



Fall 2017

# Grace Lake Ministries Newsletter

## Rider Spotlight

Kate is a happy 8-year old who rides at Grace Lake. She is incredibly proud that therapeutic riding is her sport and her regular weekend activity. Kate enjoys it because it is outdoors, involves animals, and is in a group setting. All things that engage Kate to participate.

Over the past 8 months, Kate has gained in confidence and strength. Kate is stronger and her limbs not as "floppy" as before riding.

Holly is Kate's teacher and Onyx is her therapist. Kate loves it when Onyx's bangs are braided. Onyx probably enjoys that too since his hair sweeps across his eyes.

Laura, Kate's mom, learned of Grace Lake via Thrive magazine. Thrive is a must-read for mom's anywhere with lists of things to do, places to go, and interesting people to meet. For Laura and Kate, Grace Lake is more than just an interesting place to be. "It's not just an exercise, it is an experience."

(Article written by Cynda Felini. Thank you!)



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## Grace Lake Online Store



You can purchase Grace Lake logo wear directly from our [website](#).

Your support is

appreciated in promoting

Grace Lake and raising

funds!

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## Volunteer Spotlight

Lisa Spencer has been volunteering about 4 years at Grace Lake Ministries after hearing about the program through one of GLM's instructors. She is currently a horse leader. Horse leaders are responsible for prepping,

saddling and leading the horse during the lesson. Lisa has experience in this area since she was a little girl riding and showing quarter horses.

Lisa enjoys volunteering because she enjoys “watching the riders' curiosity and anticipation as they meet their equine partner for the first time and watching their delight and pride as they begin to learn new maneuvers.” Lisa says of her experience at Grace Lake, “I've learned just how much it means and how incredible it feels to contribute to others accomplishments. Volunteering at GLM has been one of the most rewarding things I've ever done.” She sums up the volunteer experience by calling it “exhilarating.”

“I would encourage anyone with a servant’s heart and a little spare time each week to join in making a difference in the life of a special rider.”

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## **Thank you Donors!**

**As we look toward the new year, we expect to share many wonderful stories with you about the life changing benefits that God brings through therapeutic riding at Grace Lake. It is through the support of many giving individuals like you that this happens.**

**At 6 years old, Suzy started riding at Grace Lake. She had low muscle tone, walked late, was very shy, and did not play with friends on the playground or speak to adults. After 6 months, she began playing on the playground. After 12 months, she yelled “Hi” across the hall to her teacher. Why is this life changing? Riding increased her muscle tone and balance, enabling her to run, jump, climb and play like other kids her age. The sensory input from riding began to improve the way her brain received, processed and organized information which, in turn, enabled her to respond and react appropriately in social situations.**

**Grace Lake needs to raise at least \$1,500 each year for Suzy and each person that rides, because there is a 65% deficit for each rider.**

**Our goal is to raise an additional \$12,000 by the end of 2017. Please prayerfully consider giving a gift to Grace Lake this year and making an impact!**

**If you would like to schedule a visit, want information on including Grace Lake in your monthly giving or have any questions, please contact me. I would love to meet with you!**

**With a grateful heart,  
Holly Robinson  
Founder, Director, and Head Instructor  
gracelake@dfwair.net**

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## **Partnership Programs**

There is an easy way for you to help Grace Lake every month. 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 <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>  
Grace Lake NOP # 16826

Tom Thumb <http://www.tomthumb.com/ShopStores/Good-Neighbor.page>  
Charity # 11426

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

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

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LIST [https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/3PNAU2CPVIUYV/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/3PNAU2CPVIUYV/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1)

Please consider asking your employer if they offer the programs below which allows your gift to go twice as far!

- Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable donation dollar for dollar made by their employees.

- Companies often provide monetary grants to organizations where employees volunteer on a regular basis.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Check out this great article from Equicizer that featured Grace Lake and our Rocko! [LINK](#)

### **Dates to Remember:**

- 2/3 New Rider Paperwork due for Spring Session**
- 2/10 New Volunteer Orientation and Sidewalker Training**
- 2/10 Horse Leader Training**

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