

A Letter from Harry

FRANNIE



SERVING OTHERS WITH HEART AND A SMILE!

"Frannie began riding at an early age and found joy at the farm! She felt loved, nurtured and proud of herself while working on strengthening her core! When Betty & Beau's opened their doors in Charlotte, employing young adults with special needs, Frannie quickly joined the staff. Mitey Riders gave Frannie the confidence to make the change from riding horses to serving up coffee on her Saturdays." - Quote from Marcia, Frannie's Mom



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GREETINGS FROM MITEY RIDERS!

I am so grateful to our donors for helping us provide therapeutic horseback riding free of charge for more than three decades! Our riders manage a range of challenges including autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, stroke, and rare diseases. At Mitey Riders, we focus on our riders' abilities, surrounding them with encouragement, love and support.

As we work with the next generation of Mitey Riders, we invite you to read how our program has impacted the lives of some of our wonderful alumni. As you read about Stacy, Chris, Elizabeth, Cam and Frannie in this newsletter, **I hope you are as inspired as I am by their achievements!**

My son David is now the Chairman of our Board of Directors and he joins me in wishing you all the best in the new year! - Harry & David



MITEY RIDERS ALUMNI

LOOK AT THEM NOW!

STACY



LIFE LESSONS FROM THE BACK OF A HORSE

"Stacy inspired Harry to develop the program that would become Mitey Riders. Harry even tried to learn sign language to communicate with her, but on his first attempt, Stacy signed, 'Harry, is a lousy signer!' Now she expresses herself through her art, advocates for others with disabilities, teaches sign language classes, and hosts a social evening every Tuesday night." - Quote from Carolyn, Stacy's grandmother

CHRIS



SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Chris started with Mitey Riders as one of our first riders. He is now an ordained Catholic priest with a parish in Milwaukee and is known as Father Bede. When he was 6 yrs. old, his goals were to walk better and ride a bike. He now says he "could do both thanks to Mitey Riders and Harry!" - Quote from Chris, Father Bede.

ELIZABETH



A PUBLISHED AUTHOR

"Elizabeth started riding at age 5 and continued for 16 years, gaining confidence and life skills that she carries into adulthood. Now, at 31, she lives independently and is an accomplished author with 4 published books. Her works can be found on Amazon, Barnes&Noble.com and Booksamillion.com" - Quote from Patrick, Elizabeth's dad

CAM



STUDENT & WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL ATHLETE

When Cam started at Mitey Riders, Harry told him he needed to learn how to transfer from his wheelchair to the saddle so that, one day, he could transfer to a car and drive off. Look at him now! "Cam felt empowered by being around other kids with disabilities. Along the way, he made valuable friendships especially with the one and only Harry." - Quote from Sherri, Cam's mom