

# Riverwood Rider

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## In Memory of Tony

As many of you know, we lost a member of our family this summer. Tony, our 29 year old draft horse, was laid to rest in the front pasture at Riverwood. His kind face, strong body and quiet presence will always be remembered by those of us who worked with him each day. As one of our parents wrote to us, "I am so sad to hear that Tony is gone. His big horseshoes will never be filled. We're going to miss him too --the way his big hooves would clomp down sending up clouds of dust, the way he would rock Katie Rose to sleep, his patience as she clambered into the saddle. Every week, she talked about going to ride "Tohn." She only learns to say the names of those she really loves. I remember, when the brick barn was first built, how Tony would stand outside and look in through the windows of the arena. His big old head would be framed by the window so that he looked like a giant portrait hanging on a wall. We were proud that you made him look so beautiful --and young!-- for this year's horse show. He was just the best fellow. May he rest in peace and clover." Karen Tips

We couldn't agree more. Tony was a member of our herd and our family and we mourn his passing. We are grateful for all the wonderful memories he brought us. As a fitting tribute to our sweet boy, we would like to share these photos to help you get a sense of his special spirit.



## Calendar of Events

Please go to [www.riverwoodtrc.org](http://www.riverwoodtrc.org) for more information.

- August 15: Volunteer Orientation
- August 27: Classes begin
- September 3: Labor Day- CLASSES WILL CONTINUE AS USUAL
- September 7: November 2: CEC 8 week session (Start Friday 9/7 - no class 10/26)
- September 8: Benefit Timed Trail Ride @ TTC
- September 13: Volunteer Orientation
- September 28: Dixie Classic Fair: Booth in Education Building
- October 4: Volunteer Orientation 9-12:30
- October 6: TRAV Horse Show
- October 13: Volunteer Orientation
- October 20: TFIF & RW Benefit Show at TTC; Timed Trail
- October 26: Set up for BGB, no classes
- October 27: Blue Grass Bash Fundraiser
- November 10: Volunteer Orientation
- November 20: November 23: Thanksgiving break, no classes
- December 8: Volunteer Orientation
- December 24: January 4: Christmas break, no classes

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### Summer Wrap Up

Each summer session at Riverwood brings with it a touch of the unknown. How will we plan for all these students? How many volunteers will we need each day? What new and fun activities will we be able to provide? Will the weather be sweltering? Rainy? Dry? All of these worries are quickly forgotten when our students walk through the doors. The summer, more so than any other time of year, seems to give us freedom to try new things and reach for higher goals.



This year, we've watched students who could barely sit up on their horse in the first week, transition to going on an hour long trail ride without holding onto anything. We've witnessed students develop confidence, straight posture, balance, words, walking, hands free balance and so many more milestones.

This summer was the hottest on record but do our riders mind? Not at all. We had dedicated volunteers willing to traipse up and

down hills to the creek and through the woods to give our riders the opportunity to, literally, get off the beaten path. And, in the midst of all this, are our patient and amazing horses. They never complain of the heat or the bugs; they are never late for work or too tired. They selflessly give as though it is the greatest job in the world!

The end of each lesson is always full of smiles and high fives. There is nothing more touching than to witness a rider dismount and share a huge hug with their volunteers and their horse.

As Henry Miller once said "We are standing on the edge of the miraculous." For those of you who come to the farm each week, you know how close to the edge we really are! Thanks to everyone who helped make our summer successful.

### Fall Trail Rides and Benefit Show

The first RTRC and Triad First In Families Benefit Open Horse Show was held at Thoroughbred Training Center in Mocksville, NC on June 2. Participants with different breeds and disciplines came out to compete and support Riverwood and TFIF.



Our sincere thanks to all the wonderful volunteers, Caren Carter-Lowrie and Tanglewood Art & Frame Gallery, the McCashin Family and TTC, our delightfully comical announcer Mr. Eddie Leagans, our judge Mr. Norman Eller, and all the sponsors who supported our show.

The next show will be October 20th, and we are still looking for class sponsors at \$25 a class! Proceeds from these two shows will benefit Riverwood and TFIF. H.E.R.O. ([www.heroequinerescue.org](http://www.heroequinerescue.org)) will again supply delicious concessions. We can't wait to see everyone at the next show!

