

The Many Faces of R.O.C.K.

A brown haired child with a tender face sitting atop a horse. . . A hardworking dust covered volunteer. . . The healing soul and body of a soldier. . . A smile from an instructor. . . The understanding gaze of a horse. All these faces and many more come together to enable the unique and transformative environment at the Ride On Center for Kids (R.O.C.K.) that provides clients with a diverse array of programs:

- **Hippotherapy:** Provides physical therapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy.
- **Horses for Heroes:** Improves the lives of servicemen and women who have suffered injury in the line of duty.
- **Therapeutic Riding:** Benefits individuals with special needs by increasing functional life skills.
- **Equine-Facilitated Learning and Equine-Facilitated Psychotherapy Programs:** Utilizes the horse-human interaction to foster an environment that promotes self-discovery.
- **Georgetown ISD Program:** Creates a learning environment where special needs students work with horses and their peers to improve life skills.
- **Taylor ISD Program:** Offers special needs students an opportunity to experience the world around them by riding a horse.
- **Juvenile Justice Program:** Provides at risk youth with psychotherapeutic intervention that utilizes the horse-human interaction to address coping, communication, relationship, and anger management skills, as well as improve self-worth.
- **Helping Hand Homes Program:** Offers young victims of domestic violence an opportunity to discover healthy boundaries and relationships, as well as improve self-worth through interactions with the horse.
- **Over 21 Club:** Provides social opportunities for homebound adults with disabilities, combining horsemanship with indoor and outdoor recreational activities.
- **Research:** Partners with local universities and hospitals to collect qualitative and quantitative data focusing on the benefits of the horse-human relationship.

Twenty-seven horses, approximately 350 volunteers per week, and 24 staff members support the 192 clients that are receiving services at R.O.C.K. This year's Barn Dance is Saturday, March 24, 2012, and you can help us support and pay tribute to the worthwhile mission of R.O.C.K. by celebrating all that R.O.C.K. has accomplished and enable continued growth by attending this annual fundraising event. Put on your boots, come ready to dance, eat amazing food, meet new people, see old friends, and be entertained all while raising money for R.O.C.K.

Please become one of "The Many Faces of R.O.C.K." by supporting R.O.C.K through participation in the 2012 Barn Dance. Your support will allow R.O.C.K. to continue to grow and help the members of our community. Your support, time and dedication are greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Abigail Griswell
Barn Dance Chair

Saturday March 24, 2012
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