



## Volunteer Spotlight: Dan O'Donnell



### **What made you come to Mane Stream?**

Dan has been riding in this area for years and years (over 30 to be exact). He always knew that he wanted to dedicate time to volunteering after retiring from Verizon, so he decided to stop by and see what Mane Stream was all about.

### **How long have you been at Mane Stream?**

Dan has been volunteering almost 3 years now and racked up a total of 513.25 hours (not including the COUNTLESS hours spent schooling the ponies & horses). He is always

### **Meet Our New PT Taylor Schoenthaler**



Taylor is a physical therapist who completed her undergraduate studies with a degree in exercise science from the University of Connecticut in 2011 and a Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Rutgers University in 2014. She had internships in a wide variety of clinical settings earning a Certificate in Clinical Excellence in 2014.

When not at Mane Stream, Taylor works as a full time physical therapist in an orthopedic PT clinic and does per diem PT at Morristown Medical Center.

Not only was Taylor a volunteer for years at Mane Stream she has been riding horses since she was a child, riding in junior and adult

dedicated to helping out as a long liner with 3 therapy sessions a week along with our Matheny group held each Spring & Fall.

**What's the most rewarding part?**

Every session for Dan gives him a reason to keep coming back: watching the kids enjoy their time, learn, grow and meet their goals.

**Dan's advice for Therapy volunteers:**

Volunteers need to learn more about the therapist needs. Because the horses movement is so important, Dan's advice is to ask the Therapist what rhythm and pace is needed for each client. It's more than just walking the horse around the ring. You are part of the therapy team. People who ride, would probably love to long line, as its a similar concept. Dan has been asked to teach and looks forward to leading advanced classes for our volunteers.

**Who is your favorite horse?**

\_Blaze: Dan loves is spirit, spunky attitude, and athleticism.

**Dan's hobbies include:**

Dressage riding, Mane Stream and spending the rest of his time with his 2 grandchildren.

*THANK YOU Dan for all the time, effort and expertise you have given to Mane Stream.*

## Time to start thinking about Mane Stream's Summer Camp



***Horses, fun and friendship...week-long camp experiences where you'll create memories!***

equitation competitions as well as on the equestrian team at UCONN.

In her spare time, Taylor enjoys running, hiking, of course, and riding horses.

Please make sure to welcome Taylor if you see her on a Tuesday!

### Get Ready for the Rustic Bash of the Year!



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### Order Your Mane Stream Vest NOW and be ready for Spring



Personalize it by having your name embroidered so you don't have to worry about wearing your name tag!

Email your order to:

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We offer:

- Inclusive horseback riding day camp for children with special needs, their siblings and their typically developing peers
- An experience with organized activities that promote independence, self-confidence, team building and socialization, while allowing each camper to explore and discover new skills
- Daily riding lessons for campers, where they participate in horsemanship activities like grooming, tacking, leading, learning about horses and basic horse care, arts & crafts, games and trail rides.

Learn more about Mane Stream's [Summer Camp](#) and the two more advanced weeks called what [Horses. Horses. Horses!](#)

Some weeks fill up quickly so act now!  
Contact Camp Director, Holland Kochanski  
[holland@manestreamnj.org](mailto:holland@manestreamnj.org)  
908.439.9636

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

LET US KNOW NOW IF YOU CAN HELP!  
Additional Camp Training Required for  
all who have not completed previously.  
Contact Sarah at [volunteer@manestreamnj.org](mailto:volunteer@manestreamnj.org)

## Your Tack Gives Back! Please Donate Your Used Tack



Mane Stream is seeking donations of new and gently used

Include your size & spelling  
of your name which will  
appear on the left breast  
if you want.

**Orders Due  
February 20th**

**Drop your \$40 check off in the  
office or send it directly to  
PO Box 305  
Oldwick, NJ 08858**

#### **iConectiv Community Service Day**



Thank you  
Bryce, Roy, & Joe

Your FULL day of hard work has made a big impact in the entry & reception area. We love the fresh new coat of paint and the color is going to look awesome with the easy-to-clean flooring being donated by another Mane Stream Donor in February.

If your company offers time off to volunteer or you are interested in getting your office together for a day of team building, consider Mane Stream in 2016. Contact Volunteer Coordinator [Sarah Andrews](#)

**Invite Your Friends  
to Join the  
Mane Stream  
Volunteer Team**

**They can get started now!**

1. Complete the online  
[Volunteer Registration](#)

tack or horse related items for its Spring Tack Sale to be held on April 16th.

Get a jump on spring cleaning by dropping off unwanted bridles, saddles, blankets, tack boxes as well as out grown boots, breeches, jackets, and any horse related models or knick knacks. This is a great way to support the Mane Stream mission and help improve the quality of life for individuals with physical, developmental, emotional and medical challenges through a diverse program of equine assisted activities, therapy and educational initiatives.

This event is an important part of the yearly fundraising plan with all proceeds to benefit Mane Stream's horses and equine assisted programs, including "Take the Reins" for Veterans and "Horses for Healing" for those living with, recovering from and living life after cancer, our newest programs that have received very positive feedback.

### TACK DONATIONS

**can be dropped off at the farm during office hours  
(83 Old Turnpike Rd. Oldwick)**

*To make a donation or if you need directions or have any questions, please contact Holland Kochanski at [holland@manestreamnj.org](mailto:holland@manestreamnj.org) or 908.439.9636*

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83 Old Turnpike Road  
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2. Email Sarah Andrews the [Volunteer Coordinator](#) to RSVP for one of the upcoming orientations.

Wednesday, Feb. 10th @ 6pm

OR

Saturday, Feb. 13th @ 10am

**\*\*Due to limited space and seating, you MUST RSVP in order to attend\*\***

**SAVE THE DATE  
Mane Stream  
5K Run, Walk & Roll**

Sunday, April 24th

8AM - 12PM

Location TBD

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