

# Ride With Pride

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## The Extraordinary Give is November 19th!

Join GMTRC on Friday, November 19th for Lancaster's Largest Day of Giving!

At the stroke of midnight on Friday, November 19th, Lancaster County's 10th annual EXTRAORDINARY GIVE will commence. Last year, GMTRC was the proud recipient of \$19,262 in direct gifts and "stretchpool" dollars. This year, we hope to cross the **\$20,000** mark. Please join us by making a gift during the 24-hour event!

Visit our giving page at <https://tinyurl.com/gmtrcextragive> on November 19th!

Your gift makes a meaningful difference!



\$50

*Will provide adaptive tack or safety equipment for our riders and horses.*



\$100

*Will pay for vaccines or shoeing for one horse*



\$350

*Will provide a full session of lessons for a rider with special needs.*



\$1,000

*Will "Adopt a Horse" for a quarter, providing care for one of our equines.*

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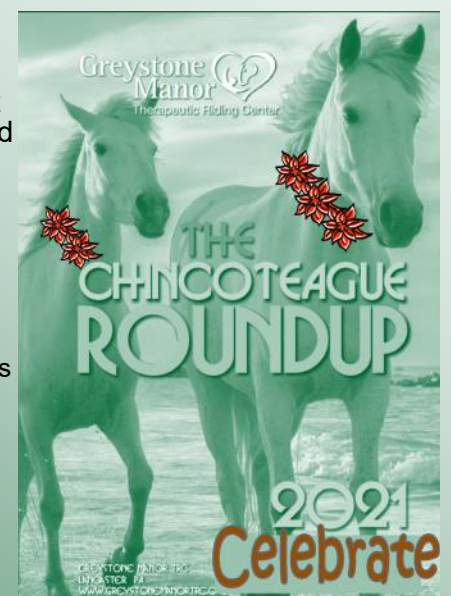
### Join Us for Celebrate!

Celebrate with light refreshments, coffee, hot chocolate, an awards ceremony for riders and volunteers and...

- Every student who attends will be entered to win a free mini photo shoot with their favorite horse
- Every student who attends will receive a gift
- Play games and visit with the horses
- Outdoor portable heaters available—but dress for December in the barn!

And the return of our famous basket raffle!

RSVP to Sandi by November 24, 2021  
Email [general.info.gmtrc@gmail.com](mailto:general.info.gmtrc@gmail.com)  
Or call 717-844-1798





## Programs and Instruction: Steph & Kristina

# The 2021 Horse Show— “The Chincoteague Round-up”

On Saturday, September 18, 2021, 41 participants tackled our Chincoteague-themed obstacle course and proudly displayed their growing equitation skills in the outdoor arena of the GMTRC barn. Congratulations to all who participated!

9:00 AM Class: Walk Only - On Lead		
Participant	Horse	Rider #
Tracy Darlington	Peppy	102
Mark Palmer	Lucy	112
Maria Otto	Nando	120
Amy Slider	Neptune	131
Becky Watts	Sam	140
Charlotte Bouscher	Lil' Lacey	103

9:45 AM Class: Walk/Trot - On Lead		
Participant	Horse	Rider #
Katherine Civitello	Neptune	105
Antonin Herr	Makeda	116
Addison Hays	Lil' Lacey	123
Wilson Schweigert	Violet	145
Lyndsi Binford	Nando	106

10:30 AM Class: Walk - Off Lead/Trot - On Lead		
Participant	Horse	Rider #
Nancy Shreiner	Opi	128
Sam Knighton	Peppy	148
Thomas Miller	Nando	154
Jon Sensenig	Sam	162
Sierra Holliday	Bailey	175

11:15 AM Class: Walk/Trot - Off Lead		
Participant	Horse	Rider #
Grace Trout	Bailey	129
Alejo Bair	Violet	149
Frances James	Neptune	158
Zoe Soderblom	Lucy	163
Audra Mylin	Peppy	167

12:00 Noon Class: In-Hand		
Participant	Horse	Rider #
Michael McCans	Makeda	101



12:45 PM Class: Walk Only - On Lead		
Participant	Horse	Rider #
Zoey Adair	Lil' Lacey	113
Mary Nejmeh	Peppy	121
Serriah Altman	Violet	132
Anavah Viselli	Bailey	142

