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# STIRRUP COURAGE

## Equestrian Learning Center

[www.stirrupcourage.org](http://www.stirrupcourage.org)

BIG things are happening over at 823 South Kohler Road, future home of our INDOOR Equestrian Learning Center! We are looking forward to all of the NEW things coming for Stirrup Courage in 2022!

### A Strong Foundation

At the end of November 2021, work crews could be seen at our building site digging and laying the cement block foundations for the combination barn and indoor arena that will allow us to serve our participants year-round. But then with complications like manufacturing delays (waiting on the metal siding and roofing materials that still had not come in), Ohio winter weather (going from too rainy and muddy to below freezing and snowstorms), and the holidays, it felt like progress was mostly at a standstill for the next couple of months.



But finally at the end of January, we got word that the roof and siding were coming in, and the steel framing was ready to go up for our building! You can really get a feel for the size of the facility with the frame up next to the existing red storage barn!

It shouldn't be long before we get to see the complete outside effect with the siding and trim up, so if you are in the area, come take a drive past and daydream along with us about the day when we can host our first classes of children inside our beautiful new arena!



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## Good Publicity!

I was so excited when local writer Jacqui Hershberger contacted me about doing an interview for Stirrup Courage in the local *Bargain Hunter* newspaper! The article was printed in the December 18th issue, just in time for the kickoff of our Capital Campaign, and was reprinted in the *Dalton-Kidron Gazette & News* in January. As a result of the articles, I have already received many inquiries from parents who would like to sign a child up for the program, and even more people who have written to say they are excited for the opportunity to join our team of volunteers! [Link to read the full newspaper article](#)



## The New Girl on the 2022 Board of Directors



We want to extend a warm welcome to the newest addition to the Stirrup Courage Board, Catherine Yoder! Cathy has been one of our most DEDICATED volunteers in our opening session in 2021, often assisting in classes twice a week in both the summer and fall. She has also been willing to jump in and assist me with extra volunteer opportunities, from helping to hold horses for an afternoon visit at a local school, to spending a Saturday morning chatting with visitors at our fundraiser booth, to arranging for personalized Christmas ornaments to be made for each of the Stirrup Courage participants! Cathy also volunteered to join the fundraising team for the Capital Campaign last fall. So when it came time to add a new member in the new year, the Board unanimously decided that Cathy was the right one to ask to join us in a larger leadership role in 2022! Thank you for leading courageously, Cathy!



## Capital Campaign Sponsors Needed!

Our Barn Raising Campaign has been officially launched, and we need your help! We are looking for partnerships with businesses and individual donors to assist with the various important parts of our facilities project. Specific sponsorship levels include:

- Donations at \$500 or \$1,000 for names to be included on an outdoor donor recognition plaque
- Partnerships in increments of \$2,000, \$4,000, or \$8,000 to sponsor a stall and have your business/donor name (or an "in memory/honor of" dedication) engraved on a permanent stall plaque.
- Partnerships in increments of \$3,000, \$6,000, and \$12,000 to sponsor our indoor arena and have a full business logo banner displayed on our wall.

If you have a personal connection to a business you could ask about sponsorships on our behalf, we have information packets and brochures to share!

To give as a individual at ANY level, go to <https://givebutter.com/OKgZHx> or mail your donation check to: Stirrup Courage, 645 South Kohler Road, Orrville OH 44667744667. All donations are tax deductible!

**Thank you for your courageous giving and support!** Tara Steiner, Executive Director — [stirrupsupport@gmail.com](mailto:stirrupsupport@gmail.com)