

Riverwood Rider

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Time For Some Fun!



Make plans now to attend the event of the year! Our largest annual fundraising event, the Riverwood Revue and BBQ, will be held on Saturday, September 27th at the farm. Good Times BBQ will again serve up their award winning local barbecue, we will have live music from the Williams Brothers and Reel Shady will play for our contra dance. We will have delicious homemade desserts, a fabulous silent auction, and a 50/50 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!

Revue tickets are \$30 each for adults, \$10 each for children 5 – 10, and children under 5 are our guests. Tables for 10 may be reserved in advance for \$275. Seating is limited, so be sure to reserve early. You can purchase tickets or a table directly from our website. Please visit <http://www.riverwoodtrc.org/RevueAndBBQ.aspx>

There are many ways you can participate and help make the Revue a success. We need donors for the silent auction and sponsorship levels range from \$250-\$7500. Please call us at 336-922-6426 or email rtrc@windstream.net for additional information.

Mobile Outreach Update

Our mobile outreach trailer is here! After years of dreaming about taking our mission to reach clients who cannot get to the farm, it is finally a reality. Thanks to the support of major sponsors Timothy Welborn and Modern Toyota of Boone as well as Hanes Brands, Macy’s, Goodwill Industries, Sharpe Images and Specialized Mobile Exhibits; Riverwood will take our expert equines, miniature horses Candy and Midnight, into the community.



Our hope is to make “horse calls” to individuals who are homebound and in need of emotional support, visit schools, hospice, treatment centers and special populations.

The trailer will also serve in an educational capacity. We will be present at local and regional events to introduce the community to Riverwood, as well as provide information about the benefits of Equine Assisted Activities and caring for horses. Promoting ability rather than disability with special populations is one of the primary objectives in education.

Look for the schedule of events for the Mobile Educational Outreach trailer on the website and Facebook in the coming weeks.

Expansion Project

We are pleased to report that Riverwood’s newest office area and multi-purpose room is now complete. Since completion, three Riverwood staff members have moved into the expanded office space and we have had the chance to share the area with many visitors. This added space has helped increase our productivity and allowed our staff to continue being creative and committed to serving our students in the best possible way!

Many thanks go to Buddy Glasscoe and his team of builders at Timberwolf Building and Designs, Susan Bradford Designs, and Cook’s Heating and Cooling, Inc. for their commitment to this project.

Calendar of Events

Please go to www.riverwoodtrc.org for more information.

August 25: Fall Classes begin for afterschool riders
September 3: 10 AM classes begin for Wednesday
September 10: No 10 AM classes for Wednesday
September 8-12: 10 AM classes begin for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
September 6: TRAV Shredding Event at Sonic in Mount Airy 11 AM to 2 PM
September 13: Volunteer Orientation 9 AM-12:30 PM
September 27: Riverwood Revue and BBQ Fundraiser 5 PM
October 3-12: Dixie Classic Fair
October 4-6: Riverwood riders participate in TRAV show, Lexington, VA
October 11: Volunteer Orientation 9 AM-12:30 PM
October 31: NW AHEC continuing education event on Equine Facilitated Mental Health Services
November 8: Volunteer Orientation 9 AM-12:30 PM
November 24 - 28: Thanksgiving break, no classes
December 15 - 20: Volunteer Appreciation Week
SAVE THE DATE! January 31, 2015 is the annual Souper Bowl Chili Sale

Summer Wrap Up

If ever there was a summer full of memories, smiles and achievements, the 2014

Riverwood Summer Riding was it! Over the seven week session, we served more than 150 individuals, including groups from the ABC of NC Child Development Center, Camp HOPE in Winston-Salem, Veterans from VHVH and many new students from our community.



All of our riders engaged in theme-based lessons while learning about all aspects of horses, farm care and different aspects of riding. The horses, as usual, gave us constant examples of what it truly means to serve without expecting anything in return. Our students made great strides and demonstrated so many new and improved skills by the end of the session.

We would like to extend a huge amount of gratitude to our volunteers who have given countless hours to our students this summer. Without this amazing group of people, it would be hard to touch so many lives.

