



Dear Friends,

As 2017 comes to a close, we have an important message to send to all of our friends.

Thank you. Thank you for donating your time and your talent. Thank you for giving generously from your heart. Thank you for making this special mission possible.

Every time a student rides with TRI, we have to raise \$162. Your generosity makes TRI possible.

This holiday season, we are thinking big and asking you to join our inaugural monthly giving club called the Champions Society. Monthly giving is a critical part of sustaining a non-profit because it provides reliable income. To achieve TRI's vision of acquiring a specialized facility to run our program, we must first strengthen our foundation. As a member of the Champions Society, you open the possibilities to tomorrow.

Why commit to monthly giving? *For the last 45 years, TRI has positively influenced the lives and health of children and adults with disabilities through the healing power of the horse. We want this program to continue for the next 45 years and beyond.*

How do I know TRI is changing lives? I have experienced this firsthand - All our students work hard -they sit up straight and you can literally see the confidence radiating from them. They direct their horse with their reins and legs, improving their skills each week and in doing so, they are improving their strength and their balance. I have witnessed our students build trust, gain self-confidence and improve communication and impulse control skills. The beautiful smile, the eyes full of wonder and the desire of these children and adults to put their faith in our horses and in us is inspiring. As you can imagine, our students are not the only ones who benefit from TRI's mission. Our volunteers, like me, see our students take these major strides

and we cannot help but feel motivated to try harder in our own lives. We leave the barn knowing we have made a difference and this is truly a gift.

I want TRI's programming to continue, to thrive and to expand. Will you join me in becoming an inaugural member of the Champions Society?

Thank you for your commitment to TRI, to our students and families, to our committed staff and volunteers and to our amazing horses!

If you would like further information on the Champions Society or TRI's vision for the future, please feel free to reach out to our Executive Director, Jean Masthay at JMasthay@TRloho.org or 937-619-7577 Ext. 4.

With gratitude,
Ronda Mosley
TRI Board Member
Volunteer Side Helper and Horse Leader



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2017 Mission Update

Every year, TRI welcomes over 150 individuals to the barn for equine assisted activities and therapies. This year, was no different! We had field trips, family lessons, therapy sessions, volunteer lessons and equine assisted learning. Here are the highlights as of December 15th (the year's not over, yet!):

- We teamed up with **6 community partners**: Centerville Washington Park District, Centerville School District, Goodwill Easter Seals of the Miami Valley, Kettering School District, South Community, and Echoing Connections.
- We brought **29 students to the barn from Kettering and Centerville schools** through a partnership with South Community.
- We worked with **Riverscape Counseling** to provide mental health therapy sessions to 17 participants.
- We served **8 families** in family sessions where TRI students were able to ride with siblings, parents and grandparents!

Program is up and running 6 days a week with daytime and evening programming. As you can see, it's been a busy year. **Thank you to all of our donors and friends who make this mission possible!**

Sincerely,

Michele Green

Program Director



2017 Volunteer Update

TRI could not exist without the hard work and dedication we receive from our volunteers on a daily basis. This was another great year for TRI, as we grew our volunteer corp and strengthened the skills of our existing volunteers. Some of the highlights include:

- This year TRI increased the number of workshop opportunities for volunteers from two opportunities to four. Thank you to all of our workshop providers for allowing our volunteers to grow their skills to better serve our students: ***Tom Pompei, 2-Star Parelli Instructor, Montgomery County ADAMHS Board, and TRI Staff***
- In 2017, TRI had **197 volunteers** serve for at least one hour and the average number of hours served by a volunteer was 34!
- In 2017, **TRI had 12 volunteers put in more than 100 hours** with us, two of them serving over 200 hours. This is truly amazing.
- **Total volunteer hours served in 2017 was over 6700!**
- **TRI doubled our daytime volunteer pool this year**, allowing us to provide more daytime program opportunities to the community, although there is still a need for daytime volunteers so that we can continue to serve our community to our full potential!

On behalf of everyone here at TRI, I would like to thank all of our volunteers for the time they gave, no matter how big or small, in 2017. It means so much to us and it is so rewarding to see the smiles on our riders faces when they get to experience the joy of riding, which wouldn't be possible without your assistance. Thank you!

-*Sam Lape, Volunteer Coordinator & Instructor*





Save the Date!

2017 ANNUAL CELEBRATION
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD 6-9PM
CANOPY CREEK FARM

All volunteers receive a complimentary ticket. All additional tickets can be purchased for \$20

