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The Exceptional Equestrians Newsletter

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Rider Profile: Jaxson Deicher

9-year-old Jaxson Deicher has ridden at Exceptional Equestrians for almost 4 years.

Jaxson's mom, Tiffany, has been very pleased with Jaxson's progress: "We are so happy and honored to have Jaxson part of Exceptional Equestrians program. The work that is being done there, allows my son to thrive."

When asked to reflect on their EE experience, Tiffany had this to say: "I remember the first day Jaxson came to Exceptional Equestrians; the entire staff welcomed him as if he was there for years. Every session is a positive experience. I have nothing but great things to say about the team, volunteers, and the horses. All of the therapists have so much knowledge and enthusiasm, and they work so hard for the people in the programs. I would absolutely recommend Exceptional Equestrians to anyone."

Jaxson works closely with Carol Klak, OTR, MA, and she was happy to share her assessment of Jaxson's progress since he began riding: "Jaxson started riding the summer of 2019. When he first started, he needed a lot of support to sit upright. Throwing and catching a ball or throwing at a target was very difficult for him initially."

Jaxson is very happy when he is at EE. At times he will say, 'Happy, happy, happy.' He has been talking more as he rides. He participates in a variety of activities while on the horse including darts and he has gotten several bullseyes. There are also sensory strategies incorporated into each session. He may start and end his session completing a wheelbarrow walk (walking on his hands while therapist has his feet) as he goes up and down the ramp to provide heavy work activities to help modulate and regulate his body. Jaxson has made great progress and we are so happy to have him here at EE."

Message From Our Executive Director: Connecting EE to the Community

Summer is approaching and so is our annual Horses for Healing event. This one-of-a-kind event offers us the opportunity to share our grounds and facilities with families throughout Northeastern Wisconsin. Attendees will meet our horses, who are an integral part of our therapy team, and will learn about the healing power of horses.

What really makes this event unique, is that Exceptional Equestrians will share its grounds with other service providers in our community. We will come together with a common goal of providing families an opportunity to discover and understand the multiple resources available. Each of the resources who will be present on June 24th have their own unique and valued contributions to the well-being of children and families in our community.

I recall the saying "no man is an island" and how true. By working together and collaborating with other service providers Exceptional Equestrians can be part of a bigger impact.

Please join us in celebrating families and promoting wellness at Horses for Healing on Saturday, June 24, from 10am-3pm.

Horsepower For Horses

Exceptional Equestrians is looking for your used vehicles to help grow our new Horsepower for Horses vehicle donation program.

By donating your vehicle, we can raise funds to support Exceptional Equestrians' mission to better the lives of people of all abilities through the healing power of horses. You might think of your vehicle as nothing more

than a "junk car", but to the riders here at Exceptional Equestrians, your donation can give them a life-changing experience.

All vehicles are considered! We accept cars, trucks, SUV, RVs, motorcycles, trailers, boats, campers, off-road vehicles, and most other motorized vehicles – running or not.

Here's how it works...

Submit the Online Form

Find the form at www.ncsvehicledonations.com/nonprofits/exceptional-equestrians or www.exceptionalequestrians.org. Look for the license plate at the top of the page.

Schedule Your Free Pick-up

Choose a time that works best for you!

Our Donor Support Representatives will arrange to have a licensed tow company pick up your vehicle just about anywhere in the U.S. within 72 hours.

Tax Benefits

Most vehicle donations qualify for a tax deduction.

At pickup, the driver will provide an initial donation receipt. You may claim as a tax deduction the fair market value of your vehicle up to \$500 on your donation even if your vehicle sells for less. If your vehicle sells for over \$500, we will provide a 1098-C IRS form which will allow you to claim the full sale price of your donated vehicle.



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SAVE THE DATE: Second Annual Horses For Healing

Horses for Healing will be held on Saturday, June 24, from 10 am to 3 pm with a mission of providing healing for kids and families by fostering mental wellness through happiness, healthy choices, and inclusion.

Last year over 200 families participated in our first event, and we are thrilled to once again open our facility to the community.

This free, public event is a partnership between EE and 15 other local nonprofit organizations providing activities and educational opportunities focused on:

- Sensory Processing
- Exercise
- Healthy Eating
- Creativity/Art
- Outdoor Adventures
- Animals
- Social and Emotional Wellbeing
- Inclusiveness

Other fun activities will include bounce houses, face painting, K9 demonstrations, a visit by the Hobart Fire Department, food trucks and auction items.

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Our mission is to better the lives of people of all abilities through the healing power of horses.

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Special Thank You: CONNECT powered by American Family Insurance

Exceptional Equestrians would like to extend a very special thank you to the teams from CONNECT, powered by American Family Insurance for volunteering as side-walkers and other volunteer opportunities with our school groups these past Fridays. Such a fun and amazing day with everyone!



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