1:30 PM Class: Walk - Off Lead/Trot - On Lead		
Participant	Horse	Rider #
Kammi Witmer	Nando	126
Allegra Essis	Lil' Lacey	151
Emily Zahn	Opi	174

2:15 PM Class: Walk/Trot - On Lead		
Participant	Horse	Rider #
Camryn McComsey	Lucy	107
Cordell Hebensberger	Violet	127
Carolyn Turner	Bailey	147
Jennifer Sahd	Opi	153
Nathan Buckwalter	Sam	160

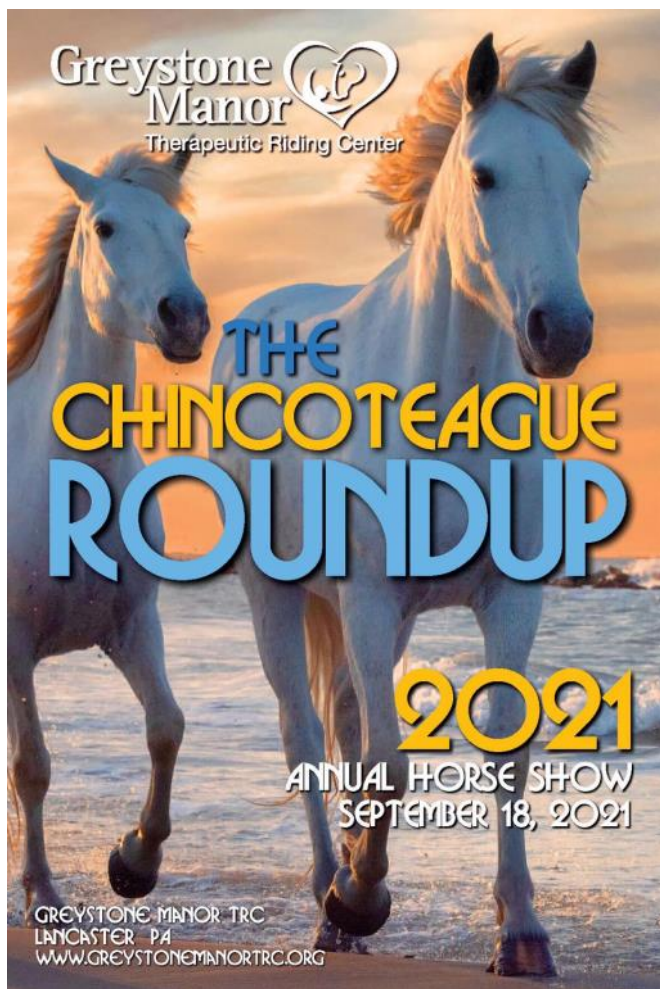
3:00 PM Class: Walk/Trot - On Lead		
Participant	Horse	Rider #
Emily Lincoln	Makeda	104
Isabelle Mesiti	Lucy	114
Lori Rottmund	Bailey	122
Connery Pham	Neptune	133

3:45 PM Class: Walk/Trot - On Lead		
Participant	Horse	Rider #
Andrew Swarr	Sam	117
Ann Wissinger	Violet	125
Jack Link	Lil' Lacey	150



# 2021 Horse Show—The Chincoteague Roundup

*Thank you to our Title Sponsor: The Central Pennsylvania Porsche Club of America*



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## THANKS TO YOU!

The GMTRC team would like to extend a special thank you to the volunteers who made this event possible!

- ◇ Event Judge—Marilu Garofola
- ◇ Photographers—Rachel Wertz, Dan Armstrong, and Cornelius Carr
- ◇ Announcers—Mark Leiden, Mark Herman, and Kristin Glass;
- ◇ Program Designer— Vic Matroni
- ◇ Obstacle Course Artist – Katherine Leiden
- ◇ Food Tent Co-Cordinators—Kathy Charles and Bobbi Schmid
- ◇ Logo Tent Coordinators—Carolyn Strohm and Marilyn Gehringer
- ◇ Special Guests—Allyssa and Angeli Ronco and “Storm”



## HORSE SHOW VOLUNTEER STATS

- August 21st - 6 volunteers gave 17 hours weeding and trimming.
- September 17th - 6 volunteers spent 32 hours prepping, bathing, and braiding the horses; another 16 volunteers gave 68 hours preparing the grounds for the show.
- September 18th - 57 volunteers gave 376 hours assisting before, during, and after the show.



