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Mane Stream celebrates serving the community for 45 years in 2017...and it wouldn't have been possible without VOLUNTEERS.

Mane Stream celebrated our terrific volunteers during Volunteer Appreciation Week with drinks, treats & games in the breezeway. Our "Thank you for your Helping Hands Tree" with 45 reasons we are thankful for our volunteers grew daily on the wall. Thank you to the members of the Mane Stream community who shared their grateful sentiments.

45 Thanks for 45 Years of Service



Adaptive Horsemanship & Equine Assisted Therapies

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Upcoming Events

BBQ Sponsors



KICK THE DUST UP \$5,000

Didi & Andrew Baptiste Kathy & Hal Kamine

PLAY IT AGAIN \$2,500

Janet & Peter Antico Cynthia Barkman & Ron Caruso Bill Peskoff Kevin & Betsy Sullivan

- 1. Making it possible for our children to get the best out of their horses & their therapists.
- 2. Caring for our horses like they are your own.
- 3. Showing up even when you weren't feeling up to it.
- 4. Being so sweet when you walk my daughter out to her lesson.
- 5. Being willing to spend the entire day out in the sun when it is 90+.
- 6. Continuing reading the rest of the list

Thank You T-Shirt Sponsors!

Green Rock Recycling, Kurt Hoffman Engineering, Performance Tire Co., Pine Woods Farm, Mark Seguine Excavating, Roger & Jeanne Rogalin

If you are a volunteer and have not received your volunteer shirt, stop in the office to say hi and pick one up!

Look What the Easter Bunny Brought Us! (AKA the UPS Guy)



Thanks to the "Helmets. Horses. Happiness." national campaign organized by Dover Saddlery, Mane Stream received 19 brand new helmets in a variety of colors and sizes. Dover donated one helmet to a deserving cause for every two purchased from their company during this week-long campaign in March. As a result they donated over 700 helmets

to 41 charities nationwide.

Here at Mane Stream we #MindYourMelon! That means we replace all helmets that have been in use for 5 years. So, we need to replace several helmets every year to keep our riders safe. We are extremely grateful to Dover Saddlery for this generous gift!

If you're looking for a new helmet, Dover has a wide variety available at their store in Branchburg, NJ and on their website at www.doversaddlery.com

Learn more about the importance of good head protection check out $\underline{\mathsf{Mind}}$ Your $\underline{\mathsf{Melon}}$

We're Grateful for Their Service! **Veterans Volunteering at Mane Stream**



Did you know that Mane Stream hosts a monthly volunteer program with the PTSD unit of the Veteran's Administration in Lyons, NJ?

It's amazing what one hour on the farm can do for them...and for us! Smiles and warmth exude from these brave servicemen and our once muddy horses are now clean and ready for a packed afternoon schedule of Adaptive Riding.

Don't miss out on seeing all the "connections" from this month's visit. These stunning photos taken by brand new volunteer, Kira Theesfeld of <u>Abigail Thomas Photography!</u>

CRASH MY PARTY \$1,000

Central Solutions Group, LLC
David McShane
Stryker Heating, Cooling &
Plumbing

I DON'T WANT THIS NIGHT TO END \$500

Laura & Hank Brucker Joy & Paul Kochanski Laura Kosjek Lynn & Fred Ruck



Purchase Your Tickets Now

Be part of the biggest bash of the year!

Saturday, May 20, 2017 6-11pm Red Tail Farm, 1100 Rattlesnake Bridge Rd. Bedminster, NJ

Boot Scootin' BBQ

Grab Your Chance NOW!



What would you do with a pile of money?

Grab your chance in the Mane Stream 50/50 Raffle by purchasing 1 for \$5, 5 for \$10 or 15 for \$20.

Contact the office to purchase tickets 908,439,9636

Volunteer Corner

Summer Camp

Awesome Deals & Fun for the Family Spring Tack Sale & Open House



TACK SALE:

The tack sale was a huge success raising \$3,700! There were 50 people lined up outside the doors starting at 7am, an hour before the doors even opened. Throughout the day a constant stream of shoppers came from far and wide to look through various bins filled with items that had been donated throughout the past 6 months including

20 wonderful blankets from **Horse Duds & Suds Equine Laundry Service** and a variety of NEW shirts, riding pants and jackets from **Weatherbeeta**. Many happy shoppers walked out with plastic tubs filled to the brim with all kinds of horse-related gear, clothes and books!

