

Ride With Pride

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Therapeutic Riding Center

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2024 Horse Show Recap

With “almost” tropical weather, the Annual Horse Show was held **Saturday, September 21st** at the facilities at 1063 Hartman Station Road in Lancaster.

Always free and open to the public, attendees were treated to a show of 34 participants demonstrating their skills on horseback while navigating their horses through the Hawaiian themed obstacle course. The achievements of these equestrians is amazing. Their smiles priceless!

Susan Glick of *Heartsong Equine* provided a unique lunchtime demonstration. Working with her horse, Sundance, attendees were provided an insight into her method of training with a focus on connection and “quiet horsemanship” which she achieves by listening to her horse.

If you missed this year’s show, plan to join us next year! You won’t be disappointed...but will be totally inspired!

This Fall issue recaps the events this year and will give you information about what is to come. We hope you will enjoy reading it. Please share this with your family, friends and co-workers.
YOU can make a difference, too!

The Libby Craver Legacy Scholarship

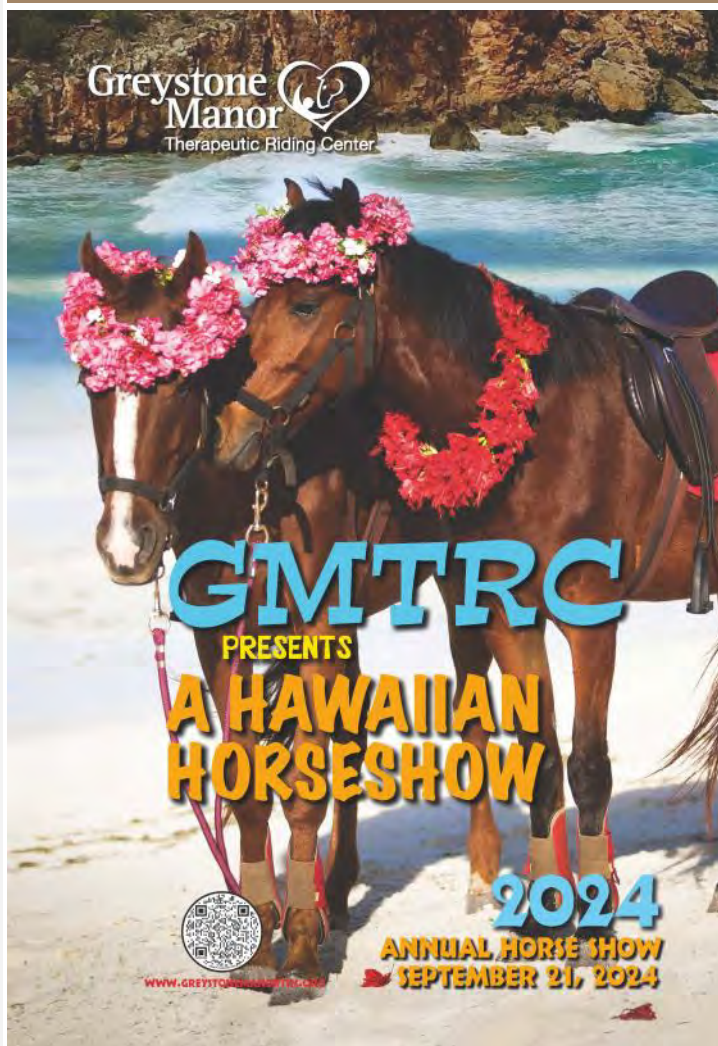
In honor of Libby’s long-time commitment of more than 20 years of service to our organization, her family created a scholarship program with the first three participants receiving their awards at the Annual Horse Show. Several staff, Board, volunteers, and friends and families of our students were on hand as scholarships were awarded to:

Liz P.

Hayden B.

Jennifer S.

This scholarship program will continue in Libby’s honor.



Event Recap: Open House 2024

Our Annual Open House took place Saturday, May 4th from 12pm to 3:30pm. More than 135 were in attendance for this event featuring barn tours, family games with prizes, a meet-and-greet with some of our horses, a bake sale, and an opportunity to learn more about joining our organization as a volunteer or program participant.

Special thanks to *Mia Myers (daughter of instructor Katie Miller Myers)* for working the registration table and explaining the Trail Map to attendees as they arrived. Your smile and outgoing personality was a warm welcome to all!

Thank you to our Event Sponsors:

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Sharing smiles!



Welcome Leslie and family!



Thank you to our community PARTNERS!



Celebrate Awards 2024

Each year GMTRC staff present awards to both volunteers and program participants at “Celebrate!” The following awards were handed out on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at the barn for activities and service completed during the previous year. *Thank you* to the event committee for putting together a great event for more than 140 who attended! *Thank you also to Primitives by Kathy* for providing another delicious catered meal from *Mission BBQ*!

