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Our Mission is to empower people with physical and developmental challenges to discover their greatest strengths, and gain a sense of self-confidence and self-reliance through the special relationship with a horse.

WINTER 2019

Remembering Scott Sanders



Scott Sanders with Julia Jara.

Our TRCHB community lost a great friend and indefatigable supporter with the passing of Scott Sanders. Scott lost his battle with cancer in October. Scott joined our Board of Directors in September of 2014, immediately devoting amazing expertise and effort to forward our mission.

As a retired Senior Sales Management Executive at Xerox Corporation where he spent 37 years and managed regional and national organizations in manufacturing, logistics and distribution, administrations, and sales, Scott brought a wealth of experience to board meetings. He always showed up full of ideas and ready to lend support to others' suggestions.

A lifelong love of horses combined with his desire to make a positive difference in our community served Scott well as one of TRCHB's most active volunteers. When something had to be accomplished, he jumped right in to handle it or arranged to get it done as soon as possible. Whether in the arena, at the stables, grilling food for our Reins of Success program, or even filling in as a last-minute emcee and auctioneer for a fundraising event, Scott devoted himself tirelessly to the needs of our volunteers, riders, and horses.

While his work behind the scenes helped keep TRCHB running smoothly, Scott's greatest gift was the compassion and love he demonstrated in so many ways for our riders and volunteers. Scott's horse LT became a big part of our program. Despite being an older and arthritic horse, LT loved people. When Madison, one of our most active young volunteers, was at her lowest point dealing with her own medical issues, Scott made a point of keeping her involved. He encouraged her to groom LT, take him on a barn walk, or perform whatever care she felt capable of to keep her mind off her own pain.

So many of our students and volunteers can share their own experiences of Scott making them feel welcomed, encouraged, safe, and important. We have always been guided by our mission to empower people with challenges to discover strengths and gain self-confidence and self-reliance through the special relationship with a horse. Madison will tell you that Scott very much gave life to this mission and his memory will serve as a reminder for all who experienced the gift of his presence here at TRCHB. Scott's positivity and warm smile will be missed around the barn.

His wife Wendy, his son Eric and daughter-in-law Lisa are in our thoughts at this difficult time.

Recognizing Our Amazing Volunteers



Throughout the year, we recognize our outstanding and committed volunteers with a Volunteer of the Month celebration.

Congratulations and thank you to these special volunteers:

- Jordan Medwig
- Lorraine Keseloff
- Tom Camman
- Natalia Durazzo
- Marty Kesselman
- Michelle & Kendall Smith
- Jerri Smith
- Tylla Diekmann
- Gina Hwang
- Alex Campos
- Velsa Evans

Volunteer of the year is Heather Gaines

We are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in learning more about how you can help, please contact our office.

A holiday-themed graphic for the Therapeutic Riding Center of Huntington Beach (TRCHB). The background is a white wooden fence decorated with green pine branches, red and white candy canes, and red and white lights. In the center is the TRCHB logo, which features two white horses flanking a shield. The shield contains a stylized 'B' with a wheelchair icon and a hand holding a horse's head. Below the logo, the text reads "THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER OF HUNTINGTON BEACH".

The holidays are a time for reflection and to give thanks for the blessings received throughout the year. At the Therapeutic Riding Center of Huntington Beach (TRCHB), we are grateful for the support of our friends to continue to help us grow, surpass new goals, and transform lives.

During this special time of year, as you think about how you might give to others, we hope you will consider a gift to TRCHB. Your gifts will help empower people with physical and developmental challenges to discover their greatest strengths and gain a sense of self-confidence and self-reliance through the special relationship with a horse.

**FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS, WE WISH YOU
A HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON.**

Congratulations Mary Margaret



Earlier this year, Mary Margaret Shivey became the most recent recipient of the Deborah Ann Adams Memorial Scholarship. Deborah Ann Adams was an avid horse lover and advocate of therapeutic riding from Long Beach who lost her battle with cancer in 2014. To honor her memory, family and friends established this scholarship to cover full-year tuition for one TRCHB student each year.

