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Grace Lake Ministries Newsletter

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you!

Thank you to all who participated in North Texas Giving Day on September 17! We had an amazing response from donors and supporters who shared our message! We raised a total of \$14,400. Thank you for making our first try at North Texas Giving Day a success!

Rider Spotlight

JUMPING FOR JOY! Everyone at Grace Lake celebrated the first time 4-year old Jude realized he could JUMP with both feet off the ground. What did he do after that? He jumped, and jumped, and jumped some more!

Jude is completing his 3rd riding session this fall. His family and friends are happy to see his progress in such a short time. Riding improves Jude's gross motor skills, which are delayed due to Cerebral Palsy from a stroke suffered in utero.

Doc is Jude's favorite therapist, although he's convinced that Batman is a much more suitable name for Doc. Doc's superpowers are his patience and fluidity of movement.

Oh, and the confidence Jude has gained from riding Doc cannot be measured. He happily shares his experience with his older brother and sister, who are impressed with his horsemanship.

Jude's family is thankful for the blessing of Grace Lake and everyone who volunteers their time each week.

Can you guess what brings the most joy to a speedster like Jude's heart each session? Yep, the exhilaration of trotting lights his face up each time!





Did you know that donating Appreciating Stocks and Mutual Funds can double your tax benefits. Grace Lake accepts donated stocks seamlessly. Click here for more information.

<http://finance.zacks.com/tax-advantages-giving-stock-charity-1021.html>

Volunteer Spotlight

The smells of the barn, the horses, and the people at Grace Lake, all have special meaning to our GL Angel, Lynn Botkin. They all bring back memories of spending time with her sister who passed away 15 years ago.

In the 2 years she has volunteered, Lynn has grown to love the time spent with the riders and other volunteers. She loves the family atmosphere of each session. Her favorite parts of the sessions are the pasture rides with her two riders. Both riders enjoy the change from the arena work.

Lynn's other interests include walking her dog, cooking, landscaping, reading, and bike riding. And, to round out her talent, she has recently added piano lessons to the list.

Although she has volunteered her time for other causes, this is her first time to work with horses. Her advice to others who are considering the opportunity to volunteer - JUST DO IT! The rewards for your time spent are well worth it!

Lynn loves to tease and banter with the staff and volunteers as her way of saying "you're cool". A good sense of humor in life is so important. She REALLY appreciates the team effort of preparing the horses for the next session so that she can be on time for the rider.

Want to "be cool"? Ask Shelley when she can put your smile and your hands to work!



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

Dates to Remember:

12/5 Christmas Party (2pm)

2/6 Volunteer Training~Sidewalker & Horse Handler I

2/20 Horse Handler II Training

2/20 Prayer Meeting

2/27 Spring Session Begins