## Volunteer Voices: Bobbi

### *GMTRC's Volunteers Make Our Programming Possible!*



Welcome to our newest GMTRC volunteers:

**August Orientation:** Emily Drennen, Suzanne Horton, Katherine Coughlan, Emily Landis, Erin Takemoto, Judy Davis, Julia Saurbaugh, Savannah Bergman, Gary Merica, Lacey MacRhyann, and Courtnee Rank

**October Orientation:** Gail Gracey, Peggy Mahoney, Anneliese Dyer, Maya Kirsch, Jared Drennen, and Abbey Herr

We also would like to do a shout out to all volunteers for this year!

### **2021 Volunteer Facts:**

- ◇ 110 applicants (year to date)
- ◇ 60 actively involved
- ◇ 155 volunteers donated more than 10,310 total hours to maintain our barn, organize special events and projects, schooling riders and of course, assist in all of our therapeutic lessons.

THANK YOU to everyone who has given their time to help make a difference this past year at GMTRC! It's impossible to express just how grateful we are for everything our volunteers accomplished in 2021.

Now it's time to get rolling in 2022! There are plenty of ways to get (and stay) involved:

- Sidewalk or lead in therapeutic lessons
- Assist during a barn duty shift
- Become a schooling rider
- Help plan and carry out special events and projects
- Join our Board of Directors
- Contribute with special skills and ideas – let us know what you're thinking!

**PAPERWORK:** The 2022 Volunteer paperwork (Waiver and Acknowledgements) will be available in the first week of December. **Make sure to get your paperwork submitted for the new year by December 24th so you can get started in January 2022!**



### **Hello Geym!**

GMTRC recently welcomed a beautiful 2007 chestnut American Quarter Horse to our herd. Geym measures 14.2 hands high. Her gentle personality makes her a perfect riding partner. She is a curious lady who enjoys watching people and other horses move around the pastures. Thank you to Nancy Paradis for donating this exceptional mare to the program!

### **The “Mane” Event**

The “Mane” Event Gala Presented by Garman Builders was held at Bent Creek Country Club on Saturday, October 23, 2021. Thank you to the sponsors, attendees, and donors who made the event a success. After expenses, the event raised over \$50,000 to support our programming.



### **Thank you to our Gala Sponsors:**

**Platinum Sponsor:**  
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## Meet Danielle

Welcome to the team! Meet Danielle Denlinger!

**Where are you from?** I was born and raised in Lancaster County and wouldn't want it any other way! I live on a sheep farm that's been in the family for a couple of generations and am fortunate to have my three horses with me on the farm, as well.

**What's your background?** I've always been involved with animals through raising livestock, mainly sheep, and having 50-70 lambs born every spring. I've had horses ever since I can remember and started taking lessons when I was 9 years old. I attended Camp Hebron in Halifax, PA as a camper for a couple years and then volunteered for several years after that - this is where I really found my passion for the horse industry. I attended York College of Pennsylvania and hold a Bachelor's Degree in Behavioral Science with an emphasis in Human Services and a minor in Applied Youth Development. Soon after graduation, I became a Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor through PATH International and a Pennsylvania Qualified Instructor through CECTH (Council of Education & Certification in Therapeutic Horsemanship). I've taught recreational riding lessons for about 10 years and have been teaching therapeutic horsemanship and riding lessons for the past 5 years. My heart is definitely in teaching therapeutic lessons. I'm currently also working at Walnut Grove Farms in Dover, PA in addition to Greystone Manor. Both facilities offer similar services but are also so very different from each other, so it is cool to see and experience a variety of programs.

**What excites you about starting at GMTRC?** I thoroughly enjoy

meeting new people and experiencing how various programs do various things. I think you can learn a lot from other people's teaching techniques, as well - you can never learn too much! One of my most favorite and rewarding things about my job, regardless of where I teach, is seeing my students meet their goals through hard work and dedication - and I get the honor of having a front row seat to it all! I'm very proud of all of my students.