Mary Margaret, a lively seven year old who has been riding with TRCHB for three years, was chosen as this year's Deborah Ann Adams scholarship recipient. Mary Margaret has apraxia of speech, which is an uncommon speech disorder that makes speech difficult. According to Mary's parents, she has thrived at TRCHB, connecting with the horses and her trainers.

"The TRCHB has given Mary Margaret the opportunity to learn how to ride a horse and gain the necessary skill of using her voice to transform her confidence and thrive in school and life," wrote her parents. "We give the TRC a big vote of credit in helping Mary Margaret overcome her inability to communicate effectively and gain confidence to voice her opinion."

A Day At The Stables With Chey

In August, the Therapeutic Riding Center of Huntington Beach combined with Cheyenne Angelica LLC to host "A Day At The Stables With Chey." This annual event is provided as a family outing for families that include kids with autism. This is the first year the family outing was held at horse stables and the attendees could not have been happier. The TRCHB staff were wonderful, well trained, and sincerely committed to the enjoyment of those in attendance.



Cheyenne Angelica LLC represents the family of Cheyenne Angelica Perez who passed away in 2014 at the age of 20. They host an annual event for families with kids with autism on her behalf because at the time of her death she was a student in college, majoring in teaching kids with special needs. Her ability to communicate with the kids, to calm them, to bring smiles to their faces was truly a gift. Each year her family works to carry on that legacy.

Some of the comments from the families included, "Thank you so much for giving the kids this opportunity" or "We've had our child around horses before but they've always been intimidated. Your volunteers, in this intimate setting were able to put her at ease" and "The attention to safety that was shown was greatly appreciated."

Cheyenne Angelica LLC would like to thank TRCHB for their help in promoting A Day At The Stable With Chey! The site, their volunteers, and Donna Brandt, their leader, were wonderful. We hope to duplicate the event again in the future. We know the kids would love it.



Thank You To Our Sponsors!

Our annual fundraising event was a huge success this year thanks to the generosity and support of our sponsors and donors. We hope to see you at the next Diamonds & Dice on October 3, 2020 at the Senior Center in Central Park, Huntington Beach.

Festival of the Arts

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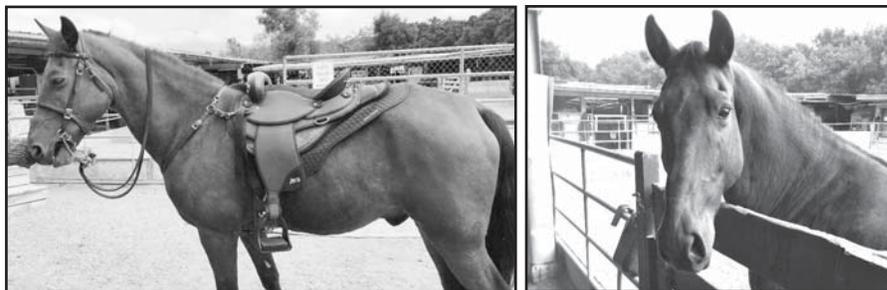


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TRCHB Welcomes Cruise

Cruise (registered name 'A Flashy Owl') is a Tennessee Walking Horse who was bred on the East Coast.

His sire (father) was a show horse and his dam (mother) is owned by a famous singer. Cruise relocated to the West Coast as a Pleasure Horse. He enjoyed his arena and work on the trails in Coto de Caza for eight years and now has decided to work at the Therapeutic Riding Center of Huntington Beach. Cruise is gaited, so his ride is smooth and comfortable! Cruise loves kids, adults, dogs and other horses. He is nosy and always wants to be in the middle of the party!



"A Flashy Owl" aka Cruise

You can help change lives:

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We welcome you call for more information at 714.848.0966.

Thank you!