



**We Have a Triple Crown Winner! Team Hailey & Noah Sponsor Jamie Wilson of Coldwell Banker**

It was a strong race between our competitors this year! We would like to thank all of the families, friends, and sponsors for supporting Tony, Aowyn and Hailey during this exciting race to the Triple Crown. We raised 16,500 to help continue growing our programs and fulfill our mission of enhancing lives by providing accredited therapeutic equine experiences in a safe, fun and compassionate environment.



Thanks to all of our great sponsors for this event!

**Jamie Wilson**



**Jennifer A. Durbin**



**A Big Thank You to our event sponsors for the Triple Crown!**



During the Triple Crown we host events that help each Jockey raise money for the race. This year we had a great line up of local businesses that provided the venues and a percentage of their sales that went towards the total monies raised for the Triple Crown. This year we had [Heathers Coffee & Cafe](#), [Lisa Robin Jewelry](#) and [Infiniti of Dayton](#). Having the support of local businesses is important to our mission and we very much appreciate their help in making the Triple Crown a success this year!

If you are a part of a business or own a business and would like to help support our events throughout the year, please contact Jennifer DeMaro, Development Officer @ [jdemaro@TRIOhio.org](mailto:jdemaro@TRIOhio.org).

## Family Programming – Thank You, Brighter Tomorrow Foundation!

By TRI's Program Director, Michele Green



Our mission at TRI is to enhance lives by providing accredited therapeutic equine experiences in a safe, fun and compassionate environment. We are dedicated to providing quality horseback riding instruction: challenging, encouraging and supporting our students as they learn both riding and life skills. We focus on goals that are unique to each student, created with input from our riders' families, education teams and other service providers.

At the end of every lesson, we see and hear our riders and their families talk about the day's ride. Sometimes the conversation is focused on a success, other times a challenge not quite met, and, sometimes, the wish of a family member(s) to share the horseback riding experience with the student. We heard this last message so frequently that we decided to expand our programming to include family lessons. These lessons provide an opportunity for our students and their family members to share an amazing activity, open new lines of communication, provide family members with new insight into their students' abilities while riding, and allow families to be active together. The lessons are a chance for families to choose one activity for the whole family, rather than having to choose one for one member and other activities for the rest of the family.

The mission of the Brighter Tomorrow Foundation is to improve the lives of individuals and families in Montgomery County who are touched by developmental disabilities. The foundation generously awarded a grant to TRI to support our family programming, which allows us to offer the lessons at a discounted rate throughout the year. We are extremely grateful to the Brighter Tomorrow Foundation for making it possible for TRI to extend our services to our riders' families, and to our families for taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity!

## UU Get Your Dancing Shoes On! It is Friendraiser Time!

**The 12th Annual FriendRaiser**  
**Four Decades. One Night.**  
Celebrating 45 years of TRI  
August 18th 6pm - 10pm  
Canopy Creek Farm  
Honorary Chairs: Andy & Danette Chance

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR EVENT SPONSORS:**

Blue Ribbon	Red Ribbon	Yellow Ribbon	Pink Ribbon

Tickets are \$100. Reserve yours today at [TRIOhio.org/friendraiser-2/](http://TRIOhio.org/friendraiser-2/)

This is TRI's 45<sup>th</sup> year and you do not want to miss this event. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and your support helps us to do what we do and that is to enhance the lives of children and adults with disabilities. There is no better way to celebrate our mission than celebrating it together! Come join us on August 18<sup>th</sup> and eat good food in great company, dance the night away to your favorite period of music through the decades, and go home with some great auction items! Tickets are going fast for limited seating, so if you have not purchased any yet, visit <https://triohio.org/fundraiser-2/> or Contact Christine at 937-619-7577 or email [Cpirot@TRIOhio.org](mailto:Cpirot@TRIOhio.org)



## **Mike Elsass Welcomes TRI to the Acronym Artist**

*By TRI's Director of Development, Christine Piro*

With the help of [Mike Elsass](#), the **Acronym Artists** have come to life! Mike is a longtime friend of the Dayton community and a brilliant artist. You may recognize him from the FriendRaiser where he comes out to paint Billie Rae. With his guidance and support, the **Acronym Artists** is a collaboration of four non-profits: The Life Enrichment Center, Good Shepherd Ministries, Therapeutic Riding Institute and United Rehabilitation Services – LEC, GSM, TRI and URS – thus, the **Acronym Artists**. Mike is introducing the collaborative artwork in various community spaces with the understanding that these pieces will acknowledge the great work done by these four missions. Through his vision, the **Acronym Artists** are being introduced to a wider audience.

Every Wednesday (weather permitting) from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, the **Acronym Artists** and anyone interested from the community is invited to paint at the [Life Enrichment Center](#) (425 N Findlay St, Dayton, OH). The outdoor painting space, fondly dubbed, “The Yellow Truck”, is set up for artists to come out and paint on the unique pallet of weathered steel. Layer after layer of paint and a variety of media from recycled paint, dirt, wires and any even horse shoes, are incorporated into the piece making each work of art beautiful and unique.

TRI students, families and volunteers are invited to come out and paint! RSVP to Christine at [Cpirot@TRIOhio.org](mailto:Cpirot@TRIOhio.org).

Most recently, the **Acronym Artists** were showcased at **Infiniti of Dayton**. During the month of May, Infiniti of Dayton supported the Acronym Artists by donating \$100 for every car sold and featured the four charities at their QX50 Launch on May 10<sup>th</sup>. The Therapeutic Riding Institute is grateful to be a part of this special collaboration!



## **Welcome to our newest Board Member, Nathan Hunt**

Nathan is an attorney at [Thompson Hine](#) in their Environmental practice group. He focuses his practice on environmental, health and safety. Nathan has horse experience and is energized by our mission to help special needs children and adults.

We are very excited to have Nathan on the board and look forward to his contributions to help make TRI the best it can be.

## Volunteer Spotlight – Christine Walker

By TRI's Program & Volunteer Administrator, Sam Lape



Christine Walker began volunteering with TRI in the summer of 2017 and has been an invaluable part of our program ever since. She is a regular volunteer on Monday evenings as a side helper and a great team member for every student she works with. Christine rises to the challenge with each student. She's willing to let a student chase her while riding so he or she can always see and copy her arm movements (if the student is a visual learner). She has a way of getting through to students and encouraging them to reach their full potential no matter how difficult that may be to achieve.

Christine not only volunteers regularly on Monday evenings, but is also the first to offer to help with special events, new student evaluations, and subbing on other days. She was also recently paired with Triple Crown Jockey, Hailey, as her trainer to help raise funds for TRI in the race to be crowned the Triple Crown Winner. During the week at her LexisNexis job, she's often heard advocating for TRI and encouraging fellow co-workers to become a TRI volunteer as well.

Christine, you ROCK and we could not be happier to have you volunteering with us!



### Session 1 MVP Recognition

What is the definition of a volunteer? We define volunteers as our Most Valuable Players!

Grace, Diana, Sydney, Jeff & Brenda, & Sarah!

**Thank You!**



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Christine Pirot  
Pam Scheuermann*

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**Your Name Here!***



## Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events

**June 4 – June 30: Session II**

**July 9 – August 4: Session III**

**August 11 or August 14: Volunteer Workshop: CPR/First Aid Training @ TRI Office**

**August 18: [12th Annual FriendRaiser](#) @ Canopy Creek Farm**

*Reserve your seats today by contacting Christine at [CPirot@TRloho.org](mailto:CPirot@TRloho.org)*

**September 29 – October 27: [Penny Race](#)**

**October 6: [Fall Horse Show](#) @ Fine Line Stables**