



Rising Hope Farms

Dear Rising Hope Supporter,

Rising Hope is so excited to share news of our many blessings with you! Our tenth year of therapeutic riding (always offered at no cost to our riders) is underway. We currently have 30 riders riding per week, with sessions offered three days per week. We also have hosted special education classes from several schools, various church groups, Hospice camps, and partner regularly with the North Carolina Boys Academy.

We are enjoying our indoor riding arena and the new volunteer and rider facilities within it. It provides us shade, shelter and lighting, so we are able to ride throughout the hot summer months, and into the fall when the days get shorter. We also added a covered area to the back of the barn, so the horses and those who work to get them ready for riding sessions can also have shade and cover. These improvements were all made possible by our donors.

The exciting news is that we have been presented with an offer continue the facility improvements in the form of a matching fund donation. These improvements include paving the parking area to make it easier for our limited mobility riders to access the arena with walkers and wheelchairs. Another item on our wish list is large overhead arena fans to circulate stagnant air during the worst of the summer heat. And, finally, we would like to add some sturdy horses to our herd and retire several that are no longer able to withstand the demands of therapy riders.

The contribution we received will match funds raised up to \$10,000. This means we can raise a total of \$20,000, which will go a long way to fulfilling the completion our goals. Please help us maximize this gift with your donation, of any size, marked for the "Matching Fund Campaign" while every dollar you give will be doubled in impact! We are able to take advantage of this offer if your matching fund is received before October 1, 2017, so please make your contribution today.

Thank you for your support.

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