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### Board Members

- Candi Abramson - Lacy Azevedo
- Linda Collins - Ashley Vogel
- Jenifer Fowler - Marcella Farmer
- Susan Hubbard - Hilary Kosloske
- Victoria E. Newell, DVM



## Community Care Lunch

On May 3rd, Bonefish Grill hosted Riverwood's Spring Community Care Fundraising Lunch. Guests were invited to learn about Riverwood's programs, and enjoy a delicious complimentary wine reception, appetizers and lunch provided by the generous staff of Bonefish Grill at Stratford Road.

The Tony Story opened the event, and Susan shared some information about our programs and future plans for the center. One of our own students, Kimberly Edwards, courageously shared her personal story of triumph and eloquently shared her experiences at Riverwood.

Modern Chevrolet joined Bonefish Grill as the Title Sponsor of this lunch, and Riverwood was able to raise over \$17,000 at this event through the kind donations and contributions of our guests. Thank you to Bonefish, Modern, and everyone who attended this year's lunch!

## VOLUNTEER NEEDS

We depend on our volunteers to be fearless leaders for our horses and supportive sidewalkers for our students. Without them our program would not exist, as they are vital to a successfully run class. If you haven't already, please consider coming out to volunteer! We hold orientations each month to train even those that have had absolutely no horse experience be able to safely handle the Riverwood horses and assist with students.

Our next orientation is Saturday August 25th here at the farm. Please check our website for other upcoming orientation dates, and let us know if we should expect you by calling the office at 336-922-6426 or by emailing us at [rtrc@windstream.net](mailto:rtrc@windstream.net).

Thank you for making a difference!

## Wish List

- Legends 11 Horse Feed
- Equimin Mineral Blocks
- Actiflex 4000 Joint Supplement
- New 6 foot cotton lead ropes
- Horse Shampoo • Paper Towels
- Copier/Printer Paper • Toilet Paper
- A4 Invitation Envelopes • Stamps

## 2012 BlueGrass Bash

It's the Big Event of the year! Riverwood's largest annual fundraising event, the BlueGrass Bash, will be held on Saturday, October 27th at the farm. Make plans now to attend! Good Times BBQ will again serve up their award-winning, local barbecue, we will have live bluegrass music from Back Porch Bluegrass and Reel Shady, dancing, delicious homemade desserts, a fabulous silent auction, and NEW this year, you can test your luck in our 50/50 cash giveaway raffle! Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. All money earned from ticket sales will go into a "pot," and the winner will be drawn at the Bash. The winner receives 50% of the money and the other 50% will benefit Riverwood. You do not need to be present to win, so buy your tickets today!

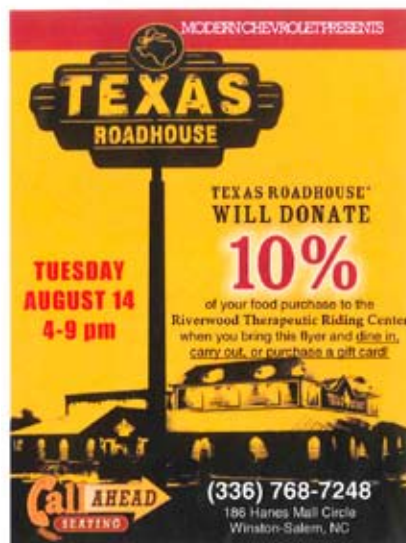


BGB tickets are \$30 each, children 8 and under are our guest. Also new this year, you can reserve a table for 10 in advance for \$275. Seating is limited, so be sure to reserve early. You can now purchase tickets or a table directly from our website! Please visit: <http://www.riverwoodtrc.org/BlueGrass-Bash.aspx>

There are many ways you can participate and help make the Bash a success. We need donors for the silent auction and sponsorship levels range from \$250 - \$7,500. Please call us at 336-922-6426 or email [rtrc@windstream.net](mailto:rtrc@windstream.net) for complete information.

## TEXAS ROADHOUSE FUNDRAISER

Please help spread the word and mark your calendars to take your friends and family to Texas Roadhouse on Hanes Mall Blvd. on August 14, 2012. Eat there and show the following coupon and Texas Roadhouse will contribute 10% of your check to Riverwood. If you forget, you can also mention to your server that you are there supporting Riverwood.



