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R•E•A•C•H Therapeutic Riding Center

Fall 2013



Fall at the Barn

Just like the blazing summer heat, the energy at the barn is on fire! We are on the heels of hosting PATH (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship) accreditation site visitors which went exceedingly well. We received a generous \$10,000 grant from Brazos Higher Education. Staff furthered their education by attending conferences hosted by the Waco Foundation and PATH International. The summer was a busy time, filled with hard work and new developments.

We have a very exciting semester unfolding. Shea Ruggles, our new Program Director, will primarily teach morning riders while Krystin Snodgrass will focus on afternoon rides. Horses for Heroes will continue to be led by Larry Barnett and Karen Fraser. All of our riding instructors are eager and busy lesson planning!

The fall session has begun. Currently, we have more than 40 riders each week and seven horses and ponies in our herd! Our newest addition to the herd, Gunner, has such a sweet disposition, and we cannot wait to introduce you to him.

We know autumn must not be far away now, because our riders are returning. We are happy to see bright and shining faces in those saddles again!

Kim Hernandez
Interim Executive Director
Operations Director



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20 September 2013

Dear REACH Supporter:

There have been exciting changes at REACH over the summer. Larry Barnett, our founder and Executive Director, is stepping into the role of Director Emeritus. He will continue as instructor and director with our Horses for Heroes wounded warriors program. Kim Hernandez, Operations Director, has been designated Interim Executive Director.

In August we were examined and evaluated for PATH Premier Accreditation, an achievement the center has been working towards for years. Premier accreditation affords REACH the prestige and qualifications to pursue new grants and funding avenues. We look forward to official word of our accreditation very soon.

In August we welcomed Shea Ruggles as the newest full-time member of the staff. Shea, former equine coordinator at REACH, will assume the Program Director position.

Although the barn was closed for the summer, the staff and volunteers at REACH continued their hard work. Healthy, progressive transitions are a sign of a successful nonprofit and positive change keeps us dynamic, vibrant, and moving forward.

Thank you for your confidence in REACH
and your continued support.

Have a great fall!

Ronald J. Epps DVM
Chairman, Board of Directors
REACH Therapeutic Riding Center

*The use of the riding facility is made possible through
the generosity of Gary and Diane Heavin.*

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Mark Your Calendar

Fall 2013 Session Dates

Sept. 10 – Dec. 7

Make-up Week

Dec. 10 – 14

No Classes

Nov. 24 – 30 (Thanksgiving)

Fall Horse Show

Sunday, Nov. 10

Rain Date: Sunday, Nov. 17

Cancellations:
Call 254-848-7888

REACH
Horses
for
HEROES

A PATH INTERNATIONAL HORSES FOR VETERANS PROGRAM

***Honoring soldiers injured in service
in partnership with the horse.***

Horses for Heroes receives Senate Proclamation

On a warm August evening, Horses for Heroes Coordinator, Karen Fraser, introduced and made a presentation about the REACH veteran's program to the VFW Post 6008 in Hewitt and a very distinguished guest. Senator Brian Birdwell was in attendance and had a very special presentation of his own.

"Many thanks to all involved," Sen. Birdwell expressed on his Facebook page. "And especially the folks at the REACH Therapeutic Riding Center. I was proud to present a Senate Proclamation celebrating these efforts to Marion Witt of the McLennan Co. VFW, Horses for Heroes Coordinator, Karen Fraser, and REACH Interim Executive Director, Kim Hernandez. We appreciate each of you!"

Senate Resolution No. 39.

*The Senate of the State of Texas
is pleased to recognize the
REACH Therapeutic Riding Center
for its outstanding work in helping
wounded veterans through the
Horses for Heroes program;
The Senate of the State of Texas,
83rd Legislature, 2nd Called Session,
hereby commended the staff and volunteers of
the REACH Therapeutic Riding Center on their
remarkable work with the Horses for Heroes
program and extended to them
best wishes for continued success.*

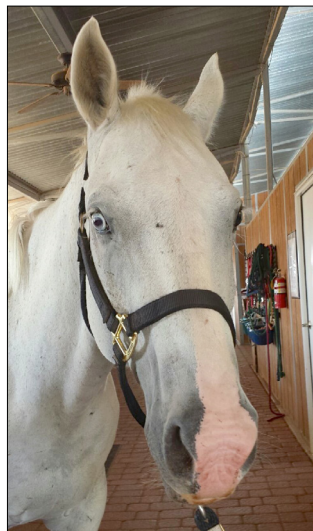
Shea Ruggles takes the reins as Program Director

This summer Shea Ruggles returns to REACH as the Program Director, having previously worked as the Equine Coordinator.

Shea has been riding horses most of her life, primarily English with some show experience in the hunter world. For the past twelve years, she has been giving riding lessons and training horses in the Waco area. In 2006, Shea received a level three certification in both English and Western by CHA (Certified Horsemanship Association). This fall, Shea received her PATH registered instructor certification.

Shea has three children, two of whom have volunteered at REACH. Her oldest son is in the Air Force.

Welcome back, Shea!



Meet Gunner

Thank you to Vicki Beckner of Gatesville for providing Gunner, a 12-year-old gray Quarter horse to the riders of REACH! Originally trained to be a roping horse, Gunner was put under an English saddle and learned to be a hunter. Gunner is 16 hands high, which makes him just about the tallest horse in the barn. He has a very sweet personality and is willing to try hard to understand what his rider wants him to do. Gunner's most interesting feature are his eyes—one is blue and one is brown!



There's an app for that!

Download your 2013 Pony Club membership!

Although there is not really an application for the iReach Pony Club, our volunteers, contributors and staff are the real app! Membership in the club includes an

I Support REACH window sticker for your car, a **REACH Your Potential water bottle**, the cool new **iReach t-shirt** for 2013, designed just for Pony Club members, and a ticket to the spring 2014 fund-raiser dinner.

Stop by the office or join online at www.REACHtrc.org. Volunteers, riders and their families can join for half-price!

HORSESHOE HEROES

The real heroes of our center are listed below.

In appreciation to each of you for your unique and generous contributions to the people and programs of REACH.

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Virgil & Mareille McCaleb
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REACH Therapeutic Riding Center Mission

Improving the health, increasing the confidence, and promoting the independence of persons with special needs through the use of horses.