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**Executive Director Update**

*By Executive Director, Marleen Milkis*

The Executive Director search is on! It's no small feat replacing an organization's Executive Director and we have been investing a lot of time in making sure it's done right. We hope to have a decision made soon and will be sure to keep everyone in the loop!

In the meantime, we are working our 2017 strategic plan investing in technology (TRI staff have their first ever work laptops thanks to a generous grant from the DP&L Foundation) and codifying our organization's policies and procedures in a continuing effort to improve our operations. As we look toward the future, our efforts are laser focused to bringing TRI home. This too has been an intensive process.

As a non-profit organization, we can only exist with the community's support - your support, and so we take any decision to invest your generosity with great prudence and our plans continue to evolve and mature. Of primary importance is raising the capital we need to purchase, renovate and sustain our own facility. We hope you will consider joining us at the FriendRaiser on August 12th to help build our fiscal reserves so we can confidently walk toward this next phase in TRI's history; the phase that sees TRI home.

It has been my greatest pleasure to serve the students and families of Therapeutic Riding Institute, Inc. As my days until retirement are winding down I want to thank you for allowing me to share in your journeys as we at TRI strive to provide the best programming we can for our students. I am humbled by the love and support of so many as we have grown over the past 5 years. TRI has an awesome staff, board of directors and volunteers, all dedicated to our mission and our students and families. They will continue to carry TRI forward as they welcome the new Executive Director to the TRI family.

Thank you for the privilege of serving through TRI's mission: to enhance lives by providing accredited therapeutic equine services in a safe, fun and compassionate environment.

Marleen

## The 5th Annual TRI Triple Crown is Up and Running!

Finish Line is June 10th. This is anyone's race!

**1st Place: Chloe - \$4,178.45**

**2nd Place: Mary Camille - \$3,799**

**3rd Place: Reagan - \$3,612.53**



A huge thanks to the World [Equestrian Center in Wilmington, OH](#) for featuring the Therapeutic Riding Institute at their June 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Prix. Mary Camille was invited into the arena to give out the winning ribbons. Special thanks to 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner, Wilhelm Genn for giving Mary Camille his 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon! It was a very special night full of stick horse races, good friends and world class jumping. We look forward to the next TRI night at WEC and hope you will join us!

Thank you to everyone who has already donated to the jockeys especially our sponsors!

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## Congrats to the Session I MVPs!



Every session we ask our Instructors to acknowledge a volunteer who went above and beyond - you know who they are - the one who never misses class, who shows up early and sweeps the aisles (or better yet, cleans the bathroom!), they engage their students in ways that inspire all of us. Congrats to the Session I MVPs: Sam Gilbert, Trina Bolam, Morgan Madden, Alli Lynch & Darlene Caldwell!



## Thank you Reynolds & Reynolds!

We are so grateful to be the recipients of a \$3,000 grant from Reynolds & Reynolds to support our field trip programming. In 2016, TRI saw a 200% increase in field trip programming and we're excited to work with the Centerville Washington Park District, Otterbein Senior Lifestyle Choices and South Community for field trips in 2017!



## Meet Echo!

Echo is the newest addition to our TRI herd. He is a 7 year old American Paint Horse/Draft cross and he LOVES playing in the outdoor arena! Expect to see Echo in classes this spring where he will excel at any game involving bean bags or basketballs.

*A very special thanks to Carol Jordan for purchasing Echo for TRI!*



**In 2017, TRI is Kickin' Our Boots Back to Our Roots!**

**Join us August 12th from 6-10pm  
at Canopy Creek Farm for the  
11th Annual FriendRaiser.**

Tickets are \$100 or \$1,000 to reserve a table of 10 seats.

Sponsorships are available.

[Contact Christine](#) at (937) 619-7577 Ext 3 or [CPIrot@TRloho.org](mailto:CPIrot@TRloho.org) to reserve yours today!

Special Thanks to our Sponsors:

The Jesse & Caryl Philips Foundation

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You are invited to  
**Therapeutic Riding Institute**  
**11TH ANNUAL**  
**KICKING OUR BOOTS  
BACK TO OUR ROOTS**  
**FRIENDRAISER**  
LIVE MUSIC, DANCING, CARD GAMES  
& MUCH, MUCH MORE!  
**Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**CANOPY CREEK FARM**  
600 Benner Road, Miamisburg, OH  
**DOORS OPEN AT 6PM**  
VIP Tables include priority seating, an open bar, recognition & more!  
**SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE**  
Tickets \$75 or purchase a VIP Table of 10 for \$1,000  
RSVP to Christine at (937) 619-7577 Ext. 3  
More info at [www.TRloho.org](http://www.TRloho.org)

**Congratulations to Aowyn, Hailey & Tony – TRI's 2018 Triple Crown Jockeys**



We all had a great time at the Ride-A-Thon. Big thanks to our Board Members who came out and served a delicious lunch from Carrabba's Italian Grill, to our Horse Show Sponsor and Judge – Cindy Buckreus for doing a fantastic job and to all the volunteers that braved the weather to be there for our talented riders.

Congratulations to Aowyn, Hailey & Tony for being the Top Pledge Earners and therefore earning the opportunity to jockey the 2018 TRI Triple Crown. They are also the recipients of the Buddy Memorial Scholarship which provides a free session with TRI to each of the jockeys. Stay tuned to learn more about these three riders as they gear up to race for TRI!

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## Upcoming Events

June 3 - June 29: (Summer) Session II

July 7 - 28: Family Session

July 8 - August 3: (Summer) Session III

June 10: [Generation Dayton benefits TRI at Hollywood Gaming](#) (5:30-9pm)

August 2 - 5: [Dayton Horse Show](#)

August 4: [TRI Night at the Dayton Horse Show \(~7pm\)](#)

August 12: [11th Annual FriendRaiser: Kickin' Our Boots Back to Our Roots!](#)

August 22: New Side Helper Training (5:45 - 8pm)

August 26: Volunteer Workshop - Youth Mental Health First Aid Certification (8am - 5pm)

September 9 - November 4: (Fall) Session IV