For information on the 2015 Summer Session, and to be placed on the waiting list, please contact the office at 336-922-6426 or email rtrc@windstream.net

E-News

Riverwood is available 24/7 by going to our website at www.riverwoodtrc.org or you can like us on Facebook. If you still can't get enough, please sign up for our e-news mailing list by sending us an email at rtrc@windstream.net. The e-news arrives once a month and will let you know what is going on at the farm that month.

Spring Fling Horse Show

On May 10th 2014, our annual Spring Fling Horse Show was held at Riverwood. The farm was abuzz with excited competitors. Over twenty Riverwood students and eleven riders from Bright Star Stables in Rougemont, NC attended. Riders showcased their skills and in equitation, pole-bending, and obstacle course classes. Event sponsors included: Interflex Group, Southern States, Wooly Chaps, and T.J. Kennedy as well as individual sponsors for each class. All proceeds raised by the event helped fund Riverwood programs and scholarships.

Thanks to all sponsors, supporters, and spectators for ensuring that these riders' achievements were celebrated on this special day.

Benefit Cruise-In

We are fortunate to have a long-time relationship with the wonderful staff of the Classic Muscle division of Modern Chevrolet. For the last six years they have donated the proceeds from their annual Cruise-In, to support Riverwood programs.

Every year they invite car enthusiasts from the area to showcase their cars. Even with the threat of rain this year, there was a great turn out. We got to see some amazing cars including beautifully restored antiques and classics, hotrods and new models.

The staff raises money through t-shirts sales, gift basket raffles and a 50/50 cash raffle and has raised almost \$11,000 over the years. We appreciate all the hard work that goes into organizing the event, and we enjoyed visiting with old friends and making new ones at the information booth. Thanks so much to the staff and to everyone who came out to support the cruise-in.

Board Members

Susan Bradford - Mary Hitchcock
Lacy Azevedo - Hilary Kosloske
Kathy Brookby - Greg Holthusen
Marcella Farmer - Susan Hubbard
Linda Collins - Terri Dillon
Victoria E. Newell, DVM

Farewell King

In the final week of July, Riverwood lost one of its longtime herd members, King. In his prime, King was a true black quarter horse with a wise demeanor and a sure-footed steadiness. During his many years at Riverwood, he was a therapeutic riding horse and, after retiring from riding, became a wonderful partner in our equine assisted psychotherapy program.

King taught many of us about true leadership and forming lasting relationships. At 31 years of age, King maintained his health until a few months ago when we began to see him declining in weight and mobility.

On Friday, July 25, we laid him to rest in the back pasture under a favorite shady spot. We know that he is galloping through the heavens with his herd mates that have gone before him and is watching over those who remain.



Community Open House

Riverwood held its' first Community Open House on a beautiful spring day in April, and we welcomed numerous new visitors to meet the horses, tour the farm and talk with our staff. The day started with a Color Guard presentation by the Carver High School JROTC Cadets to honor servicemen and women across our



community. The farm was brimming with new faces and our younger visitors enjoyed face painting, tie-dyeing and running along the trails. Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers who gave their time, brought desserts, and pro-

vided information to guests. To all who attended, we enjoyed connecting with you and hope to see you in the future. For more information on our 2015 Open House, please check out our web site at www.riverwoodtrc.org

Spaghetti Dinner

On May 3rd, the local chapter of The Military Order of the Purple Heart hosted a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to benefit veterans programming at Riverwood. Riverwood and Hughes Equine Energy provide equine assisted activities for combat veterans. The dinner took place at the American Legion in King, NC, and, in addition to the meal, there was a 50/50 raffle and live Native American drum and flute music.

We would like to thank the individuals from the community who volunteered at the event, and everyone who came out to show their support. All proceeds from the event benefitted Riverwood's Horses Helping Veterans Heal program.

Con "grad" ulations!

We want to extend a huge congratulation to each of our students and volunteers who have most recently graduated from high school and are moving into the next exciting stage of their lives. Our hope is that your time and memories at Riverwood will follow you always.

