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a newsletter for friends of GMTRC

Fantastic Fall Celebrations

The "Mane" Event

Join GMTRC's family, friends, and corporate supporters to celebrate our organization! The **"Mane" Event Gala** is slated for Saturday, **October 26th** from **6:00 PM to 10:00 PM** at Bent Creek Country Club in Lititz. The evening will feature a steak and salmon dinner, drinks, live and silent auctions and the opportunity to be inspired! Over the course of the last eight years, this event has successfully raised over \$354,000 "to enhance the lives of individuals with special needs through equine assisted activities." Sponsorship opportunities and group tables are still available. *Please contact Sandi at general.info.gmtrc@gmail.com or 717-844-1798 for more information.*



**THE EXTRA
ORDINARY
GIVE**



NOVEMBER 22, 2019

The Extraordinary Give

Last year during the **Extraordinary Give** event, GMTRC received \$13,940 to carry out its mission. The Extraordinary Give is a 24-hour giving marathon that highlights the spirit of charitable giving in Lancaster County. Join us for our annual **"Giving Party"** event at the Ware Center on North Prince Street in Downtown Lancaster on Friday, **November 22nd** from **5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. Once again, GMTRC will be partnering with other deserving local non-profits including Aaron's Acres and the Special Olympics to raise funds and awareness of our mission. The drop-in event will feature multiple performing artists, hor d'oeuvres, and a cash bar. *Check your emails and our Facebook page before and on November 22nd for the link to support GMTRC through the Extraordinary Give!*

Celebrate GMTRC

Once again, we invite our riders, their families, and our dedicated volunteers to celebrate a year of accomplishments! **Celebrate GMTRC** is scheduled for Sunday, **December 8th** from **2:00 PM to 4:30 PM** at Highland Presbyterian Church at 500 E. Roseville Rd. in Lancaster. This event features awards, refreshments, games, and the ever popular basket auction. *Please contact Sandi at general.info.gmtrc@gmail.com for more information.*

CELEBRATE WITH US!

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Wow! What an awesome horse show this year! Thank you to all the horses, participants, parents, caregivers, volunteers, and staff who came out to celebrate the accomplishments of our riders at our "A Day at The Races" Horse Show! We had 45 participants. Congrats to all on a successful horse show!

Here are some important dates to remember through the fall:

Session 05: September 3rd – October 12th

Labor Day Makeups: Monday, October 14th

Horse Show Day Makeups: Saturday, October 19th

Session 06: October 28th – December 7th

Celebrate GMTRC Event: Sunday, December 8th

Thanksgiving Day Makeups: Thursday, December 12th



Parents and Caregivers, please note there is a two-week break between sessions 5 and 6. As always, scheduling preferences and questions can be directed to Michelle on the program phone: 717-615-9222.

Our adult horsemanship clinics have been such a great learning experience for students. They have been learning the ins and outs of grooming, preparing a horse for a show, and honing their leading skills! **Save the Date for our final Adult Horsemanship Clinic of the season on October 12th, as this will be the judged in-hand show!**

Did you hear? We have added two members to our team this past summer, both horse and human! Have you met Jenn, our Executive Director? See the back cover for more information! Also, keep your eye out in the barn for the newest addition to the equine herd, Lucky!



Photos courtesy of Rachel Wertz Photography, Dennis Mitterer, and Cornelius Carr. Please check our Facebook page for more photos!

A Day at the Races - Saturday, September 14, 2019

9:00 Walk Off-lead, Trot (Off-lead Optional)

Rider	Horse	Number
Cordell Hebensberger	Violet	101
Patti Greider	Sam	110
Audra Mylin	Peppy	112
Roxanna Herman	Nando	125
Carolyn Turner	Bailey	132
Jen Sahd	Opi	147
Lori Rottmund	Wiz	153
Zoe Soderblom	Lucy	160

9:45 Walk Off-lead

Becky Watts	Sam	104
David Drybred	Bailey	113
Mark Palmer	Lucy	133
Allegra Essis	Lil Lacey	148

