



# Bits & Paces



Photo by Valerie Huffman

## Summertime on the Farm

Fieldstone Farm is buzzing with excitement this summer. Students, campers, volunteers and horses are all relishing time on the trail, meeting new friends and enjoying the long, warm days of summer. There are endless smiles as riders accomplish a new skill on horseback, paint a horse for the first time, or laugh with a friend. We are grateful to The Reinberger Foundation for supporting this important camp program.

## Chefs Unbridled - September 19<sup>th</sup>!



Sponsorships are selling quickly for our annual fundraiser, Chefs Unbridled, where Cleveland's top chefs serve up a delicious tasting dinner at the Chagrin Valley Hunt Club Polo Field in Gates Mills. All proceeds benefit our

Fieldstone Farm students. Chefs Scott Kuhn and Chris Hodgson from the Driftwood Restaurant Group are headlining the event and have already secured a number of other amazing chefs who will share their culinary delights. Don't miss it! Last year, it was rated one of the best events of the year by *Currents Magazine*. For tickets and more information, contact Maureen Foster at [mfoster@fieldstonefarmtrc.com](mailto:mfoster@fieldstonefarmtrc.com).

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## PATH Conference Set in Cleveland this Fall

Fieldstone Farm and the City of Cleveland will host the annual PATH International Conference and Annual Meeting this year from November 4-7. Demonstrations with our horses will be held at Fieldstone Farm, while the conference meetings will take place in downtown Cleveland. For more information or to get involved, you may visit the PATH website or call Leslie Mapes at 440-708-0013, ext. 131.



## Volunteer Ornithologist Watches Over Our Bluebirds

When **John Barber** first came to Fieldstone Farm as part of a service day project with **KeyBank** over a decade ago, he noticed that our back fields were a perfect habitat for bluebirds. A former ornithologist for the Smithsonian, John knew exactly how to construct bluebird houses to encourage Eastern Bluebirds and Tree Swallows to nest at Fieldstone Farm. We enthusiastically accepted his offer and since then, he has established a thriving bluebird population surrounding the pond at Fieldstone Farm. This year he spotted 12 nests in April and banded 24 fledglings in June. John even identified 5 loyal adult females born at Fieldstone Farm, banded in prior years, who now have returned to breed. This summer and next spring when you see a flash of blue or hear a cheery song in the fields, please thank our volunteer ornithologist, John Barber.



Photos by Peggy Spaeth

## Gaitway Students Graduate

This spring, eleven students graduated from our alternative school, Gaitway High School, bringing our total number of graduates to 51 since the school was founded seven years ago. The school continues to serve as a model for alternative education. We are proud to partner with the Geauga County Educational Service Center to help students in Northeast Ohio receive an enriching experiential and educational experience.

## Kenston Students Raise \$1,000

Third graders at Kenston's Timmons Elementary School are learning early about philanthropy. Dr. Petrick's class opened a lemonade stand as part of a unit on starting their own business. They secured investments from many parents and school staff, but once the investors learned of their plans to donate the proceeds to Fieldstone Farm, they declined to be paid back. In the end, the children donated \$1,000 to Fieldstone Farm. Willy, our sociable therapy horse, insisted on visiting the students personally to thank them for their hard work and generosity. CEO Lynnette Stuart and CDO Maureen Foster joined Willy to thank the students. Here they are pictured with Dr. Petrick and the young new philanthropists.



Photo by Katy McGrath

## Whole Foods Supports Fieldstone Farm

Whole Foods on Chagrin Boulevard will support Fieldstone Farm through its "Nickels for Nonprofits" fundraising program from July through September. Each time a customer brings a reusable bag, Whole Foods will donate 5 cents to Fieldstone Farm and Wigs for Kids. So make sure to bring your reusable bags when shopping at Whole Foods.

## Students Shine at Annual Horse Show

More than 50 students with special needs and challenges displayed their abilities at the annual competition for People with Disabilities Day at the Chagrin Valley Hunter Jumper Classic at the Polo Field on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Many smiles and tears of happiness could be seen by the students, families and instructors. It was a wonderful day where everyone had a chance to celebrate all of their accomplishments that they have achieved throughout the year. We thank the Chagrin Valley Hunter Jumper Classic for continuing to offer this opportunity each year.



Show photos by Lynne Netschke

## Volunteer Campaign Sets Record

Participation in our annual Volunteer Campaign reached an all-time high of 84 percent! We are astounded at the generosity of our volunteers, who not only give their time and talent, but their resources as well. The campaign total is now at nearly \$42,000, which will be used to support the needs of our therapy horses.

A big THANK YOU to the Volunteer Campaign Committee for all of their dedication and hard work: Charlotte Bluebaugh, Cherry Jones, Diane Lechner, Beth Navratil, Lynne Netschke, Angela Oriti-Brainard, Tammie Packer, Agnes Pressly and Christine Thompson.

## Thank You Donors

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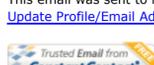


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