

## HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY, INC.



### THE BOB CASHEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATES \$3,758 TO PROVIDE EQUESTRIAN THERAPY TO INDIVIDUALS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES

CHESTER SPRINGS, PA – JUNE 26, 2015 – HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN THERAPY, INC. is honored to receive a \$3,758 grant from the [Bob Cashen Memorial Scholarship Fund](#) and the [Council on Brain Injury](#) to deliver therapeutic riding to individuals with traumatic brain injuries.

At [Hope Springs](#), children and adults with disabilities receive customized, affordable therapeutic horseback riding and associated special education to enhance their quality of life.

[Bob Cashen](#), a ReMed resident, began riding at Hope Springs in 2011. A survivor of traumatic brain injury at age 18 and spinal cord injury at 41, Bob loved riding and immediately formed a special bond with his therapy horse Beauty.

With the help of his instructor Jeannie, Bob and his Beauty worked hard to achieve his goal of competing in a horse show. They were inseparable until [Bob's death](#) in November 2014.



Bob's family chose to honor his memory by supporting this organization that he loved. "Through his work at Hope Springs, Bob could build deep relationships with caring staff and volunteers, enjoy time outdoors, and most importantly, regain confidence and a sense of accomplishment through his riding," said the Cashen Family. "Our brother felt free from head injury when he was on a horse, a gift that enhanced his life significantly."

"Bob was unforgettable," said Joanne Finnegan, President and CEO of ReMed. "It wasn't his brain injury that made him special, but the kind and warm person he was, who reached out to others and made us all remember to pause and be kind. Bob built a community that included his family, his ReMed family, his church and the horses and staff at Hope Springs. The scholarship in his name through the Council on Brain Injury at Hope Springs will allow others along the way to find and build their communities."

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Through May 2015, Bob's family and friends donated \$3,758.50 to Bob's Fund, established by CoBI in support of our "Hope Springs for All" program. These donations will help Hope Springs deliver the remarkable benefits of equestrian therapy to many others striving to live full, happy lives despite their injuries.

"Over the past three years, Bob became a friend to everyone at our barn, singing songs with a twinkle in his eye and laughing through it all," said Hope Springs Senior Instructor and Executive Director Jeannie Knowlton. "We all miss Bob very much, and are deeply grateful to CoBI, ReMed, and Bob's family and friends for this opportunity to honor Bob by helping others achieve their full potential through therapeutic riding."



### **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, please visit us on on-line at [www.Hope-Springs.org](http://www.Hope-Springs.org) or [www.Facebook.com/HopeSpringsOrg](https://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.*

### **About ReMed**

*The mission of ReMed is to meet the needs of its clients and customers by providing exceptional and innovative neurological rehabilitation and supported living services and to provide staff with a supportive, educational environment in which to do their jobs. To learn more about ReMed, visit [www.remed.com](http://www.remed.com).*

### **About Council on Brain Injury (CoBI)**

*In May 2007, ReMed was instrumental in founding the Council on Brain Injury (CoBI). The mission of CoBI is to fund education related to brain injury, conduct and support research for more effective treatment and to advocate for improved services. CoBI is committed to increasing the awareness of brain injury, improving the lives of those affected by brain injury, and preventing brain injury. To learn more about CoBI, visit [www.councilonbraininjury.org](http://www.councilonbraininjury.org).*

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