10:15 Walk, Trot

Isabelle Mesiti	Violet	103
Andrew Swarr	Sam	114
Lyndsi Binford	Peppy	116
Anne Wissinger	Nando	120
Amy Slider	Bailey	131
JJ Martin	Wiz	151
Grace Trout	Makeda	167
Leyna Lawrence	Neptune	174

11:15 Walk

Katie Troop	Violet	102
Maria Otto	Nando	137
Noah McLaughlin	Wiz	142
Jack Link	Makeda	149
Mary Nejmeh	Lucy	158
Zoey Adair	Lil Lacey	162



12:30 In Hand Class

Rider	Horse	Number
Kate O'Toole	Makeda	126

1:00 Walk Off-lead, Trot (Off-lead Optional)

Rider	Horse	Number
Nathan Buckwalter	Sam	117
Nancy Shreiner	Opi	129
Emily Zahn	Nando	145
Alejo Bair	Peppy	154
Jada Jeffries	Lil Lacey	163

1:45 Walk Off-lead, Trot (Off-lead Optional)

Jon Sensenig	Sam	106
Wil Schweigert	Nando	119
Sierra Holliday	Bailey	121
Lucas Rockey	Neptune	165

2:30 Walk, Trot

Connery Pham	Neptune	122
Addison Hays	Makeda	128
Owen Dennis	Violet	140
Shravan Rajesh	Peppy	168

3:15 Walk

Brian Meyers	Makeda	123
RJ "Too Cool" Samuels	Violet	127
Sam Knighton	Peppy	141
Nadia Warfel	Lil Lacey	150



Community Outreach: Heather

GMTRC is excited to participate in the **2019 Extraordinary Give** on **November 22, 2019**. Again this year, our team will be in Lancaster City, at the Ware Center (42 N Prince St, Lancaster) from **5:00 PM–8:00 PM**. We are eager to spend the evening with many other great organizations that serve our riders and their families. Please come celebrate the night with us and show your support of our riders and the GMTRC program. Also, please share our Facebook posts on **November 22nd**, to spread the word about GMTRC with your friends on social media.

The **"MANE" EVENT GALA** will be held at Bent Creek Country Club (Lititz, PA), on **Saturday, October 26th** from **6pm-10pm**. We are looking forward to another great year with our Boots & Blues theme... so join us in your *dressy denim* for a fun night. The evening will include dinner, drinks, live and silent auctions, and the opportunity to be inspired. Cost is \$125 per person / \$900 table of 8. *For more information please contact lewmaxwell@gmail.com or by phone 717-553-3887.*

Did you know that our website has changed a lot over the past year? We have a new FAQ and Adopt a Horse page, an updated wish list and volunteer page, and several refreshed team and herd bios and photos. Have you seen them? Within the next few months we will be adding an Equine Free Lease Information page. This page will be used to share all the great aspects of the GMTRC facilities while also providing detailed requirements for our Free Lease program. A downloadable form will also be available to share with others. Keep an eye out for this new page.

Last, but not least, please don't forget to **follow us on Facebook** to see updates from around the barn, upcoming events, and items of interest. We love to see your likes, loves, and laughs.

If you have a community outreach opportunity, please contact Heather at community.outreach.gtmrc@gmail.com, or call 717-314-0291. She would love to speak to your community group or organization about the program.

Support Our Organization During

THE EXTRA[™] ORDINARY GIVE

NOVEMBER 22
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On November 22, donate online at ExtraGive.org and your generous gift will be stretched by more than a HALF MILLION DOLLARS in stretch pool and prizes from the Lancaster County Community Foundation and sponsors. Help us go the EXTRA mile together!

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From the Barn: Meet Lucky

It was our lucky day when **Lucky** joined our herd this summer! This 15 year old Haflinger pony came to GMTRC with an impressive background. Lucky loves to work. In recent years, Lucky worked for a local college's driving program and participated in summer camps and lesson programs. This gelding is a quick learner! He has been undergoing schooling and mock lessons as he prepares to join our lesson program next session.



Above Left: Welcome to the GMTRC herd, Lucky!



