

Bits & Paces



Dear Friends,

We hope you and your families are healthy and well. In June we started the process of gradually reopening with many new protocols in place. Thanks to everyone's cooperation, the transition has gone smoothly.

It is wonderful to see our students working with our horses once again. And, although we have had to limit the number of students and volunteers who can attend right now, we hope to be able to expand further in the coming months.

For those who are unable to return at this time, our staff has been very creative with ways to stay connected. Read on and you will learn about some of their initiatives.

Once again, we're truly grateful to each one of you for your support during this difficult time. It has been challenging on many fronts but thanks to your help, we will continue to forge ahead.

Best wishes to stay well as we look forward to the time that we can all be together again.

Sincerely,

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Student and Volunteer Ceremony Goes Outdoors

When inside gatherings are not possible where do you host the annual Awards Banquet? Outside in the parking lot of course! We spread out the event into three nights to keep everyone at a distance. Students and volunteers parked on the perimeter of the lot with the portico serving as our stage. With everyone social distancing and donning masks, the event was a huge success.

Everyone enjoyed seeing each other, and instructors honored both their students and volunteers. One of the best parts of each evening was the parade of cars at the end of each ceremony while the staff cheered them on. Click [here](#) to view one of the parades that week.



Chefs Unbridled Postponed for 2020

Save the date for Saturday, September 18, 2021!

Chefs Unbridled is not able to be held in 2020 because of the virus, but mark your calendars for Saturday, September 18 for 2021. Always a popular event, we will miss seeing everyone on that magical night this year, but we will be planning a big celebration for 2021!

In an incredible show of support, many of our sponsors this year asked us to change their sponsorship to a 2020 donation! Wow! We extend a **huge thank you** to our amazing group of sponsors including:

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Photo from Chefs Unbridled in 2019 by Lynne Netschke.

Congratulations Gaitway Graduates, Way to Go!



We are so proud of the newest graduates of our Gaitway High School. They join dozens of other teens who have graduated from our alternative high school and gone on to college, employment opportunities and further career training. Since the school opened in 2006, there have been an impressive 79 graduates.

In place of a traditional graduation ceremony, teachers caravanned to each student's home to congratulate them in person and then held a virtual ceremony online with all families and graduates present.

Summer Camp fun!

Campers are loving their time at the farm. Riding, grooming, equine demonstrations, music therapy and exploring our 45-acre property have been the highlights.



Rascal grabs a few last minute blades of grass before heading into the barn one morning.

Virtual Opportunities

Throughout the pandemic we have created many online opportunities to keep connected with our students and volunteers.

Click [here](#) for videos and activities as well as to explore our website for horse videos and information. Email Aviva at avincent@fieldstonefarmtrc.com to find out more about these programs or to schedule a virtual lesson or a telehealth session.

And if you are a volunteer, contact Lisa at lsintic@fieldstonefarmtrc.com to learn about virtual online trainings.



We miss you all and hope to see you in person as soon as we can!

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Saturday, September 12 (9am-noon)

Fieldstone Farm

16497 Snyder Road
Bainbridge Township

Making a Difference During the Pandemic, Lightening the Load (CARES Act)

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We are all in this together! As we are excited about welcoming students back to Fieldstone Farm, we are also aware of the tremendous toll the coronavirus has taken on our community, our students and their families, and all of our wonderful supporters. As always, we want you to know that we are extraordinarily grateful for your past and continued support.

We are also inspired that when times are the toughest, our supporters find a way to help and give. In that spirit, we want to make sure that you are aware of recent changes included in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act" that make it easier to support Fieldstone Farm during these difficult times.

First, the CARES Act creates a new charitable deduction for cash contributions up to \$300 for taxpayers who elect not to itemize deductions. Therefore, if you are one of the 85 percent of taxpayers who do not itemize deductions on your income tax return, you can directly benefit from this new charitable deduction.

In addition, for taxpayers that *do* itemize deductions and corporations, the percentage limitations on the income tax charitable deductions for cash gifts have been significantly raised to allow donors to make large cash gifts in 2020. Such limitations were raised from 60 percent to 100 percent of adjusted gross income for individuals and from 10 percent to 25 percent for corporations.

Once again, thank you for your continued support. We could not do it without you. Stay safe!



Fax ready to head to the barn for breakfast.

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