



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 4 Volunteer Orientation
- 8 Volunteer Intro Training
- 10 Columbus Day, Office Closed
- 11 Volunteer Intro Training
- 13-15 No Classes
- 15 Horseshoe Hoedown**
- 18 Taking the Lead
- 22 Grooming and Tack Training
- 29 Taking the Lead



NOVEMBER

- 8 Volunteer Orientation
- 12 Volunteer Intro Training
- 15 Volunteer Intro Training
- 18 Tradewinds Park Fantasy of Lights
- 19 Grooming and Tack Training
- 21 Volunteer Appreciation
- 21-26 Thanksgiving Break, No Classes

DECEMBER

- 3 Rider Winter Party
- 10 Holly Jolly Horseshow
- 15 Holiday Break Begins
- 26 Office Closed For Christmas Holiday

Congratulations to Ashley Stultz Winner of Youth Philanthropy Award

Ashley Stultz is probably one of the most motivated and generous teenagers you'll find in Broward County. An Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida volunteer since she was 14, Ashley has been helping the organization for more than two years in many different ways.

You'll find her in the barn almost every Saturday, where she volunteers as a team captain, using her level head to help ensure that both riders and horses are happy and safe.

Last winter, Ashley demonstrated her artistic talent, handcrafting 50 holiday wreaths and selling them, with all the proceeds going to back to Equine-Assisted Therapies to be used for rider scholarships.

For her efforts, Ashley will be recognized in November by the Broward County chapter of the Association for Fundraising Professionals as the recipient of the Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Award.

The award is presented for outstanding commitment to the community through direct financial support, development of charitable programs, volunteering and leadership in philanthropy.

Through her Wreaths for Riders program, Ashley generated close to \$700 for EATSF.

Congratulations, Ashley, and thanks for all you do for the program.



Ashley Stultz was named winner of the Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Award by the local chapter of the Association for Fundraising Professionals.

EATSF Wish List



Want to make a contribution that will help EATSF ensure it has all the equipment needed?

Here's our current wish list:

- New Leather Halter – \$60
- Fly Spray – \$15
- New Helmet for Riders – \$50

You can also help with gift cards from:

- Home Depot
- Lowe's
- Spectrum Saddle Shop
- Office Depot

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Equine-Assisted Therapies

of South Florida, Inc.

Creating a path to unbridled moments. Witness the magic.

EATSF Hosts Area's First Special Needs Sports Fair

Recognizing a need and a demand, Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida brought together 18 organizations offering sports and recreational programs to children and adults with special needs during this summer's EATSF Special Needs Sports Fair.

For many of these community service organizations, the event was a chance to learn about other organizations that provide programs for those with special needs – ranging from baseball and swimming to boxing and scuba diving. Most had never met before.

For the dozens of families who came to Equine-Assisted Therapies for the event, the Special Needs Sports Fair was a one-stop chance to find out about the many programs in Broward and Palm Beach counties that offer recreational programs.



Mariah Harris tries on boxing gloves during Special Needs Sports Fair.

And for Equine-Assisted Therapies, the fair was a opportunity to show off the Therapeutic Learning Center, introduce potential new clients to the program and position EATSF

as a leader in collaboration with similar organizations. "It was great to see all these organizations come together under our roof," said Board Member Michelle Rubin. "It was amazing."

The event was result of brainstorming by Justine Morgan, EATSF's manager of donor relations, and Rich Pollack of Pollack Communications.

"Parents were so happy to be able to come to one place and get information and organizations were happy to be able to network and collaborate," Justine said.

HORSESHOE HOEDOWN



Board Member Keith Marchesani (left) and Board Chair Anne Vegso (right) with committee members Monique Keitz, Stacy Win, Justine Morgan and Anthene Mastrangelo.

Country Style Fundraiser Set for Oct. 15

It's almost time to dust off those cowgirl boots, dig out your favorite cowboy hat and get ready for Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida's 8th Annual Horseshoe Hoedown, set for Saturday, Oct. 15.

More than 350 guests are expected to attend the Hoedown – an annual signature event for Equine-Assisted Therapies – held in the Vegso Family Arena at Tradewinds Park North in Coconut Creek beginning at 6 p.m.

A country-western themed event that is set in a covered arena where the mood is casual and the attire is country western with a touch of chic, the Hoedown is different from any other fundraiser in South Florida.

Country music from the Andrew Morris Band will fill the air as will the aroma of a variety of dishes making up a Southern style barbecue. Prepared by A Passion for Catering, the menu will include everything from boneless ribs to jerk-chicken skewers and pulled-pork sliders.

The Hoedown will also include a silent auction with a variety of items, including two round-trip tickets to anywhere JetBlue flies and a three-day, two-night stay at the Boca Raton Resort and Club.

There will also be a Diamond Drop where guests pay \$20 for a Champagne glass, with one holding a diamond donated by Altier Jewelers.

"Our theme is Horses Give Us Wings and our focus is on how our horses empower our riders," said Donor Relations Manager Justine Morgan.

The Hoedown will also be honoring long-time supporters of Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida – Ray and Nina Wolowicz and Brian and Gail Handleman – for their contributions over the years. In addition, Kiwanis Clubs throughout the area will be recognized for their long-time support and for helping to start the organization in 1982.