Above: Bob holds barn cat Miyagi after an exhausting day of rodent hunting.

Above Right: Cassie helps Lisa and Troy clean the windows in preparation for the horse show.

Right: Matt and Troy work in the pastures.

Far Left: Cassie rests in the Pasture A run-in shed.

Left: Barn volunteers go the extra mile, cleaning cobwebs and dust from the stables.



Volunteer Voices: Myava

GMTRC would like to thank our volunteers for all their hard work with barn duty, lessons, unmounted horsemanship clinics, Aaron's Acres, the Horse Show, and many other activities over the past few months. We had an excellent summer of programs and fun at the barn thanks to all of you! Since our last newsletter in May, you have given over 5,600 hours to our organization, with a total of over 9,500 hours for the year. Thank you from everyone here at GMTRC!

Remember to save the date for ***Celebrate***, our annual end of the year event on **December 8th** which celebrates the accomplishments of our participants and highlights the contributions of our volunteers. This is a fun event which helps us show our pride for and gratitude to everyone involved in our programs.

**Contact Myava – vol.coordinator.gmtrc@gmail.com
Ph: 717-203-7388**

Be sure to update your volunteer availability for Session 6, which will begin October 28th. Remember that barn duty and schooling riding continue through the winter and there might be other activities added. Contact Myava with any questions.

Volunteers of the Month

Lila Rhodes (June)
Patty Phelan (July)
Jessica De Tour (August)
Logan Harr (September)
Dakota Lewis (October)

Top Volunteer Hours (Since 1/1/19)

Bob Crovella - 422 hours
Melanie Totaro - 363 hours
Dorothy Tilley - 312 hours
Jessica De Tour - 222 hours
Troy Hess - 217 hours
Bobbi Schmid - 202 hours
Abbie Harmon - 192 hours
Donna Renninger - 185 hours
Allyse Van Zee - 176 hours
Adam Bert - 174 hours

Volunteer Spotlight: Reghan Radmore

Reghan Radmore is an inspirational 16-year-old high school student and a GMTRC volunteer extraordinaire! She started volunteering at GMTRC in February 2018 after discussing our facility and services with her mother, who is a special needs teacher. Reghan does it all – she is a sidewalker, a horse leader, and an equine facilitated learning assistant. Her bright personality brings smiles to both the staff and the riders. As the Manheim Township High School Key Club President, she recently led an effort to raise over \$300 for GMTRC. Reghan says she was surprised to learn how many instructors, volunteers, and horses go into making our programming possible. She finds happiness in seeing progress and joy in the riders. To those considering volunteering, she says “you definitely should! All the volunteers and staff are amazing.” Thanks, Reghan!



Reghan with Sampson



Thank you to our United Way
“Day of Caring” Volunteers!

Rider Snapshot: Meet Addison!

Addison Hays is a bright seven-year-old girl whose family introduced her to therapeutic riding lessons in August of 2018.

WHY HER FAMILY CHOSE GMTRC: An internet search in 2018 guided Addie's mother, Sharon, to Greystone Manor Therapeutic Riding Center. They were pleased to see GMTRC's positive reviews. Addie was always fascinated with horses and after her initial visit to GMTRC, she was ready to ride! Her step-father, John, says she looks forward to coming every week and counts down the days until she can see her favorite horse, Makeda, again. Her family loves visiting GMTRC, saying the atmosphere is welcoming and positive. Addie's step-father John says “everybody has time for you here.”

WHAT CHANGES HAVE YOU OBSERVED SINCE ADDIE STARTED RIDING? Since she started riding with GMTRC, Addie's family says she is more focused, and her balance and coordination have improved. She learned how to pedal a bike and her parents attribute this new skill to her riding lessons. Addie's confidence has grown as well. She warms up to new people more quickly and her social skills have improved. According to her teacher at Leader Heights Elementary School, Addie has taken on a leadership role in her classroom this year.

