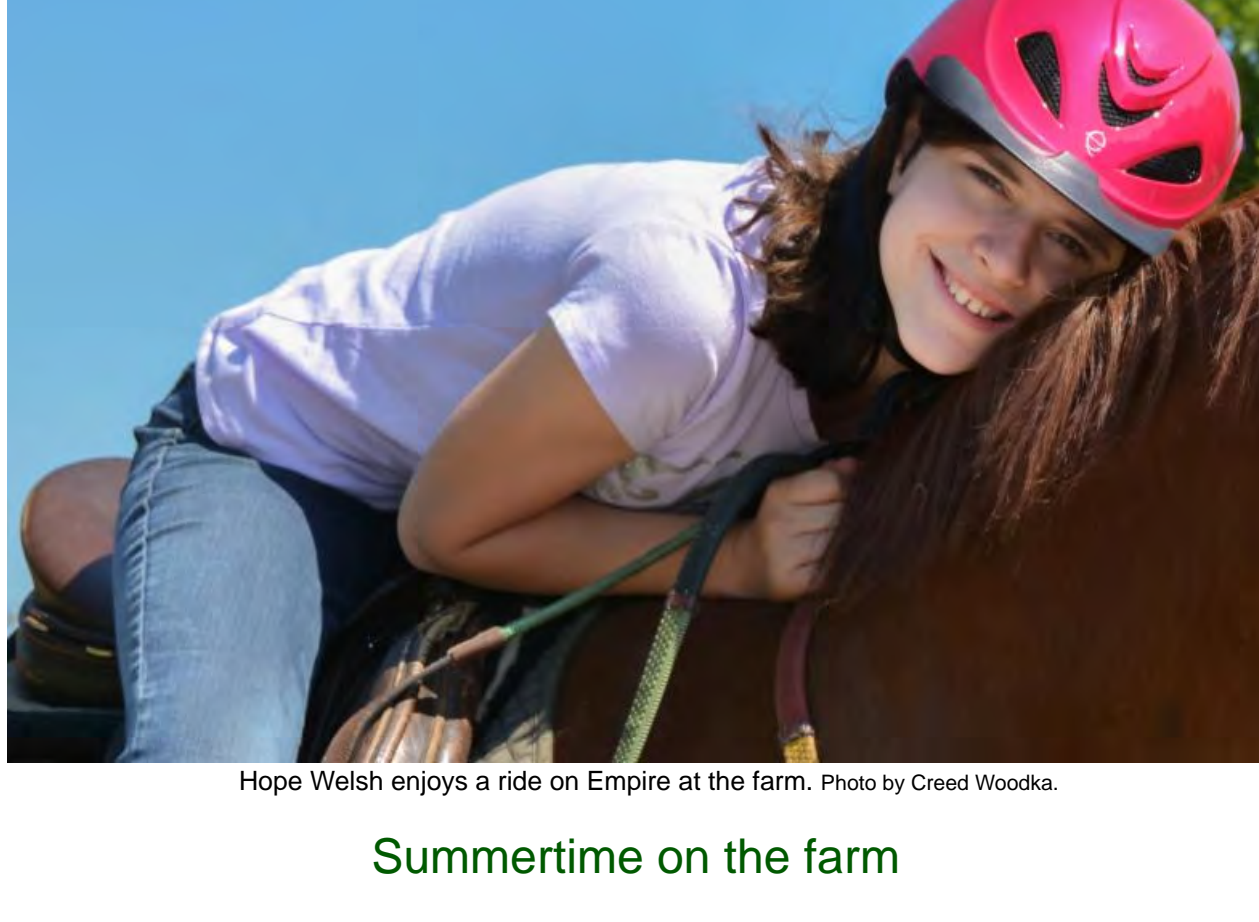


Bits & Paces



Hope Welsh enjoys a ride on Empire at the farm. Photo by Creed Woodka.

Summertime on the farm

Summertime on the farm is all about taking time to bond with horses, celebrating an accomplishment on horseback, exploring nature on our 45-acre property, becoming stronger, meeting and laughing with new friends. We are especially grateful to our volunteers, horses and donors for your support. Because of you, hundreds of people with special needs and challenge all ages are accomplishing more than they ever imagined through the healing power of our ho

New round pen accelerates therapy sessions

Thanks to our generous donors we have constructed a new round pen at the front of our property. This new ring allows students to work alongside our horses without reins, saddles, lead lines or any equipment attached to the horse. Instead the student must rely on his or her voice and energy to influence the horse.

As intuitive creatures, horses feel whether a student is anxious, angry or sad and react to those feelings. For example, if someone is anxious, a horse may move away from them until they are able to calm him or herself. And if a student is sad, a horse may reach out to that person and gently put its head on their shoulder helping to alleviate their feelings. It is truly amazing to see how our horses can sense the emotions of our participants and help them process their feelings and grow.

To learn more about our programs in the round pen, contact Melissa at 440-708-0013.



Ernest, a volunteer and student, works with Sonny to encourage him to walk around the ring. He wishes the foam noodle to encourage Sonny to move on, and when Sonny walks, Ernest rests the foam noodle. He repeats this until Sonny willingly walks around the ring. This exercise teaches patience, persistence and problem solving. Photo by Creed Woodka.

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Chefs Unbridled slated for September 17th!



Chefs Scott Kuhn and Chris Hodgson of the Driftwood Restaurant Group will once again lead an all-star culinary cast in our annual tasting dinner to benefit our Fieldstone Farm students on Saturday, September 17. Staged at the Chagrin Valley Hunt Club Polo Field with tasting station: live music and carriage rides, it is an event you will not want to miss. New this year is a wine pull and a Bourbon tasting station! This event sells out quickly! For tickets, [click here](#) and select "Chefs Unbridled tickets" as your gift designation.

Riders shine at horse show

More than 50 riders with special needs strutted their stuff at our annual horse show at the Chagrin Valley Hunter Jumper Classic. Each year this show gives our students the opportunity to celebrate all that they have accomplished on the same footing as the nation's Grand Prix riders. All are inspired as they witness the courage, determination and skill of our riders. Congratulations to all of our participants!



Peter Pogacar smiles with former Board Chair Tom Rathbone as he accepts a first place ribbon. Photo by Frank Gwirtz



Instructor Stacey Snyder smiles with Andrew Hailey and his mom after a great ride. Photo by Lynne Netschke.



Michelle Beavers shows off her ribbons with her family. Photo by Lynne Netschke.



Vince Gwirtz rides Vinnie beautifully at the show with volunteer Tracy Davis by his side. Photo by Frank Gwirtz



Kevin Powell admires his first place ribbon with Cash as volunteer Scott Wilson smiles with pride. Photo by Lynne Netschke.

Volunteers give generously

This year's volunteer fundraising campaign raised more than \$35,000 to support our horses. We are overwhelmed by the generosity of our volunteers. Not only do they give the time and talents, but they donate financially as well. We are so incredibly fortunate. The campaign donations will all go toward the care of our horses. We could not continue to operate without the service of these incredible dedicated individuals. Thank you all!

Thank You Donors

We are extremely grateful to all of our donors. For a list of all of our supporters through June of 2016, [click here](#).

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