital Campaign, to staff development programs, and to our operating fund. We received a very special Thanksgiving gift in November when we learned that they will be giving us a grant of \$10,000 to adopt two horses for the next year. In consultation with Senior Mare, Fable, **Jan Vescelius** selected Dobbs – our 15 year old Morgan gelding – and Sigbjorn – our 16 year old Norwegian Fjord gelding – to be the lucky adoptees. Our heartfelt thanks to The James A. and Faith Knight Foundation for your great generosity.

Race fans know that **MIS (Michigan International Speedway)** is all about winning. So it makes sense that, wanting to continue to support TRI, the **MIS Cares Foundation** renewed its adoption of our TRI-FECTA winner, Maizy, for a third year. By adopting Maizy, MIS Cares provides the funds needed to feed and care for her for a full year. On behalf of Maizy's many riders, we thank MIS Cares for their generosity!

Bruce and Sharon Robinson renewed their adoption of Miko for a second

year. We think that is why Miko decided to straighten up and put some effort into his race efforts during the TRI-FECTA campaign. He didn't want to let his adoptive parents down. Thank you, Bruce and Sherry, for all you do for TRI.

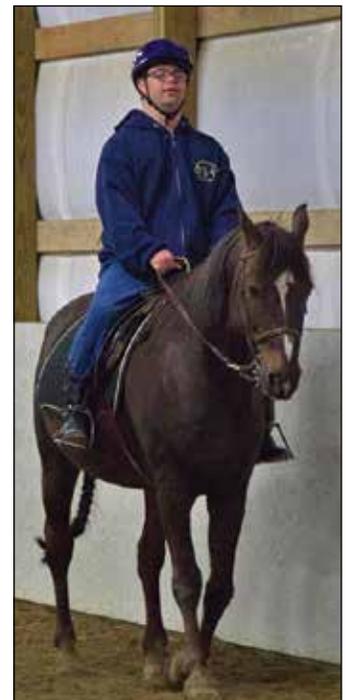
If the prospect of mucking out stalls every day does not appeal to you, or if your condo association frowns on horses being kept on the balcony, then adopting one of our TRI horses is the ideal way to have a horse without the work! We'll make sure your adoptee is well fed and cared for, with daily turnout, regular visits from the vet and farrier, the most appreciative riders anywhere, and lots of love and affection. If you'd like to join Ruth Glancy, The Glancy Foundation, The James A. and Faith Knight Foundation, MIS Cares, and Bruce and Sharon Robinson in adopting a TRI horse, please contact our office at 734-677-0303 or by email at therapeuticriding@earthlink.net for more information.



Sigbjorn – with rider Colin West and volunteer Michael DiGiovanni and Jill Van Doornik – and Dobbs – with rider Robert Graham – thank their new adoptive family, The James A. and Faith Knight Foundation.



Jan Vescelius (second from left) accepting the Adopt-a-Horse donation from MIS Cares representatives – (from left) Alisha Cottrell, Jan Vescelius, Jackie Cooper, Roger Curtis



Volunteer Spotlight

We often focus our Volunteer Spotlight on volunteers who have been with us for a long time so this time we wanted to introduce you to one of our newest volunteers. **Andromeda (Andie) Veach** joined us just this year and has already become a reliable member of our volunteer corps. At 16, Andie is also one of our younger volunteers but you wouldn't think it to watch her work.

I asked Andie what made her decide to volunteer with us and here is what she told me.

I first found out about TRI when searching for places near Ann Arbor to volunteer with horses, since I'd recently stopped riding and wanted to work with horses again. I found TRI and saw that it was close to my house so I came out for one of the tours. I knew I wanted to be a volunteer as soon as Tracy's tour started and I saw all the wonderful volunteers, horses, and riders all working together. It seemed like so much fun and it definitely is! TRI is a great way to have a fun time and brighten your week. There's never a session when I don't leave smiling.

If you've read any of our Volunteer Spotlight articles in previous newsletters, Andie's words will sound familiar. The comment we hear most often is how volunteering with TRI becomes the highlight of a person's week. I asked Andie if there was a particular memory that was a special one for her, something that she would like to share with folks to show what volunteering means to her and I was so touched by her answer.



Andie leading Fable (Yes, our Fabulous Field Reporter!) for rider Caitlin, with Caitlin's volunteer sidewalkers Tammy Abraham and Janet Sibbold.

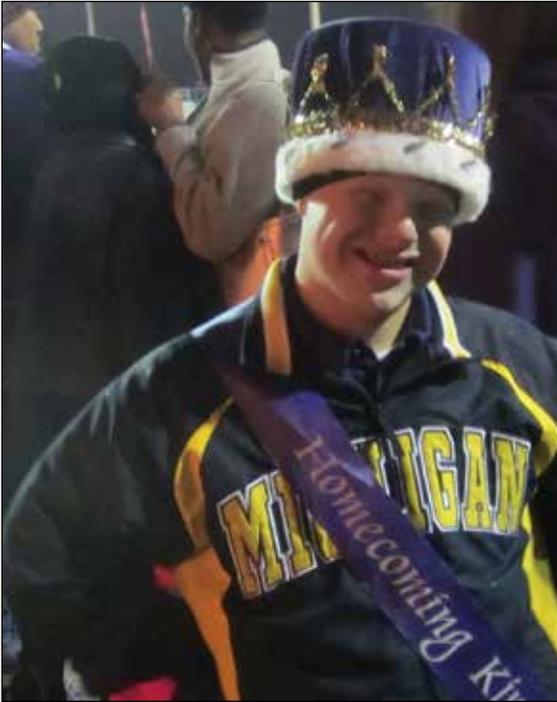
Although I have so many memories about TRI that I'll never forget, the first session I came to I was very shy, and worried nobody would talk to me. That's not the case at all! Everyone at the barn is so friendly and willing to help with anything, especially when Maizy (the horse I was leading) was giving me quite a hard time. TRI has really made me more confident talking to and working with people I don't know, and it never ceases to amaze me how awesome it is to be around such caring, friendly people. There's so much positivity in the barn, and I'm so thankful to be a part of it.

