



Summer 2018

Grace Lake Ministries Newsletter

North Texas Giving Day

Why should I give on North Texas Giving Day?

When you give via NorthTexasGivingDay.org, your donation goes farther with bonus funds and prizes. All donations scheduled between September 10th and 19th, or made between 6am and midnight on September 20, 2018 qualify.

Your donation triggers opportunities for Grace Lake to win prizes rewarded at random or for the highest number of donors!

This year every dollar given up to \$10,000 will be multiplied with bonus funds when donors give online at NorthTexasGivingDay.org.

We would appreciate your support on our biggest fundraiser of the year!!

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Rider Spotlight

Connor is a curious, out-going youngster who has seen a great many accomplishments as a result of his horse riding at Grace Lake. He has been riding for three years. His claim to fame is that he was last to ride Doc before he retired. Everyone loves Doc! He now rides Onyx.

Riding has helped Connor with muscle tone and coordination. He is now in the 93rd percentile for his muscle tone. He also developed enough coordination to swim with a puddle jumper, swinging himself on the



swingset, and using his scooter all on his own.

A loving child, Connor enjoys his group lessons and feels all the children are his friends. Comradery is often a large part of group lessons.

Virginia, Connor's mother admires the horses gentleness and their sense of the children's needs. "I would recommend riding for any parent with a child with a disability. I see the children quickly take to the horses in just 2-3 lessons. To me that is an amazing thing! You have children who come in screaming and not wanting to get on the horse, and in a couple lessons, they can't wait to ride and

want to be the first one on. There is a gentleness to the horses that I feel that they can sense that these children need them in so many different ways."



Horse Spotlight

Hi I'm Denver and I am 4 years old and the youngest horse here. I came to Grace Lake a year ago and I have really livened things up around here. These other horses are older than me and one of the first things I noticed when I got here was how they just ate and stood around all day. How boring is that!! Sooooo, I've been on a mission to teach them how



to play and have fun again. I tested the waters with each of them to see who would make the best playmate for me. I got a big no from Dakota right off the bat....that guy needs to loosen up. I got a few maybes and then I got a yes from Onyx, the oldest guy here. Wow, was I surprised!! He and I love to play and horse around and have become the best of pals. I still like to get a rise out of the other horses from time to time. Sometimes they will play with me for a bit just so I'll leave them alone :-).

I'm easy to find in the pasture because I'm a paint with blue eyes. I am super cute and flashy! But I'm not all looks, I've got the brains to go with it. I am smart and pick up on things very quickly. I am curious, willing to learn, and I like people. They say these are things that will make me a good therapy horse. I'm still learning my job here at Grace Lake and one day I would like to be as good at it as my best friend, Onyx.



Thank you First Melissa for making an IMPACT! You did a fantastic job trimming in Shady Grove. Our riders are grateful for our beautiful shady trails in the summer time heat!



How Can I Help?



There is an easy way for you to help Grace Lake! The following stores will contribute a percentage of what you spend at their store to our organization. All you have to do is register using the links provided below. Giving to Grace Lake can be as easy as doing your weekly shopping!

**Kroger~www.kroger.com/account/enrollcommunityrewardsnow
Grace Lake NP # 16826**

**Tom Thumb~www.tomthumb.com/shopstores/good-neighbor.page
Grace Lake Charity # 11426**

iGive~<https://www.igive.com>

Amazon Smile~<https://smile.amazon.com>

Our Wishlist~www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/3PNAU2CPVIUYV

A big THANK YOU to our volunteer Cynda Felini for writing the Rider Spotlight!!

Dates to Remember:

8/18 New Volunteer Training & Orientation
8/25 Barn Cleaning & Ramp Painting (9-11am)
9/4 Fall Session Begins
9/20 North Texas Giving Day
