

December 2020

The Mane Stream eCurrent

Unbridled Possibilities for Children & Adults with Special Needs



CURRENT HAPPENINGS



Amazing #GivingTuesday Results

2020 has been tough, but we met the challenge of keeping program going each and every day (except during the 3 month shutdown). With 13 hard-working horses in our herd, this year more than any other, we needed YOU to show your love for them by making a gift to pay for bedding and dental bills in 2021.

This year the Barn Elf was all over social media showing you our bedtime routine.

[Check out the antics & HUGE results >](#)



OTA Student Activity

Making therapy fun! Level 1 OTA fieldwork student, Robin Mayer, shares her reasoning and results for the activity she designed for Izzy during a recent occupational therapy session at Mane Stream.

THE IDEA: Take Izzy's favorite song and incorporate activities (dancing, games and drumming) that would work on some of her goals. And make it fun!

[Continue reading & watch the video >](#)



Holiday Wish List from the Herd

10/7 is National Letter Writing Day and what better day for the herd to send their Wish List to Santa?! From Lexol Conditioner to keep up with COVID-19 disinfecting to girths in various sizes for Minnie. 😊 The herd thought long and hard to ensure each of the items will make a difference for everyone at Mane Stream. Take a look at the Amazon Wish List which contains cute personal reasons why they are needed from each horse (Jen helped).

[Check it out >](#)



Staying Home And Lovin' It

But not forever. We said goodbye to our long-time Barn Manager and Summer Camp Director, Holland Kochanski at the beginning of November. She promised to come back to visit and may even be around again teaching or covering shifts in the barn. Everyone at Mane Stream, especially our 13 horses, misses her and wishes her well on her next adventure!

[Send Holland your wishes >](#)



Holiday Portraits by Jessica Sanders Photography

Schedule Before 12/15... and a donation of \$50 from every session goes directly to Mane Stream! These limited edition Holiday Portrait Sessions are designed for barn groups of 3 or more horses (or dogs), and are a streamlined version of the full black background equine portrait session (check out Jessica's portfolio).

[Find out more >](#)

ISO Full-Time Barn Manager

35 Hours Weekly. We are looking for an experienced horse person who is motivated and a self starter to join our team. Duties include caring for 12-16 horses who live out when weather permits, ordering supplies, scheduling and managing part time barn



staff, and assisting with programs when necessary. This position has access to health insurance, 401k with match and PTO.

[Send Your Resume to Jen Dermody >](#)



Wine Fundraiser to Benefit Mane Stream

Donating 10% of all purchases! Stock up now for your holiday spirits. Make staying home special with a selection of wonderful California wines (reds/whites/sparkling) all while supporting Mane Stream. This fundraiser was graciously set up by a therapy client's mom who just wanted us to know, **"You have done such amazing work with Carmine and we all know how much he loves Mane Stream!"** THANK YOU NICOLE!

[Find your holiday wines >](#)



Virtual Orientations and Shadowing Sessions

We're growing our volunteer community again! Our volunteer coordinator, Rebecca, is currently hosting modified virtual orientations for new applicants to the volunteer program. After attending the virtual orientation, each applicant must complete full volunteer shadowing sessions for both our therapy and adaptive riding programs. After shadowing in both programs volunteers can be placed on the schedule for a weekly commitment. **We are excited to welcome new volunteers to our Mane Stream community!**

[Sign Up Today >](#)

Volunteers Needed for Woodpond Adaptive Lessons

Huge indoor arena so you'll stay dry and won't freeze! Our adaptive riding program will continue at Woodpond in 2021 and we



need you to help make it successful! Therapy remains at the main barn and while we are mostly set with weekly volunteers, we always need subs. Make sure you look for emails from Volunteer@manestreamnj.org as we expand our volunteer needs to meet our programs. (Photo 2019)

[Sign Up Today >](#)



Holiday Shopping Made Easy

Stocking Stuffers Anyone? It's time to wrap up the shopping season! We have 3 different styles of women's short sleeve t-shirts and 2 different MS logos to choose from (Regular & Floral) in a variety of sizes. Contact Louisa to find out if we have your size in the style you want.

[Ask for sizes >](#)



In case you are interested...

F.M. Kirby Foundation, a long time generous funder of Mane Stream, is seeking exceptional candidates for an internship position. The intern will be a vital member of a dynamic team, providing support to our grantmaking and day-to-day operations. In this role the intern will interface with our staff, our non-profit grantees, and our philanthropic partners, exposing him/her to a wide variety of industries and careers. This paid internship opportunity, pending public health guidelines, will be a full-time, ten-week, in-person internship.

[Find out more >](#)





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CONQUERING CHALLENGES WITH YOUR HELP

Your gift now guarantees that we can continue to provide important programs for our riders and clients. We know that our programs have been a source of stability and a true high point for our participants during these challenging months. Your investment now will have a positive and immediate impact on all of our riders and therapy clients.

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