



CHANCE ENCOUNTERS

Newsletter for Change through Chance Youth Mentoring and Therapeutic Riding - Fall 2009

Making a Difference One Rider at a Time

Change through Chance is making a difference in the lives of three little boys who've been faithful riders with the program.

Cole has been riding with Change through Chance for a year. He has come a long way, developing his trunk strength while riding double with his mother. Working with the horses and volunteers has enabled Cole to make great progress with his social skills as well.

Watching Kaden ride, you'd never guess he has physical and cognitive disabilities. He's a strong, confident rider who loves horses. Hugging his horse helps him develop trunk strength -- and riding helps with that too! Kaden's seen wonderful progress in social and communication skills in the year and a half he's been with the program.

Brenden has also been with the program over a year. Through hard work and dedication, Brenden's balance and truck strength have improved tremendously. Hey, sitting up straight and tall on a moving horse is not as easy as it looks! It takes strong muscles and coordination. Brenden's parents are so enthused about Change through Chance that they organized a fundraiser for the program! Their July 17 bicycling challenge at Vultures Knob raised \$1100.



Top photo: Cole rides double with his mom on Haflinger Tin.

Middle photo: Kaden shows instructor Jennifer Gadsby his riding skills.

Bottom photo: Brenden shows off his super balancing skills aboard Ace.

An Afternoon with Stacy Westfall

Change through Chance will host "An Afternoon with Ohio's Own Stacy Westfall." The fundraising event will be Saturday, Oct. 10, at 11:30 AM at Windy Knoll Farms, 511 Township Rd 462, Sullivan, Ohio.

At the event Stacy Westfall will give two one-hour-long presentations centered on the themes of emotional control of your horse, learning to read your horse's body language and bridleless riding. Stacy is famous for her bridleless, bareback freestyle reining performance at the All American Quarter Horse Congress, which was video taped and watched by millions on YouTube.

The afternoon will also feature the nationally ranked Cowgirl Express Drill Team, live and silent auctions (see a list of some of the donated items on our website), and a saddle raffle.

Between sessions, Stacy will talk personally with fans. She'll also autograph special, limited edition posters featuring photographs of Stacy, Roxy and Change through Chance students. The poster will be available at the event for \$10.

General admission tickets are \$10 each. VIP tickets, which include a Deluxe Chuck Wagon Barbeque (four-course steak dinner) with Stacy Westfall, are \$100 each.

For more information about "An Afternoon with Stacy Westfall," visit our website www.changethroughchance.org or call 330-201-3909.



New Classes Starting

Would you or someone you know benefit from therapeutic riding? Change through Chance provides individual and group lessons for students of all ages. We welcome inquiries and would be happy to discuss options with you. Please contact us at 330-264-3959 for more information.

Would you like to contribute?

All contributions are tax-deductible.

Donations can be sent to our mailing address:
Change through Chance
3800 Back Orrville Rd
Wooster, Ohio 44691

Volunteers Needed

Change through Chance needs volunteers to assist with classes. If you enjoy working with people and horses, please give us a call! Volunteers need to be at least 14 years old. Training will be provided.

Here is our contact information:
Phone: 330-264-3959
Email : info@changethroughchance.org

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NARHA Center

From Barn Fire To Barn Raising

The devastating barn fire on Memorial Day evening, which destroyed the Wayne County Commissioner's bank barn adjacent to the Change through Chance facility, and left much of our stables in ruins, didn't rein in our program. A week later we were holding classes, and hoping for good weather so our horses could spend the summer months outside. Now that fall's almost here, repairs are necessary -- and will be coming soon! We'd like to thank everyone who has volunteered to help with the renovations and offered to donate material!



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