“CELEBRATE!” 2024 – PARTICIPANT AWARDS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Ken Menne Rider Award (for the most conscientious participant) – Winner: Emma Diedrich* Janelle Conley Award (for having best attitude and a willingness to try with a smile) – Winner: Patti Greider* Rising Star Award (for outstanding new participant) – Winner: Brittany Welsh* Goal Getters Award (for excellence in lessons) - Winners: Brian Meyers (youth), Maria Otto (adult) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Guts n’ Grit (for courage in taking on new challenges) – Winner: Angelica Zander* Thoroughbred Award (most energetic) - Winner: Hayden Basore* Horse Whisperer Award (for excellence in bonding with a horse) – Winner: Kammi Witmer (for her bond with Nando)* Horsie Hoedown Award (for outstanding group lesson teamwork) – Winners: Allegra Essis, Camryn McComsey, Grace Trout |
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“CELEBRATE!” 2024 – VOLUNTEER AWARDS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Ken Menne Volunteer Award – (for the most conscientious volunteer) – Winner: Donna Spurri* Ted Dzubinski Award (does everything!) – Winner: Diane Garrett* Miss Congeniality Award (willingness to help with anything) – Winners: Sam DePue* Rising Star Award (for showing great progress since starting as a volunteer at GMTRC) – Winner: Leslie Gianopoulos* Muckateer Award (excellence in barn duty) – Winner: Matt Neideigh* Preppy Award (for making our lesson horses shine!) – Winner: Dakota Lewis* Fitbit Award (leader—trotting over 10,000 steps) – Winner: Peri Niskey | <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Professional Sidewalker Award (keeping our students safe in the saddle!) – Winner: Rachel Pellman* Spur of the Moment Award (for willing to substitute at the last minute) – Winners: Teddi and Steve Book* Cookie Award (for demonstrating excellence in fundraising) – Winner: Judy Davis* Legendary Award (for outstanding long-term volunteers) – Winner: Lois Gerlach* Guts n’ Grit Award (for courage in taking on new challenges) – Winner: Nancy Herman* Fan Club Award (for excellence in bonding with a horse) – Winners: Adam Mertz for his bond with Lil Lacey and Amanda Garner (for her bond with Makeda) |
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A special thank you to volunteers and recipients of the Winners Circle Club Award in recognition for over 100 hours of service in 2023.



Just a few of the
hardworking
Open House and
Celebrate team
members who
stopped long
enough for a
photo!



Event Recap Cont'd: 1st Annual Bingo 2024



Many thanks to our Board members, the GMTRC Staff, and our Volunteers who helped make the 1st Annual Heart of Greystone Bingo a HUGE success! We raised **\$23,738**...all on a Thursday night!

Special thanks to Vicki Fitzgibbons,

Vice President, and Anne Hopkins, Secretary, for their extraordinary leadership from the moment we started planning this fundraiser.

It was a fun evening for all who attended or contributed. We could not have done it without YOU!

Save the date...



Get your dabbers ready and join us **Thursday, March 13, 2025** for another fabulous FUNdraiser! More information to come soon!



***THIS** is what 306 dabbers looked like on May 9th at our 1st Annual Heart of Greystone Bingo at the Farm and Home Center!*

Stay tuned to Facebook and emails for more...



Celebrate *extragIVE* with us...

GREAT GIVING GIG!

November 22 | 5-7 PM
Tellus 360

The Extraordinary Happy Hour, is a collaborative effort to build a strong community together. GMTRC will be there, stop by and visit us to show your support! We will have drink specials, live entertainment and a ton of community resources, door prizes! See you then!

Welcome Tom Malesic to the Board of Directors



Tom Malesic joined our Board of Directors, July 2024. Tom is the Founder, President, and CEO of EZSolution, a digital marketing and IT support firm dedicated to empowering small businesses since 1997.

Tom and his wife Jennifer, are active members of the Lancaster community. We are excited to have Tom join our Board and look forward to his valuable input on ways we can improve our communications and marketing strategies at Greystone Manor TRC.



Meet Barn Manager—Katie!



Welcome Katie Weagley Hale! We are happy to announce that Katie began in her position as full-time Barn Manager the last week of July, 2024. Some of you may remember her at the 2023 Eventing Extravaganza Horse Show presenting the lunchtime demo with her equine partner, Donnie. That was just a small sample of her horsemanship skills. They were a tight duo and gave a very impressive per-

formance demonstrating skills and disciplines included in Eventing!

Katie comes with extensive background in horse care and training, as well as experience in barn management, and maintenance of the grounds and facility. Her smile is infectious—in fact you may hardly ever see her without one!

We are glad you are here Katie!

thank you



The **HOBY Group Leadership of Central PA** is the local affiliate of Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership. It is an organization that is dedicated to inspiring and developing a global group of youth and volunteers to a life committed to leadership and service.

Ten sophomores and three chaperones arrived at Greystone Manor TRC on Saturday, June 1st to help us do the “not so glamorous” chores under the thoughtful guidance of *Terri Kutz, Lisa Carvell, Bobbi Schmid, and Troy Hess*. These students cleaned the grooming boxes, the volunteer room, removed cobwebs in the stalls, and cleaned and painted all the outside halter boxes.

In Terri's words, “they were an amazing group of teenagers”.

We hope you will return next year!

We can't thank you enough.



FIND YOUR PURPOSE HERE!

Are you a high school student looking to record volunteer hours before graduation? Are you a recent retiree looking for a new project? Are you a horse lover hoping to find a new connection? We have a place for you! Volunteer with us at GMTRC!

Visit greystonemanortrc.org/volunteer or call 717-203-7388 to get started.

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

Our mission is to enhance the lives of individuals with special needs through equine-assisted activities.



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



Photo: Angelica and her fantastic team. Having a happy riding experience on Geym.

A Note from Board President, Judy

Dear friends,

As we embark on another fall here at Greystone, I wanted to take a moment to extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you. Your unwavering support and dedication has been nothing short of remarkable.

Your contributions through volunteer hours, donations, or simply spreading the word has made a significant impact on our ability to provide equine assisted services to those in need.

We continually see the positive changes our program brings to the lives of our students...from building confidence, improving physical strength and coordination, to fostering a feeling of belonging and joy.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful fall season.

Warm regards,

Judith M Davis



We hit a record! Over \$104,000 in sponsorships, donations, and auction sales.



If you missed this year's event, we invite you to watch for information for our 2025 *The Mane Event* and make plans to join us!

We wish to thank everyone who participated either with attendance, donations, or old fashioned hard work! This was not a small endeavor and we could not have achieved this magnificent outcome without YOU.

With thanks to our supporters...

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