

Bits & Paces



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Forty years of changing lives

Our horses have touched thousands of lives in the last 40 years. It truly is remarkable how their gentle hearts and eagerness to serve have helped people reach goals they never imagined possible. It all started 40 years ago with the vision that horses could help people with disabilities and challenges grow stronger, gain confidence, and experience the joy of horses. What once was a dream, has become a reality that benefits countless people every single day! Thank you to all who helped make our program what it is today. For a full list of donors, please [click here](#).

Summer camp is full of smiles



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Camp at Fieldstone is all about making new friends, enjoying nature, challenging yourself and celebrating accomplishments on horseback. Nearly 80 kids have enrolled this year, one of our largest groups ever. Many thanks to our donors, especially The Reinberger Foundation, who sponsors our camp, as well as our volunteers who dedicate their time and attention to our amazing campers!

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Confidence soars when kids learn to ride

"I faced my fear and overcame it!" a student recently proclaimed after working through her fears to ride one of our horses. This is a common occurrence as learning to ride and control a 1,500 pound animal is not easy for anyone at any age. But it certainly helps people find a greater belief in themselves.

The CEO of Footpath, an organization that brought children from the inner city to Fieldstone to help build self-esteem put it this way: "Kameriah will never forget that moment. She will forever remember when she rode a horse for the first time and how she felt overcoming her fear. This moment was life changing. Kameriah now will remember what it feels like to overcome fear and she will know that she can overcome obstacles she will inevitably face as she grows up." To read the whole story about Kameriah's experience at Fieldstone Farm, [click here](#). To learn more about Footpath and the opportunities they offer to inner-city youth, [click here](#).



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Congratulations riders!

More than 30 riders with special needs demonstrated their horse skills, courage, and determination during our annual horse show at the Chagrin Hunter Jumper Classic on July 9th. This show gives our students the opportunity to celebrate all that they have accomplished with their instructors, fellow students and families on the same footing as the national Grand Prix riders. A big shout out to our talented students and all of the volunteers who helped us make this big day possible!



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Seven graduate from Gaitway

Everyone at Fieldstone Farm wishes our seven new Gaitway graduates congratulations! We are so proud of their accomplishments. They join scores of other teens who have graduated from our alternative high school and gone on to college, employment opportunities and happy lives. Since the school opened in 2006, there have been an impressive 68 graduates. Way to go Gaitway!

Chefs set for Sept. 8, Save the date



Cleveland hot chefs Scott Kuhn and Chris Hodgson of the Driftwood Restaurant Group will once again lead an all-star culinary cast in our annual tasting dinner on Saturday, Sept. 8th, to benefit our Fieldstone Farm students and also to celebrate our 40th anniversary.

Hosted at the Hunt Club Polo Field in Gates Mills with dinner tasting tables, a wine pull, food trucks, bourbon tastings, live music and carriage rides, it is an event not to be missed. It has been named one of the top 10 events in Northeast Ohio by Currents magazine in 2014, 2016 and 2017. It sells out every year. For more information, contact mfooster@fieldstonefarmtrc.com. [Click](#) here to order tickets. To see the invitation, [click](#) here.

Fieldstone Farm outperforms the nation

Fieldstone Farm has recently received two major distinctions from Charity Navigator and Guidestar. For the fourth year in a row, Charity Navigator has awarded Fieldstone Farm a four-star rating. Charity Navigator evaluates non-profits annually on their financial health, transparency and accountability. We are honored to be among the only 13 percent of charities that have received four consecutive four-star evaluations and demonstrates that we outperform nearly all charities in the nation.

Additionally Fieldstone Farm has been awarded the Platinum Seal of Transparency from Guidestar for providing financials and other information about the performance of our organization.

These two awards are tremendous achievements of which we are extremely proud. Together they demonstrate the integrity and financial trustworthiness of our organization, as well as our focus on quality performance.



Volunteers give generously

This year's volunteer fundraising campaign raised thousands to support our horses. We are overwhelmed by the generosity of our volunteers. Not only do they give their time and talents, but they donate financially as well. We are so incredibly fortunate. The campaign donations will all go toward the care of our horses. We could not continue to operate without the service of these incredible, dedicated individuals. Thank you all!



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