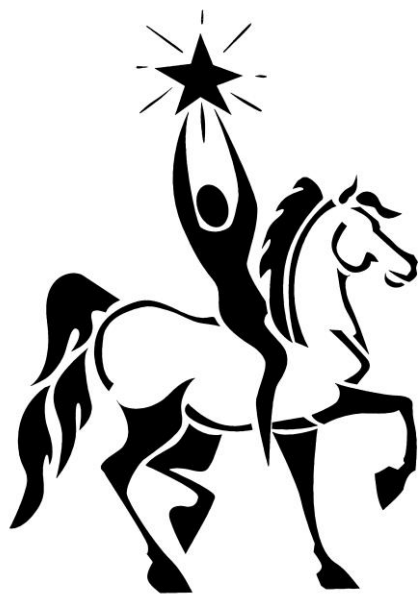


Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Inc.

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President's Message

TEC Endowment Trust Provides Future Stability

In the mid 1980's a friend phoned George Loughman to ask him to assist with a youngster who was receiving riding therapy at TEC and who needed a great deal of support in mounting and dismounting from his horse. This young man was the son of a close friend of George's wife Winni. Knowing that the boy was profoundly disabled, George, who loved children, horses and golf, agreed and thus, he was introduced to TEC.

While the boy was in his therapy sessions, the friend took George on a tour of the facilities. After watching the boy during his therapy sessions and later when helping him dismount, George listened incredulously while this usually non-verbal youngster was actually able to talk with his mother. George knew then that he had to help The Center. (By his mother's report to TEC therapists, the only time she and her son could communicate verbally was for about a half hour after his TEC therapy each week.)

George's first step to help was the gift of a set of new riding helmets in a range of sizes so that each child could be fitted perfectly with this safety equipment. And then he enlisted his wife's and his daughter's help in a huge fund raising project. With their extraordinary efforts and determination, the "Black Horse for TEC Golf Tournament" came into being. For three years the tournament got bigger and bigger. Each year Winni organized more wonderful picnic dinners in their back yard to follow the tournament with daughter Kelly arranging for tournament prizes and assisting her mother in ordering and organizing vast numbers of steaks to barbecue, mountains of corn on the cob, platters of salads and desserts, filling their yard with tables and benches, setting up a sound system so that there would be music and, in general, working with enthusiasm and love.

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The Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Inc. (TEC) is a private 501(c)(3) organization incorporated in 1984 dedicated to providing physical, learning and recreational opportunities to special needs children and adults. TEC is governed by a Board of Directors and managed by the Executive Director.

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Thank You Future's Event Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who generously volunteered their time and energy at the Future's 21st Annual Gourmet Dinner Event at the Holyoke Mall on May 6th, 2012.

This event is always a huge undertaking and the success of it is in part due to our wonderful volunteers. The Silent Auction, in particular, could not have been run without your help. Many people also worked to set up and take down tables and chairs and to decorate. Hosts and hostesses helped people locate their tables. Cashiers checked out the lucky winning bidders. The feedback from everyone who attended was very positive. It did appear to be an evening filled with fun and philanthropy as was promised and \$50,000 was raised to benefit participating children's charities.

Your continued support and efforts to help the children at The Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Inc. (TEC) are greatly appreciated.

Chris Delude



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President's Message continued:

Many of TEC's riders came to the picnics which followed the day of golf at Shaker Farms. They came to say thank you for all of the help and help there was indeed. Each year for three years George Loughman gave TEC a check for ten thousand dollars for operation of the program, retaining any balance so that there would be seed money for the next year's tournament.

After the third year when George knew with finality that there could not be another tournament and with the realization that he had developed a back-up fund of nearly twenty six thousand dollars, George met with Clark Lyon an attorney in Holyoke who, with his wife Helena, also knew and believed in TEC's mission. After a formal discussion, at George Loughman's direction, Clark drew up the documents for The Therapeutic Equestrian Center Endowment Fund. He, George, William Wagner, (president of Chicopee Savings Bank) and Sue Panitch became the first trustees. Later Calvin Coburn joined this group. Upon George's death, his daughter Kelly took his seat while Priscilla Fifield Chesky took Clark Lyon's place.

