

Dear Friend of PVTRA,

Imagine the power of seeing a tiny child make an emotional connection to an enormous animal. I witness this magic moment every week when I see my daughter, Sabrina, complete her riding lesson at the Pioneer Valley Therapeutic Riding Association.

Sabrina is eight years old and has been riding with the PVTRA for more than half of her life. She has global developmental delays and significant motor and speech challenges. From the moment she first rode, we knew that Sabrina had found an activity that would help her grow on many levels. In addition to getting great exercise and posture practice, riding enhances her language and cognitive skills, and helps her to grow socially through her interactions with the horses and her fellow riders. A born performer, Sabrina is happiest when she is singing, and she puts on a full concert during her weekly lessons!



PVTRA has been helping riders like Sabrina for more than 25 years. Individuals with physical, cognitive, social and emotional disabilities can benefit enormously from the relationships they form with horses and the process of mastering equestrian skills. Increased confidence, patience, self-esteem and independence are just a few of the ways in which therapeutic riding enhances the lives of the people we serve. As the only NARHA Premier Accredited Center in Western Massachusetts, PVTRA provides these important equine-assisted activities to riders of all levels and ages.

We are fortunate to live in a very generous community and are so grateful to individuals like you who have supported us over the years. Simply put, we wouldn't be able to sustain and grow our important programs without you. At this year-end, we hope you'll consider making a gift to help us expand our services to an ever-growing number of riders. We know that times are tight, and we hope you know that a gift of any amount is appreciated.

Thank you very much for your consideration and generosity, and best wishes for a healthy and happy 2011!

Sincerely,

Sarah Aasheim

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PVTRA Parent and Board Member

Please consider a donation to our future.

Name: _____

Title/Business _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Gift is in (circle one) Honor/Memory of _____

Please send gift notification to (next of kin) _____

I wish to remain anonymous.

There are many ways that your donation can help. Please tell us how to direct your gift in a way that is meaningful to you. Choose how you would like to fill our toolbox! (Circle)



Special Programs

Programs such as Hands on Horses bring therapeutic riding to participants who may not have considered therapeutic riding. They help to grow the program.



Candace E. Dixon Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund provides lessons for students who may not otherwise be able to afford them.



Building Fund

An account has been established to collect funds toward the purchase/building of a facility owned and operated by PVTRA



General Operating Expense

Includes horse care, barn supplies etc.

I am interested in volunteering. Please contact me.

Please return your gift to: **PVTRA**
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