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Grace Lake Ministries Newsletter

Matching Donations

Did you know many employers have programs to match volunteer hours and contributions? This can be a great source of funds to help support Grace Lake!!



Your gift to Grace Lake could be matched dollar for dollar by your employer! Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable donation made by their employees. Most Human Resource departments maintain information about such programs, as well as the appropriate forms needed for the matching gift.

We rely heavily on donations to keep our program going. Please consider asking your employer if they offer these programs which allow your gift to go twice as far!

Rider Spotlight

We interrupt your life to bring you a story of HOPE!

HOPE. It's that little glimmer of light one sees when his bleak world has been impacted by a fun-loving pony named Kody. Jesse's story is one of the greatest testimonies to the benefit of Grace Lake Therapeutic Horsemanship we've ever shared.

You see, before beginning his riding session Jesse experienced a physical body shock whenever someone would touch him. He cringed when others came near so that he wouldn't have to feel the pain of contact. A few feet of distance provided an ocean of isolation. A pain that deepened to a quiet desperation to quit life. He hadn't developed relationships with his peers, among other complications in his life. Can you imagine his family's surprise to watch him interact socially at school with others his own age for the first time in memory?

Not only is riding helping his muscles so that he can walk more easily. It's given Jesse something to look forward to in life. He's developed a new skill, which in turn has given him confidence. Oh, and those body shocks? Jesse has reported they have been diminished as well!

Kody the therapist, along with Cindy and her team have witnessed the blessing of Grace Lake as it was meant to be. Jesse's life has been transformed from dark to light in just one session. Bonds between Jesse and the folks at Grace Lake have formed to bring this remarkable young man out of his shell.

Horses. Healing. Hope. God uses Grace Lake in powerful ways right before our eyes.



 **Grace Lake
Therapeutic
Horsemanship** 

"Open House"
May 14, 2016
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Grace Lake invites families to come and visit the horses of Grace Lake and play some fun games! Come learn about the impact of therapeutic riding at a demonstration at 6:30!

Enjoy snacks and drinks and good fellowship too!
(In case of rain be sure to check the Grace Lake Ministries Facebook page.)



www.gracelakeministries.org
9611 FM 1827 Anna, TX 75409

Our next Open House (formerly known as Meet the Horses) is scheduled for May 14th at 6:30. We will have a therapeutic riding demonstration, games for the kids, merchandise for sale, a raffle, face painting, and horses in the arena to pet and paint on.

Please help us spread the word about this event! You can download a flyer [HERE](#).

Volunteer Spotlight

Our Volunteer Spotlight shines on Lacy Deatrich this quarter! Her contribution of time and website skills is greatly appreciated by all of us at Grace Lake Ministries.

After hearing about Grace Lake through the McKinney Volunteer Match Opportunities Board online, Lacy loves working with Holly, Shelley, and the other volunteers at Grace Lake because the spirit of our mission is evident in all that we do. She agrees that GLM is a great organization that helps riders achieve a sense of accomplishment and emotional connection to others and horses through the therapeutic riding program. Lacy admires the Grace Lake cause and feels blessed to be able to donate her time and skills.

Lacy's other interests include practicing guitar and singing solos in the car :-). She loves hanging out with her husband, 13 year old daughter, and precious little "furbaby" Billy.

To anyone considering becoming a Grace Lake Angel, Lacy would say "it's a great way to help others, even if you feel it is small. Every way helps!"



A big THANK YOU to our volunteer, Tammy Nix for writing the Rider and Volunteer Spotlights!!

Dates to Remember:

5/14 Open House

5/21 New Volunteer Training

6/4 Summer Session Begins

6/4 Prayer Meeting

[For Event Flyers Click Here](#)