George's objective in setting up the Trust was to give TEC some financial stability. The Trust was written so that TEC could draw on a portion of the fund's income in an emergency and so that when it reached \$150,000.00, it would automatically give its annual income to TEC. Over the years, TEC has had several emergencies forcing the withdrawal of more than \$6,000.00 from the Fund, but – again over the years – with careful investing but without active fund raising (although indeed, several dedicated TEC supporters have made significant gifts to it), the Trust has grown to over \$60,000.00

George Loughman is no longer physically with us but his spirit, his concerns for the children and his memory remain part of our daily lives at TEC.

TEC's Board of Directors today finds that it is time to actively work to enlarge the Endowment Fund George started in order to meet the goals he set for it many years ago. It is the Board's hope that in September when TEC makes its annual appeal, all of TEC's friends and supporters will check off the box on the donor's envelope and add an additional gift to help develop the Endowment to its full potential.

Diamonds Have Become TEC Trust's Best Friends!!!

With the gift of a diamond ring, long time TEC friend Dr. Catherine Dower-Gold is supporting the TEC Endowment Fund.

The ring, set in white gold, is a fancy pave diamond pinwheel with an antique brilliant .5 ct. central diamond. The diamonds total approximately one and a quarter carats in weight.

TEC Board member jeweler James Sutter will be turning the ring into a pendant which will be on display for sale in his store at 1548 Northampton Street in Holyoke. This pendant will make a significant addition to any woman's jewelry wardrobe.

Shoppers, including those who will be picking up their Trollbead bracelets (which were gifts from James Sutter Jewelry to purchasers of the more expensive tickets to the 2012 Future Begins Here Gala at the Holyoke Mall) and enjoying the fun of perusing and choosing Trollbead charms will have the added opportunity of seeing and perhaps even purchasing the pendant when it goes on display for sale in July.

Sue Ellen Panitch

Please Support Our Supporters

Annually, those listed below support TEC's participation in The Future Begins Here with donations of items for the Live and Silent Auctions or with support for the event through the sponsorship of tables. Additionally, the Fine Dining Group, Uno's Chicago Grill, Starbucks (at the Mall), Paper City Brewery and Taylor Rentals offer great benefits to all of the participants in the Gala. Gail Page, manager of the Fine Dining Group coordinates the dinner. Uno's manages the bar and has given their entire proceeds from the bar to the Gala participants every year. Since joining the festivities two years ago, Paper City Brewery has also done this. These are all wonderful individuals and businesses. Please use their services and products and, when you do, thanks them for their help to TEC and other children's programs through their participation in Future!

Holyoke Merry-go-Round
Representative Richard Neal
U-Wrap Gift Wrap (Internet)
Don Muller Gallery
Reidy Heating and Cooling, Inc.
Mass. Academy of Ballet
James Barrett, Wood Crafter
Chap de Laine's Furniture
Competitive Edge Ski & Bike Shop
Holyoke Community College
Florence Hardware
Odyssey Book Shop
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Stone Pony Farm
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Chicopee Savings Bank
The Center School
Mass. Surgical Supply
The Student Prince
Carmelina's
The Federal
School Street Bistro

Cindy Spolek/Yarrow Designs
Representative John Olver
Mountain View Landscape & Lawncare
Artisan Gallery
Eastside Grill
Alan Gilborg, Wood Crafts
Highland Hardware & Bike Shop
American Rug
Party Lite
Pic's Sports Bar
Salon 241
Hannoush Jewelers
Helmlock Hill Farm
Macy's
Provisions
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Agriturf
PeoplesBank
Peoples United Bank
Blue Heron
Chandlers
Figaro's
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Kristine Villaneuve-Topor
Liquors 44
LEGO
Holyoke Dental Associates
Florence Savings Bank
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Cafe Lebanon
Delaney House
Horizons
Whately Inn

Mark Your Calendar!

Last November's Harvest Dinner at Eight Jarvis Restaurant was a sellout and people had to be turned away. For those who were able to attend, the dinner and wine pairings made for an unforgettable and delicious evening at the end of which attendees voted unanimously for another dinner to benefit TEC.

So mark your calendar: The Second Annual Harvest Dinner will be held on November 12, 2012 at Eighty Jarvis Restaurant in Holyoke. Like the 2011 dinner, it will feature wine pairings and a small silent auction. Menu and price (which will be around \$65.00) will appear in the autumn newsletter but for those who like a sure thing, Eighty Jarvis will start accepting reservations now! Call 534- 4000 to make yours!

