



CHANGE ENCOUNTERS

Quarterly Newsletter for Change through Chance Youth Mentoring and Therapeutic Riding • Fall 2008

What is "Change through Chance?"

Change through Chance, Inc. is an equine assisted growth and learning center located on the grounds of the Wayne County Care Center. We offer two unique programs: an equine-assisted youth mentoring program and a NARHA (North American Riding for the Handicapped Association) certified riding instruction program for individuals with disabilities.

Our mentoring program brings horses and humans together to explore the magic of learning — personal responsibility, response rather than reaction, the value of teamwork and cooperation, commitment, creative thinking and varied approaches to problem solving.

Equine assisted activity is an enjoyable experience for many people, but for an individual with a disability, it can signify much more... a road to recovery. Each year people with cognitive, physical and emotional disabilities are discovering the benefits of equine assisted activities. Change through Chance has certified NARHA instructors for individuals who need this specialized approach.

A Summer Filled with Fun!

This was a summer filled with fun! Change through Chance sponsored three camps along with holding regular riding lessons and hosting special visitors to our program. The "Creative Challenges" camps were extraordinary hands-



on experiences for youth. Planned activities taught life skills and problem solving. Lessons included trail building, living with nature and much to do with horses, including lots of riding! There were 14 youth, ages 13 to 16 who attended the camps. We are already planning for next summer!

Enroll Now for Fall Classes

Change through Chance provides individual and group lessons for students of all ages. We welcome inquiries and would be happy to talk to you about how you could benefit from our riding program. Call us at 330-264-3959 for more information!



Meet Our Staff — Junior

Twisting Bill Jr, or just plain Junior, is a 100% Foundation Quarter Horse gelding, and is our senior member. He has seen the country and has been hauled to high school rodeos to compete in breakaway roping. Now retired from roping, he is making all our students put a smile on their faces when they get to brush and ride him. He is the most gentle horse of the herd and he loves attention.

Junior's owner describes his horse:
I got Junior as a 4 year old stallion,

had him gelded and started riding him. Jr. was a very interesting horse to say the least. He is a very smart, trainable horse as long as you are honest with him. If you wanted to play Mr. Smart Guy with him, he could show you a whole new view of planet earth that most people have never seen. If you are nice to him, he will be nice to you, even at age 25. My daughter Jenny showed him in 4-H and won Versatility two years in a row.

Jr. did not like tracking cattle or having a rope swung off him till he was nine years old. Jenny needed a rope horse for High School Rodeo so I asked Jr. if he would help us out and he took to the job like a duck takes to water. Jenny and Jr. qualified all four years of high school rodeo to go to the National High School Finals in breakaway roping and goat tying. Jenny took Jr. to the University of Tennessee's Rodeo Team for two years. Both years she qualified for the National College Rodeo in breakaway roping and goat tying.

Jr. is still doing what he likes best -- helping people help themselves.



Staff, volunteers, riders and our horses all work together at Change through Chance.

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All contributions are tax-deductible.

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

See our "Wish List" on our website at www.changethroughchance.org.

OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to the Change through Chance Open House!

Saturday & Sunday, October 11 & 12
Noon—4 pm
3750 Secrest Road, Wooster, Ohio

- Riding demonstrations
- Talk to our instructors
- Tour our barn and indoor riding arena
- Learn the benefits of therapeutic riding
- Bid on Silent Auction items
- Refreshments & entertainment
- And meet our wonderful horses!

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