

STIRRUP COURAGE Equestrian Learning Center

www.stirrupcourage.org

Our Board is in full fundraiser planning mode, so welcome to this month's "HOW YOU CAN HELP" issue!

Big, Blue, Beautiful

The day work crews began putting the blue siding color I chose for our barn on the first side of the building, and we could really start to visualize what the finished product will look like, was a BEAUTIFUL day! As of today, both long sides have been done and we saw crews putting siding up on the front side facing the road this morning!



The outside of the building coming along means we are getting closer to time for the INSIDE parts of the barn that our Capital Campaign is responsible to cover, like the wood walls, stalls, and arena footing. So that is where we really need the help of all of YOU, our supporters, in every big and small way we are able to raise the funding to finish the parts of the barn needed to open our program as soon as possible for the children already on our waiting list! We've come up with lots of easy ways you can join us in funding this project, so we hope you'll find at least one or two of these fundraising ideas that you can team up with us on to make our project a success!

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Flower Power!

The perfect way to start picturing color and sunshine during this brown and drab











phase of the end of winter—shop for FLOWERS! We teamed up with Flower Power Fundraising for a summer flower bulb and garden seed fundraiser which is open now through May 15. For every purchase you make on our fundraising site, 50% comes back to our Capital Campaign! Our goal is \$2,000 to complete our Phase 1 total, and we have already earned over \$700 in flower sales this month! Your order will ship directly to you as soon as temperatures are in the safe zone for planting in your area.

Go to http://StirrupCourage.fpfundraising.com to check out our selection and plan some green and color to add to your home this summer! And please share our fundraiser with other gardeners you know!

Nominate your Favorite (that's us!)

Easiest support option yet! Shanklin Heating and Air Conditioning has a monthly drawing to make a donation to a local non-profit every month. All you have to do is go to their website and fill out the quick form nominating Stirrup Courage, put Tara Steiner as the Organization contact and (330) 749-6933 as the contact number. It will take you less than a minute to fill out the form, and the more entries we have in the monthly drawing, the more chances we have of being chosen for an easy \$100 towards our goal! Thank you!

https://www.shanklinheatingandcooling.com/nominate-favorite-non-profit/

Concession Stand Munchies



Our board has scheduled two dates to sell food for the concession stand at the Wayne County Saddle Club Friday night fun shows, May 13 and June 24. So far we are looking to sell hot sandwiches such as sloppy joes, pulled pork, or shredded chicken that can be brought in a crock pot or roaster, hot and cold drinks, and easy baked goods that people might buy as snacks that evening. If anyone would like to donate a few pounds of meat towards the sandwiches, if you have Ahot sandwich recipe you would like to prepare for us yourself that day, or would like

to donate things like sandwich buns, drinks, snacks, baked goods like cookies and brownies, or have other good ideas for something you could provide for our stand that would sell, please let me know at (330)749-6933 or the email below. We will also need a few extra people to help with serving at the show that night, if anyone would like to hang out with Board members and get to watch some fun barrel racing action while you volunteer!



Capital Campaign Sponsors

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! We have donor recognition plaques and banner advertising options for sponsorships ranging from \$500 to \$12,000 for our stalls and arena, more info on our website: https://stirrupcourage.org/donate/

To give as a individual at ANY level, you can go to https://givebutter.com/0KgZHx 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 — stirrupcourage@gmail.com