Tickets are \$150 per person. For more information call 954-974-2007.

Thank You to Long Time Supporters

Dear Friends:

Much of the success of our organization depends on the support and generosity of people like you, members of our community who see the value of the programs we offer and recognize the difference we're making in the lives of children and adults as well as their families.



Over the years, there have been many supporters who made a commitment to our organization and we are grateful to all.

This year, during our 8th Annual Horseshoe Hoedown, we'll be honoring two couples – Ray and Nina Wolowicz, and Brian and Gail Handleman – and one organization, area Kiwanis Clubs that have been helping us with time, talent, and treasure for many of our more than 30 years.

Ray has been a long-time fixture in the barn, starting out as a volunteer and later serving as our executive director. A man with many connections in the community, Ray was instrumental in helping us find funding for both our covered arena and our new Therapeutic Learning Center. Nina has been by Ray's side and has helped us with her travel industry connections.

Brian and Gail's contributions have also been integral to our success. A liaison between the Deerfield Beach Kiwanis Club and our organization, Brian is our "go to guy," always willing to step in when needed. They are volunteers who come every Monday during sessions and were instrumental in helping to secure a \$7,500 contribution from his club during our "Horse Our Vital Force" fundraising campaign. Gail has been a constant fixture at many of our fundraising events.

Kiwanis Clubs in South Florida have been supportive of the organization since day one and, in fact, helped start the organization back in 1982.

We hope to see you all at the Hoedown on Oct. 15 to help honor these outstanding supporters.

Best Wishes,

Anne Vegso
Board Chair

EATSF Helps Jarden Solutions With Advertising Campaign

For many years EATSF has been receiving support from Jarden Consumer Solutions, a Boca Raton-based company with products that include several well-known brands, including Mr. Coffee, Sunbeam and Oster.

So, when the company was looking for a place to serve as the setting for photos and a video to be used to market its Oster Equine Care Series products, Equine-Assisted Therapies was the natural choice.

For a few days this summer, crews representing Jarden were at the site, filming and photographing a variety of scenes to help promote their products. Starring in many of the shots was EATSF Lesson Coordinator Kasey Higgins.

"It was a really great experience and I'm glad to be a part of it," she said.

During the photo shoot, Kasey had a chance to get to better know some of the Jarden representatives who have been generously supporting EATSF in the past.

That generosity was extended following the photo shoot, with Jarden donating all of the equipment used in the shoot



Jarden Consumer Solutions, parent company of Oster, provided EATSF with a collage of photos taken during a recent shoot of photos and videos used to promote horse-care products.

to EATSF.

Among the items received were grooming kits, cleaning sprays and a wireless clipper as well as a variable-speed clipper that retails for about \$300.

The additional clippers, Kasey said, "will help speed up the clipping process and make it easier for the horses as well."

For the past several years, Jarden has been offering funding for summer camp scholarships and has also been providing volunteers at the Horseshoe Hoedown to help with guest check-ins and check outs.

Donated New Mounting Block Helps Increase Safety for Riders and Volunteers

At Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida the priority is always safety.

Now thanks to instructor Sheila Santage and her partner, Rob Gross, the organization has a new mounting block that is not only safer for riders but for volunteers and for horses and instructors as well.

After recognizing that the old mounting block was a little too short and a little too small, Sheila asked Rob if he could help build a new one.

"Rob is gifted when it comes to working with wood," Sheila said.

Working off and on for the better part of a month, Rob came up with a new mounting block that is steady and sturdy.

The additional height makes it easier for riders to mount a horse and the broader width makes it safer for instructors and volunteers.

"Because of the larger surface area we're able to put ourselves in a better position," Sheila said.



Rob Gross (white shirt) unloads parts of the mounting block he built and donated.

Sure, there was some horsing around at Equine-Assisted Therapies summer camp this year...

But there was also a lot of learning going on as well.

"This was a great summer camp," said Lesson Coordinator Kasey Higgins, who ran the three weekly sessions. "Everyone had a good time and all of our campers got to experience a lot of TLC."

This year's camp included horse-related activities in the morning and then a lot of fun time, with activities such as arts, crafts, and games after lunch.

"The afternoon was all about having fun," Kasey said.

Morning activities were also a lot of fun and provided each student with an hour of riding, an hour of ground work such as grooming and an hour of learning more about horses. This year, for the first time, campers could get a break from the heat, thanks to the new air-conditioned Therapeutic Learning Center.

A special thanks goes out to all the volunteers who helped make the camp a great success.

"The volunteers were fantastic," Kasey said.

SUMMER CAMP



Kelcie Kroll attended her first EATSF summer camp.



Avery Miller leads Sugar.



Volunteers Grace Campbell and Ashley Stultz show off puppets made with students.



Chase Larson and Hallory



Kelcie Kroll with Sugar, mom and Zeit, her therapy dog.



Kristofer Grant with Max



Campers cooled off while enjoying water-play fun.



Sam Hands, Volunteer Grace Campbell, Danielle Bromfield and Leah Fonseca get ready for camp.