What Andie doesn't know is that her words mirror those her mom used in an email she had sent me previously, telling me how thrilled she was with how much volunteering at TRI has already changed her daughter, how she always looks forward to coming to the barn and always comes home with

a positive experience to share. Andie even told her mom that she's never met a nicer group of people.

Maybe I'm biased but I have to agree. The volunteers, riders, staff, and families at TRI are very special and I am so glad Andie feels welcome and comfortable here. We've seen her become more and more confident over the course of the year and are thrilled she decided to join us. Perhaps we'll get her to combine her love for horses and her other loves – art and photography – and take some photographs of our horses and riders for us! Thank you for being part of our family, Andie. We are thankful to YOU for making it possible for our riders to experience the joy of horseback riding.

Long Live The King!



Homecoming King Nick Lupu doesn't let the rain dampen his spirits at the Homecoming game.

We often brag about the amazing people we have in the TRI family. But this time, no-one could blame us – after all, how often do you get to claim ROYALTY as a family member?

Long time rider, **Nick Lupu**, was recently voted Homecoming King at Pioneer High School, here in Ann Arbor. Nick was nominated for Homecoming Court by one of his teachers, but Homecoming Court is a popularity contest determined by the students, not the teachers. Nick's fellow students voted him King because of his warm, outgoing, and gregarious

personality. One of the other students on the Homecoming Court called Nick a "role model", commenting that Nick always has a smile on his face. Guess the kids at Pioneer love Nick as much as we at TRI do! Nick is a true sports lover, having served as Pioneer's student ambassador at all the football and basketball games since his freshman year. He has also been seen frequenting the Ann Arbor Summer Festival, enjoying many different kinds of music, and showing off some pretty slick swing dance moves. A true renaissance man. Check out the annarbor.com article (see link below) and join us in saying, "Congratulations, Nick. And long live the king!"

<http://www.annarbor.com/news/gregarious-ann-arbor-pioneer-senior-with-downs-syndrome-elected-2013-homecoming-king/>

We Couldn't Do This Without . . .

One theme that I hope has been apparent throughout this newsletter is that of gratitude. We simply could not provide this amazing service to our riders without the support of our many generous donors and our amazing volunteers. We publish our official Annual Donor Recognition report each spring where we thank each and every one of our special supporters but we have several donors we would like to thank now.

In October, the **Angelo and Margaret Diponio Foundation** honored TRI with a gift of \$2,500. The Diponio Foundation has been a supporter of TRI for many years and we are truly grateful for its continued generosity. The **B. H. Semler Foundation** is now in its third year of

supporting TRI, sending a donation of \$2,500 this October. It is particularly gratifying when donors such as these foundations renew their support for TRI each year as it shows the confidence and trust that they have for our mission and our riders.

THE MOSAIC FOUNDATION (of R & P Heydon) and World Heritage Foundation - Prechter Family Fund donated to TRI through our Helping Hands campaign. This campaign aims to develop and sustain a leadership corps of donors who give at the \$1,000 and up level. These donations provide critical support to our program.

Earlier this year, the **Fliesbach Foundation** donated \$5,000 to our operating fund. By donating to our operating fund, the Fliesbach Foundation helps us pay some of

the necessary but not necessarily glamorous bills associated with running a therapeutic horseback riding program – such as utilities, insurance, etc. We are very grateful to them for their support. Also earlier this year, **Allstate Foundation** supported our program with a \$1,000 donation to our operating fund. Thank you to the Allstate Foundation, and to board member **Mark Holloway** for applying to the foundation on our behalf.

This is just a very short list of some recent donors. Our full list will be published in our Annual Donor Report included with our Spring 2013 newsletter. Whether you give \$10 or \$10,000, every donation is valued and appreciated. Thank you for your support.

It's Everybody's Favorite Time of Year!

No, I don't mean November 7 when we can finally watch TV without any political ads! I mean tax time! What, it's NOT your favorite time of year? Well, we can help with that. After all, it will be much less painful filling out those tax returns if you have a lovely gift to TRI to write in as one of your charitable donations for 2012. Won't you join the many foundations, businesses, and individuals who support TRI and our riders? Your donation will help make it possible for groups such as the Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired to experience the joy of horseback riding. Your donation will make sure that our riders can look forward to trick-or-treating next year. Your donation will make it possible for a rider to participate who perhaps couldn't afford to otherwise. Please consider a gift to TRI as you make your year-end giving plans. We have included a handy coupon here for those of you who prefer to write checks. Or you can donate via your credit card on our secure website at <http://therapeuticridinginc.org>.



2012 Year-End Campaign

Yes. I want to support the riders at TRI with my donation of \$ _____

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Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How would you like to receive our newsletter?

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I wish to remain anonymous.

Yes No

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TRI was selected by **Whole Foods Market**, on Washtenaw Avenue, as the recipient of their 5% Community Support Day. Whole Foods Market will donate 5% of their sales on Thursday, January 10, 2013 to TRI's **Sam and Juliana Zirinsky Memorial Scholarship Fund**.

This generous gift from Whole Foods Market and their loyal customers directly helps our riders. Please share the great news with friends, family, and neighbors, and come shop to support this special event for TRI on January 10th.

How can you help Therapeutic Riding, Inc.?

- Share the great news with friends, family, and neighbors.
- Shop at Whole Foods Market, on Washtenaw Ave., January 10th.

Thursday, January 10, 2013



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