

# HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY, INC.



## HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY RECEIVES \$5,000 GRANT FROM THE FINISH LINE YOUTH FOUNDATION

**CHESTER SPRINGS, PA – NOVEMBER 18, 2014 – HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY, INC.** is honored to receive a \$5,000 grant from the Finish Line Youth Foundation, an organization committed to making a positive impact in the lives of children across the country where Finish Line employees and customers live, work, and play.

Founded by Elena Gonzalez Shaffer in 1997, [Hope Springs](#) enhances quality of life for children and adults with disabilities by delivering customized, affordable therapeutic horseback riding and associated special education in a warm, safe and familiar environment. This generous grant from the Finish Line Youth Foundation will help Hope Springs provide therapeutic riding lessons and horse camps to local area children faced with cognitive, physical, or behavioral challenges.

The [Finish Line Youth Foundation](#) helps community-based non-profits such as Hope Springs provide opportunities for kids to participate in youth athletic programs and camps that emphasize active lifestyles, especially for children who are disadvantaged or disabled. Each year, more than 113,000 Finish Line employees nationwide ask customers to donate during in-store fundraisers, making it possible for the Youth Foundation to award \$137,100 to 14 grant recipients in 7 states in the [third quarter of 2014](#).

Hope Springs is extremely honored to be selected for this highly-competitive grant, which will be used to deliver the remarkable benefits of equestrian therapy to children with disabilities, the majority of whom live in nearby counties served by Finish Line stores.

“With Finish Line’s grant, we will be able to reach more young people and help them reach their full potential,” said Hope Springs Senior Instructor and Executive Director Jeannie Knowlton. “By working



with our amazing therapy horses and talented instructors, students gain capabilities, strength, confidence, and self-esteem. Through therapeutic riding, these young people can learn while having fun – and they can pass along what they learn to their peers.”

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### ***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](http://www.Hope-Springs.org) or [www.Facebook.com/HopeSpringsOrg](http://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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