## Special Sidewalkers and Loyal Leaders

(new volunteers)

Jim Matthews	Sarah Madden
Dianne Cooper	Jo Ann Mallow
Cheyenne Canter	Markus Parker
Sarah Venditti	Sarah Mitchell
Allen Dixon	Tina Angel
Mary Larrimore	Leigh Cooper
Christina Stewart	Marge Harford
Autumn Worton	Sarah Euliss
Courtney McKinnon	
Sarah Anderson	Taylor Patton
Samantha Ferraro	Allayna Volpe
Dianne Cooper	Stacey Honeycutt
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Colleen Jacklich	Mary Ann Rogers
Megan Rogers	Hannah Thomas
Hunter Neuhoff	Brooke Bond
Jamie Strom	April Mendenhall
Tristen Gunderson	Jordyn Hill
Terri Gunderson	Katie Pazur
Jennifer Crain	Kylie Kavanaugh
David Harford	Sarah LaMaire
Anne Booth	Hunter Neuhoff

# Riverwood Contributors

Since January 2012

Thank you all...We hope we haven't missed anyone. Your continued support is appreciated.

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Craig and Susan Peatross  
Terry Bull  
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Farrell Cook, Cook's Heating and  
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Walter Morgan – Horse Feed  
Cindy Martin – Western Saddle Pad  
and Breastplate  
Cheri Banner – Halter and Horse Sheet

## Student Sponsors

Student sponsorships are \$1000 a year  
and supplement costs that are not covered  
by tuition, including scholarships.  
Chris and Danny Herko  
Teresa Dampier

## Riverwood Rider

### Horse Sponsors

Horse sponsorships are \$1000 a year and help with their cost and care.

Angel - The Piedmont Kiwanis Club  
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Skip - Twin City Pediatrics -  
Dr. Vanessa Ajizian  
Thomas - The Hubbard Family  
Thomas - Mariam Wright  
Tony - Courtney Czarnecki  
Tony - Alan & Susan Kirby

*As the cost of keeping our horses increases, we hope to have at least two sponsors for each horse. Please consider sponsoring a horse.*

### Car Show Fund Raiser

We'd like to thank the folks at the Modern Muscle Car group for their support of Riverwood. This amazing group of people hold a car show each July that brings together hundreds of muscle car enthusiasts from around the region. The proceeds they make from this show through raffle and t-shirt sales all go to the programs at Riverwood. We were graciously given space for an information booth and had so many people stop in and say hello.

The weather cooperated and here was an overwhelming number of beautiful cars from antiques to the most modern cars available. Thanks to everyone who was involved in this event and for supporting Riverwood!



### RTRC and Triad First In Families Benefit Horse Show Sponsors

**Tanglewood Art and Frame Gallery**  
**Thoroughbred Training Center**  
**and the McCashin family**

Hilary Kosloske in Honor of Susan Hubbard  
InterFlex Group

The Forest Family in Honor of Hudson  
Asha, Drew and Kathan Gandhi  
in Memory of our brother, Kedar

Chris and Laura Pallavicini  
in honor of the Epting Family  
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Drs. Andrea and Fuzz Fernandez  
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Kids In Motion Therapy Services  
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- Modern Automotive Network
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## From the Director

Dear Friends,

*This summer has been just a little different for me. After serving as Riverwood's Executive Director for 16 years, I took a one month leave of absence to spend valuable time with my family both in Tobaccoville and New Jersey. During my time off, while I was traveling and busy helping my children get ready for college and graduate school, I had time to think about all that Riverwood is and what it means to our community.*

*Without horses, programs like Riverwood could not exist. The Riverwood horses willingly give themselves to partner in our lives and they often reflect both positive and negative aspects of our character. Our horses offer their backs, even when it is 90 + degrees, to elevate and carry us and provide the unique therapy that is the very heart and soul of our program. The fact that a prey animal weighing as much as 2000 lbs allows predators like us to have a relationship with them is truly amazing.*

*Riverwood lost one of its best last month. Tony, our beloved Belgian, had the run of the farm over the last year or two. He made frequent visits to my home, very politely asking for treats. He enjoyed the lush grass in our yard and we never minded the free fertilizer that he left behind. Tony will be dearly missed by everyone here at the farm and even by the fans that he never met.*

*I am so grateful to the horses in our program and all of the Riverwood community that help to support the care that we provide them. I especially want to recognize our veterinarian Dr. Newell who not only donates her time but is truly an advocate for these amazing animals.*

*Riverwood has always been committed to adding programs that will serve those in our community with special needs. Sometimes that is a physical or cognitive need, sometimes it is an emotional need and many times it is both. Now, our community is faced with an immediate need to support our returning veterans and their families. I have had the opportunity this summer to collaborate with other organizations in our community and make a commitment to reach out to these military families. Riverwood is currently offering Equine Assisted Learning and Equine Assisted Psychotherapy to veterans and their families, so please help us get the word out as we all want to support those families who have given so much to our community.*

Susan

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