

HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY, INC.



HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY RECEIVES \$2,000 GRANT FROM THE PILOT CLUB OF VALLEY FORGE TO HELP RIDERS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES

CHESTER SPRINGS, PA – JULY 1, 2014 – HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY, INC. is proud to announce that it has received a \$2,000 scholarship grant from the Pilot Club of Valley Forge, a local chapter of Pilot International, a global organization dedicated to brain fitness, youth development and the support of caregivers.

Founded by Elena Gonzalez Shaffer in 1997, Hope Springs provides high-quality personalized equestrian therapy to nearly 100 children and adults with disabilities each year. This generous grant from the Pilot Club of Valley Forge will help Hope Springs deliver therapeutic horseback riding and unmounted therapies to individuals who have experienced traumatic brain injuries.

“One of Pilot’s main projects is to help people affected by brain related disorders and disabilities through education and financial support,” said President of the Pilot Club of Valley Forge Bonnie Misko. “Since Hope Springs does such an outstanding job of helping children and adults with disabilities improve their quality of life through horseback riding, we knew we wanted to help out in any way we could. We are so glad to know that our donation will help more riders be able to take advantage of their program.”

“We are extremely honored to receive this grant,” said Hope Springs Senior Instructor and Executive Director Jeannie Knowlton. “Our partnership with the Pilot Club helps us to reach out to more individuals with traumatic brain injuries, offering our unique services. Through scholarship, more individuals will get the chance to realize their potential by using equestrian therapy to strengthen confidence and physical abilities. Each accomplishment, no matter how small, boosts independence, helping riders with brain injuries achieve far more than they thought they were capable of.”



Pictured (left to right): Linda Bauer, Trudy Houck, Jean Ann Saville, Alicia Fox, Bonnie Misko, Linda Rennard, Suzanne Yorgey, Jan Brooks, Ken Swimm, “Henri” and Jeannie Knowlton.

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About the Pilot Club

The Pilot Club of Valley Forge has been serving the community since 1978, but the first Pilot Club was founded in Macon, Ga. in 1921. Pilot International has been dedicated to service for almost a century. Originally designed as a volunteer service organization for business and professional women, it has since expanded to include men and woman from around the globe and in all walks of life. The historic inspiration for the name was the Riverboat Pilot who would steer a true course through calm and troubled waters, thus, for almost a 100 years, Pilots have served under the motto "True Course Ever". Today's Pilots find their "True Course" through our charge to "Do More...Care More...Be More...every day. To find out more about us please visit our website at www.interserviceclub.org/pilotclub.htm.

About Hope Springs Equestrian Therapy, Inc.

The mission of Hope Springs is to enhance the quality of life of individuals with cognitive, physical, emotional or behavioral disabilities by providing them with affordable therapeutic riding and associated special education of the highest possible quality, in a warm, safe and supportive environment. To learn more about our programs and view photos of our riders demonstrating what they have accomplished, please visit us on on-line at www.Hope-Springs.org or www.Facebook.com/HopeSpringsOrg, call 610-827-0931, mail PO Box 156, Chester Springs, PA 19425, or visit us at 1105 Green Lane Road in Malvern, PA.

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