Emma James Barksdale
Katie Gibson
Tristan Midkiff
Elizabeth Monaghan
Madison Serpan
Emma Sims
Emma Sullivan
Hannah Thomas
Kelsey Widenhouse

Community Care Lunch

May 15th, 2014, Riverwood's fourth annual Community Care Lunch was held at Highland Presbyterian Church. Nineteen table captains invited eight guests each to come together over a wonderful meal from Carraba's Italian Grill. Guests learned about Riverwood through video that tells the Riverwood story through the eyes of our beloved horse Tony. Hilary Kosloske, board member, and Zach Sharpe, supporter and long-time volunteer, presented Riverwood through their unique perspectives. One of our current adult riders, Karly Bertram, closed the program by sharing her first-hand account of the healing power of horses. Modern Automotive was the title sponsor, and event sponsors included: BB&T Scott & Stringfellow, Collins Commerical Properties, Dillon Lawn and Tree Service, Lindsay and Gardner CPAs, LLC, Mosquito Authority, Whitney Jones, Inc., Camino Bakery, Harmony Ridge, Susan Bradford Design, and Timber Wolf Designs.

Through the generous donations made by our guests, Riverwood raised \$17,600 that will go toward scholarships and horse care.

Loyal Leaders and Special Sidewalkers

Mary Stewart • Victoria Pardue
Alex Pardue • Theresa Ball
Ondre Johnson • Madison Serpan
Jean Rosankrans • Sally Burnham
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Since March 2014

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

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Midnight - The Barksdale Family
Pet – Greg and Anne Epting
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Sassy – Lilly and Ward Clapp
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Skip – Al and Patricia Baker
Thomas - The Hubbard Family
Thomas - Miriam Wright

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Student sponsorships are \$1000 per year and supplement costs that are not covered by tuition.

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Danny & Chris Herko
Nancy Smith
The Gordon Family
The Sims Family
Megan Fullgraf

Revue Silent Auction

Merlot and Van Gough – gift certificate
Debbie May, Boehringer Ingelheim – summer sheet
Jake Kennedy and Chance Hamby – corn-hole boards
Merck Animal Health – vest and book
Martha Key – handmade pillow and table runner
Black Mountain Chocolate – gift certificate
European Touch – gift certificate
Pet Supplies Plus – gift card
Wells Fargo – King Branch – stuffed pony
Present Company – gift certificate

Gifts In Kind

Old Town Baptist Church – projector screen
Willie and Meg McCoy – copier paper
Danielle Falkner – saddle
Teresa Hartford – saddle pads, horse blanket
Nancy Smith – iPad
Mariam Wright – hay
Melissa and David Wilkins – safety cones
Jeremiah Bullins – horse feed
Marie Petty – benches
Susan Hubbard – hay
Marilu Jacobs – stamps
Julie Palm – stamps, hand soap and sanitizer,
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memory of John Holland
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Stephanie Mendelsohn – riding equipment
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– catering for Community Care Luncheon
Kevin Grissler
– materials and wiring in expansion
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Heather Bachelder – saddles, girth, bridle
Jerry Ratledge – hay
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Zoe Detter – saddle, books and horse items
Becca Murray – tack
Terry Watkins – saddles and tack
Bill and Joyce Partin – books and trophies
Steve and Susan Hubbard – printer
Alison Stoltz – horse feed
Walter Morgan – horse feed
Mike and Cynthia Walker – hay
Rita Overton – assorted tack

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Portable Screen Toilet Tissue 12"-16" Tall Cones
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Dear Friends,

Riverwood has reached a new level of service to our community. With a strong family of horses, eager students, a passionate board, professional staff, generous donors and loyal volunteers, we are moving boldly into a solid and bright future.

The summer was filled with excitement and new opportunities as well as the sounds of happy chickens, content horses and the sight of beautiful flowers. The up-fit of the Riverwood barn is complete and the dream of taking Riverwood on the road with a custom outreach trailer has finally come true. Planning has begun to build additional housing for our horses and expansion and repair of the trail system.

As summer turns to fall we look forward to the returning of students from the Centers for Exceptional Children and new opportunities to serve with our Mobile Educational Outreach trailer. While we lost a member of our family this summer, King leaves us his spirit of strength and leadership, helping to guide us as we move forward with creative and quality programs.

With excitement for our future together,

Susan