**Tell us more about yourself.** In my free time, I teach a small handful of lessons at my home farm with my personal horses. I have three horses named Dublin, Sienna, and Clover. I thoroughly enjoy doing bareback trail rides on my heart horse, Dublin, who I have had for 12 years now. Don't get me wrong, though, Sienna and Clover are both pretty cool horses, too! I also enjoy hiking and spending time with friends and family. Fun fact - I LOVE ice cream and I very rarely turn down the opportunity to enjoy a bowl.

## GMTRC's Board Welcomes New Members

The GMTRC Board of Directors recently added three new members. Please join us in welcoming Kathy, Kathi, and Ciara to the GMTRC Family!



Kathy Phillips

**Kathy Phillips**—Kathy is the founder of Primitives by Kathy, Inc, a Lancaster-based wholesale gift company celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> year in business as well as Kathy's Circle of Friends, a 501c3 non-profit hosting themed events twice each month for differently abled adults. Kathy has enjoyed her time volunteering the past two years as a side walker and newly crowned horse leader. She says "experiencing Greystone's gentle herd, gracious volunteers, amazing instructors and most importantly hard-working riders has truly left me honored to be involved. There is so much to be celebrated and shared about Greystone's great work. I look forward to passionately lending my ideas to assist with driving the strategic goals of GMTRC, both in the board room as well as cheering in the streets!"

Ciara Young



**Kathi Markley**—Kathi is a special education substitute teacher living in Lancaster County. She has a diverse background in working with people with special needs. She has served as an advocate for Domestic Violence Services for over 20 years. She comes to GMTRC with fundraising and equestrian experience. Welcome Kathi!



Kathi Markley

**Ciara Young**—Ciara is an attorney and a Vice President at Kinsley Construction and its subsidiaries. She grew up as an equestrian and horse owner in York County. She now lives in Lancaster with her husband and two daughters. She brings experience in strategic planning, charitable giving, succession planning, and legal guidance to GMTRC. Welcome Ciara!



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**Greystone Manor Therapeutic Riding Center is a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status.**



Follow us on Facebook to keep up-to-date on happenings at the barn!

## Executive Director's Note: Jenn

Dear Friends:

Since 2008, I have worked with over 30 local non-profits as a volunteer, an intern, a student, a consultant, a board member, and an employee. I'm confident when I say that the level of love and dedication I see from the GMTRC volunteers, families, and staff is stronger than anything else I have ever experienced.

On October 23rd, we held our annual GMTRC "Mane" Event Gala presented by Garman Builders at Bent Creek Country Club. Over 100 people gathered to raise funds to carry out our programming. We listened to the Adair family share their daughter's story. We were moved as the auctioneers at H.K. Keller auctioned off a pumpkin for \$275 to a kind business owner who was happy to demonstrate the spirit of giving. We smiled as the winner of a live auction item donated their prize to the next highest bidder. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible, including Patron Sponsor the Walz Group, who were not included in the event program due to a printer time constraint.

To everyone in our GMTRC family—thank you for inspiring us to keep carrying out our mission to enhance the lives of individuals with special needs through equine assisted activities. We appreciate you every single day.

Sincerely,

*Jenn*



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## From the Barn: Lisa & Terri



During the Horse Show on September 18th, the GMTRC team officially retired our beloved paint pony, Wiz, after 11 years of service to the program. Wiz's gentle and reliable personality made him a barn favorite. We are happy to share that he is loving retirement at his new home. Wiz was adopted by local horse lovers Pat and Rolf. He spends his days with a dog named Gracie, a rescue turkey named Snowball, and another horse named Meechie. After Wiz joined his new family, Pat said "we are so happy he is here with us. Wiz is a character and gets along with Meechie and snowball. [We are] one happy family."



Thanks to a grant from the Robert J. Gunterberg Charitable Foundation, we will soon be adding new fencing to Pasture B.

*Wiz's retirement during the GMTRC Horse Show (top left). Wiz with Pat and her granddaughter, Reagan (bottom left).*

*Wiz with Snowball and Meechie and Wiz's new custom feeding spatula (right).*