Financial Report 2012 Future Begins Here

Timothy Deshaises

TEC held its annual Future Begins Here auction on May 6th at the Holyoke Mall at Ingleside. The auction benefits children in the Pioneer Valley and by all accounts was a huge success, bringing in nearly \$50,000.00 to benefit The Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Holyoke Rows, and The Holyoke Public Library. TEC's portion, based on auction item and ticket sales, totaled over \$26,000.00. That's about 25% of our annual budget! The auction included a Live and Silent auction, fine food donated by great local restaurants, and a chance to win a brand new Subaru! Over 400 people attended the event, many of whom received tickets from more than 40 local businesses who reserved tables! Mark your calendar to attend next year's 2013 auction on May 5th at 6:30!

TEC 2012 Auction

Income

Live & Silent Auction	8,965
Tables	11,345
General Admission	315
Prepaid Tickets	3,112
Flowers Sold	15
Restaurant Donation	1,500
Bar Donation	440
Raffle Proceeds	<u>706</u>
Total Income	26,398

Expenses

Liquor Fee	12
Printing	326
Postage	<u>28</u>
Total Expenses	366

Net Income **26,032**

TEC Calendar of Events

Aug 6th: TEC BOD Meeting

Aug 11th: TEC Picnic

Nov 3rd: TEC Horse Show

Nov 12th: Harvest Dinner at Eighty Jarvis

For more info Call TEC at 413-532-1462

TEC – Cancellation Policy

Remember TEC follows the same schedule for cancellations, holidays and vacations as the Holyoke School system. If Holyoke schools are closed due to bad weather TEC will cancel classes. TEC will also sometimes cancel because of extreme heat or cold.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call TEC at 413-532-1462 to find out if classes have been cancelled. If we are unavailable to answer the phone there will be a message on the answering machine at TEC with that information.

Also you can join us on Facebook for notifications and updates.

TEC WISH LIST

Printer; Print-Scan-Copy

Hay, Bagged Shavings,

Cat Food (dry) & Kitty Litter,

Cleaning Products, Garbage Bags,

Hot & Cold Cups,

Kleenex, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper,

Gift Certificates to:

Feed Stores; Tack Shops;

Office Supply Stores & Hardware Stores,

Snacks & Drinks for the volunteers & riders

Volunteer positions available at TEC:

- Volunteer Coordinator
- Ebay account Administrator
- Barn Help

Contact Judy at 413-532-1462 or
TEC5321462@cs.com for more information

TEC Class Schedule

July/August 2012 – Session #3

Monday:

Jul 9 to Aug 20, 2012 – 7 week session

Groups at; *9:30 & 10:30AM, 4:00, 5:00 & 6:00PM

Tuesday:

Jul 10 to Aug 21, 2011 – 7 week session

Groups at; *9:30, 10:30, 11:30AM, & 12:30PM

Wednesday:

Jul 11 to Aug 22, 2012 - 7week session

Groups at; *9:30 & 10:30AM, 4:00, 5:00 & 6:00PM

Thursday:

Jul 12 to Aug 23, 2012 – 7 week session

Groups at; *9:30 & 10:30AM, 4:00, 5:00 & 6:00PM

Friday:

Jul 13 to Aug 24, 2012 – 7 week session

Groups at; *9:30 & 10:30AM, 4:00, 5:00 & 6:00PM

***Morning Summer Camp classes are only 5 weeks
and will end Aug 10th**

TEC Class Schedule

Sept/Oct 2012 – Session #5

Monday:

Sept 10 to Oct 29, 2012 – 7 week session (no class 10/8)

Groups at; 4:00 PM, 5:00 PM & 6:00 PM

Tuesday:

Sept 18 to Oct 30, 2012 – 7 week session (no class 9/11)

Groups at; 9:30, 10:30, 11:30AM, & 12:30PM

Wednesday:

Sept 12 to Oct 31, 2012 - 8 week session

Groups at; 4:00 PM, 5:00 PM & 6:00 PM

Thursday:

Sept 13 to Nov 1, 2012 – 8 week session

Groups at; 4:00 PM, 5:00 PM & 6:00 PM

Friday:

Sept 14 to Nov 2, 2012 – 8 week session

Groups at; 4:00 PM, 5:00 PM & 6:00 PM

TEC Horse Show Sat, Nov 3rd

**Groups are approximately 50 min long and
meet once a week**