Preparations are already underway for our **Fall Tack Sale on October 7th** - we just went to Chris Kappler's show stable in Pittstown, NJ to pick up a truckload of awesome items in pristine condition. Remember we take donations of ANYTHING horse related and we need you to help make the Fall Tack Sale a success. Mark your calendar and don't miss it!



OPEN HOUSE:

Lovely spring weather contributed to the success of our Open House in April, with 13 families stopping by to learn more about Mane Stream's summer camp and adaptive riding programs. Everyone took registration forms home with them, and we're looking forward to having some new campers and riders joining us this spring and summer. The six Mane Stream Horses who were in the barn spent the day getting tons of love & homemade treats from those who attended.

The barn looked beautiful thanks to our dedicated Mane Stream volunteers and Terri & David Andrechick who worked tirelessly the day before the Open House. AND thank you to everyone who shared our Facebook posts promoting the Open House - it helped get the word out!

Dress Down & Donate! Pingry Students Making a Difference

Students at the Pingry School in Basking Ridge were grateful to 8th grader Kayla Morriello when she came up with a unique plan that allowed them to ignore the dress code for a day - and all they had to do was make a small donation to Mane Stream!

Kayla was inspired to help support our equine assisted programs after volunteering at our summer camp in 2016. An experienced equestrian herself, she saw how much our campers benefit from the camp experience and calming effect of the horses.

Her dress-down day was a big success, resulting in a gift of more than \$300 for Mane Stream.

Volunteers Needed



8 Weeks to Choose From

Volunteer 1-2 weeks, all 8 or a certain day of the week several times during the summer.

Have you been thru an Orientation,
Hands-On Training & Summer Camp Training?

If not sign up now for whichever sessions you haven't completed!

Saturday, May 6 Camp Training, 1-2pm

Tuesday, June 6Orientation, 6-7pm
Camp Training, 7-8pm

Friday, June 9
Training, 5:30-7pm

Save Your Spot

volunteer@manestreamnj.org

Volunteer Birthdays



Happy Birthday!

Corrine Rybarski 5/1 Abby Kotwick 5/2 Gayle Garner 5/2 Jessica Defort 5/2 Fallon Melillo 5/3 Gretchen Doner 5/6



Many thanks to Kayla and her fellow students for their generosity.

YMCA Community Service Workday **April Fools Day?**



NO FOOLS IN THIS GROUP!

Only hard workers from the Hunterdon County YMCA showed up at Mane Stream on April 1st. Thank you for giving the farm its spring cleaning just in time for our April Open House.

Special thanks to Lisa Bulger for being the photographer for the day.

Check Out the Photo Gallery

Volunteers Needed for the Upcoming Corporate Community Service Workdays: Keller Williams on May 11th & Deloitte on June 9th Your help is needed to ensure these LARGE groups have the best experience possible. Your knowledge of the farm, horses and what it's like to volunteer at Mane Stream make these events a success. 2-3 Group Leaders and a Photographer needed for each of these workdays.

Contact Emily to find out more. volunteer@manestreamnj.org

Lizzy Ramsey 5/7 Isabelle Lhuillier Harmonay 5/7 Joei Drozjock 5/8 Kevin Sullivan 5/9 Margaret Drew 5/10 Larissa Reick 5/10 Cheryl Ashton 5/13 Nicholas Zobian 5/15 Simara Velazquez 5/21 Amanda Pyle 5/23 Mary Schwenkler 5/24 Lauren Reid 5/24 Theresa Andrechick 5/25 Donna Sakkatos 5/25 Erin Cisek 5/26 Stephanie Finkel-Quinones 5/29 Anika Yetsko 5/30

Make sure to wish your fellow volunteers
Happy Birthday when you see them.

SHARE THE NEWS

Click on the button below to become part of the Mane Stream Family.



GROUP FIELD TRIPS NOW OFFERED

Farm Fun at Mane Stream!

Learn about responsibility, teamwork, social skills and horses in a safe and relaxed environment. Featuring activities that are tailored to the ability level and ages of your participants.

<u>Activities may include:</u> Feeding, grooming and tacking, leading a horse through an obstacle course, and depending on time a quick riding experience!

Various Dates Available in May & June. Also available July 3, 5, 6, 7, & 8.



Choose to visit for either 1 or 2 hours and because we have an indoor arena your outing won't be rained out. Field Trip fees are \$20 per person without riding or \$25 per person with a short ride.

Book your field trip now! Contact Jen Dermody jen@manestreamnj.org or 908.439.9636

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