WHAT ARE ADDIE'S OTHER HOBBIES? Addie loves animals. Her parents foster dogs so she has the opportunity to witness kindness to animals on a daily basis. She has a special spot in her heart for farm animals, especially large horses. Addie loves Disney Princesses, the *Magic School Bus* series, and *The Cat in the Hat* franchise.

WHAT ADDIE'S FAMILY HAS TO SAY: Addie's parents want to stress how impressed they are with Addie's GMTRC experiences. Her parents would like to say “Addie, we are very proud of you. We are proud of the progress you have made. And we love you!”



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From the Board: Welcome Kristin!



Kristin Glass is a Lancaster County native and school psychologist working at the Lampeter-Strasburg School District. She holds a Master's in Psychology. She is an animal lover with a long history of Lancaster volunteerism. Kristin was voted onto the GMTRC Board of Directors unanimously in August 2019.

Why did you decide to join the board? I am always looking for opportunities for me to grow as a person and a professional. Being able to combine my passion for helping others to become the best versions of themselves with my love of animals has been very rewarding in my current job, and I wanted to find something beyond my job that would allow me to continue that. When I learned about GMTRC it seemed like a perfect fit for me. I am excited to start this new journey and participate not only as a board member but volunteer as well.

What were you surprised to learn about GMTRC? I helped to establish the facility dog program in my district. I have handled Susquehanna Service Dog Maya at the high school for three years now. As I toured GMTRC I kept finding parallels between the horses and the

dogs that I work with. While they are different animals, and have very distinct features about them, their use in helping people increase in confidence, improve physically, and build relationships is very much the same. They are both magical in that way.

What are your hopes for GMTRC? At this time I am hoping to learn about the programs offered and see if there is anything that I have to offer from my experiences whether that be in new programming or working to add the resources necessary to provide the best services to the community and our riders.

Tell us about your volunteer history. I was a coach for Girls on the Run. I have volunteered with Susquehanna Service Dogs with speaking engagements, puppy sitting, and team training. With the Humane League of Lancaster I have fostered cats and dogs, helped out with fundraising events, and been a dog walker since 2011.

Fun Facts: The best thing I have ever failed at is fostering. All of my animals were rescues from the Humane League, three of them started out as fosters. I have two Chihuahua/fox terrier mixes, Rocky and Lily, and three cats, Leo, Dixon, and Sadie. A little over a year ago, I started a little cat colony of heated outdoor homes on my porch due to Dixon's love affair with an outside cat. There are currently three residents out there, including the original cat. I am a complete sucker for animals and will do anything to help them. In addition to making family out of animals that find their way to me, I have a fabulous extension of family members. I come from a very blended family and have five sisters, three brothers, five nieces, and six nephews. I don't differentiate between biological and step. They are all family, just like I don't tell my pets I'm not really their mother.

Executive Director's Note: Jenn Rummel

Dear Friends:

Hi! I'm new here! My name is Jenn. On June 18th, I received the opportunity of a lifetime—an offer to serve as the Executive Director of GMTRC. I spent years fundraising for national and regional non-profits, but I always dreamed of managing a non-profit in my hometown. I didn't hesitate to accept my place with this amazing GMTRC crew. The culture of the board and staff, the volunteers, the riders and their families, and the donors is something only years and love and hard work could generate. I promise to give my everything to this tremendous responsibility that has been entrusted to me. It would be an absolute pleasure to meet all of you and learn about your dreams for GMTRC. Please do not hesitate to call or email me.



-Jenn

Jenn Rummel, Executive Director

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About Me: I'm a Lancaster native! I graduated from Manheim Township High School in 2003 and Millersville University in 2007. I also have a Master's in Public Administration. I married a Conestoga Valley graduate. We live in East Petersburg with our two kids, Sarah and James, and our two cats, Harvey and Pepper. I'm a huge animal lover. I got my start in non-profit work with ORCA and the Humane League of Lancaster County. I spent seven years serving as a director for the March of Dimes and The Children's Home of Reading. I don't have much experience with horses, but I'm learning! Come join me at a volunteer training! I love every horse in our herd. They all have their little personality quirks that make me laugh. I'm a big fan of the barn cats as well! Come and see me in the barn office!