

May 30, 2022



STIRRUP COURAGE

Equestrian Learning Center

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We are so excited to have completed a session of new participants in May, and to have 14 new participants and 9 returning riders starting classes in June! Lots of fun photos this issue as we get back to what we are here for: putting kids together with horses and watching the beautiful connections unfold!

We Walk for a World Without Alzheimer's

This October, a team of participants, family members, volunteers, and other supporters will walk together in the Wooster Walk to End Alzheimer's event, as a way to demonstrate our "CARING" program goal. A number of our participants' families have been affected by Alzheimer's, as well as Board member Cathy Yoder who is our team captain. Cathy writes:

I walk to honor the memory of my father, John Reed. He passed away from Alzheimer's complications on January 25, 2021. I first participated in the Walk To End Alzheimer's last year, on October 16, in Harrisonburg, VA. In the town where my parents first met, at Eastern Mennonite College (EMC), and where my dad took his last breath, at Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community (VMRC). This year, I will walk on October 15, in Wooster, OH. In the town my parents moved to from Virginia, in January, 1999. Where my dad would continue his lifelong career as a Radiologist at the Cleveland Clinic in Wooster, until his diagnosis in 2011. And where he whole-heartedly embraced the role he most enjoyed in life, as PawPaw to my two sons, Reed and Sam. I walk to honor the memory of my father, John Reed. Will you walk with me?



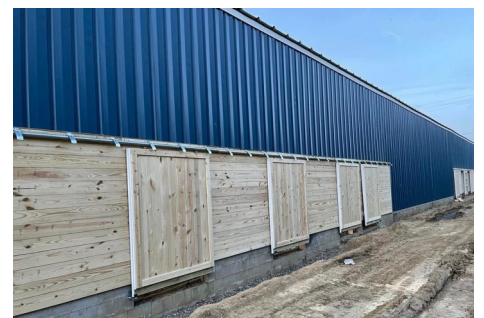
Pictured above: Cathy and one of the May Stirrup Courage participants who will walk with us in October.

Our team has a goal to raise \$500 in donations by JUNE 1 in order to receive a personalized banner with our team name to carry on walk day. As of this afternoon we are at \$275 from our sponsors. This Memorial Day as you think of loved ones missed, will you make a quick stop at our team page and sponsor one or a couple of our team members in honor of a loved one? Maybe you have also watched a loved one slip away with Alzheimer's. Every \$10, \$25, ANY sponsorship amount helps the goal climb closer as we support the hope of a world with a cure for this difficult disease.

[Link to our team page to make a donation: Click here!](#)

Our Thank You List is Long!

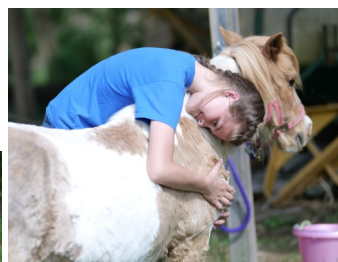
We have many people to thank over the past couple of months! The Flower Power fundraiser finished at \$1,386 raised—thank you to all who ordered bulbs! The Garage Sale fundraiser brought in \$782—thanks to all who donated items and stopped by the sale! We have had significant business sponsorships arrive in the mail from Twisted Piston, Weaver Leather, Riceland Flowcare, TNT Welding, Stark County Ohio Horseman's Council, and Shanklin Heating and Air Conditioning (from winning their monthly drawing, thanks for the nominations!). Orrville Mennonite Church is currently collecting for Stirrup Courage as their special offering project, and Salem Mennonite Church's VBS has made us their offering project this summer as well! We are so grateful for all the support from our community to get this barn built!!



Spring Weather = Back to Class!



It felt like a very long wait from the last fall class until we could count on consistent enough weather to start classes outdoors again, but May gave us the weather we needed! We were able to get through four class sessions for one new group of 5 girls, and one returning student doing Beginner riding (and added 4 new volunteers who went through training to help at these sessions!). We'll just let these pictures speak for themselves: we all had a blast and loved getting to know these students!



Thank you for your courageous giving and support! Tara Steiner, Executive Director —stirrupsouthern@gmail.com