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Dear Friend of Three Gaits,

“Dreams do come true.”

Sometimes it's a simple dream—to be able to experience the joy and freedom of riding a horse. For others, the dream is to hear a loved one speak, regain their ability to walk, or simply smile. These beautiful words—“Dreams do come true”—came from a seven-year-old with cerebral palsy, riding for the first time at Three Gaits.

Each year more than 250 people with disabilities enter the riding arena at Three Gaits, where volunteers, staff and our amazing equine partners come together to support their dream to ride a horse.

You make dreams possible.

None of these dreams would be achievable without the financial support of friends like you. Your donations help keep the lights on and the horses healthy and happy. We rely on you to support riders, keep costs of riding affordable, provide scholarships, acquire new or special equipment, purchase horse supplies, pay staff salaries and complete routine maintenance. All of this ensures safe, high-quality, and effective horse-related programs.

Help the dreams to continue.

Every gift, no matter the size, has a positive impact on the lives of our riders and their families. For more than three decades, Three Gaits has responded to the needs of people with disabilities—enhancing their lives and making dreams come true. The demand for our programs and therapy services is increasing steadily, with some riders waiting more than two years to participate in our therapy program. The opportunity to serve our community continues to grow. Please consider a gift at this time to support the mission of Three Gaits.

Thank you for considering a gift today. With your help, we can continue to make dreams come true.

Sincerely,

Dena Duncan

Dena Duncan
Executive Director

P.S. — You may wish to mark your calendar now for a very special opportunity. Temple Grandin, a renowned autism activist and consultant on animal behavior, will be speaking at an event to benefit Three Gaits on **Friday, June 17, 2016**. In 2010, Grandin was named one of the 100 most influential people in the world in the "Heroes" category by *Time Magazine*. Watch your mail, our Facebook page and our website, www.3gaits.org, for details.

News from around the farm

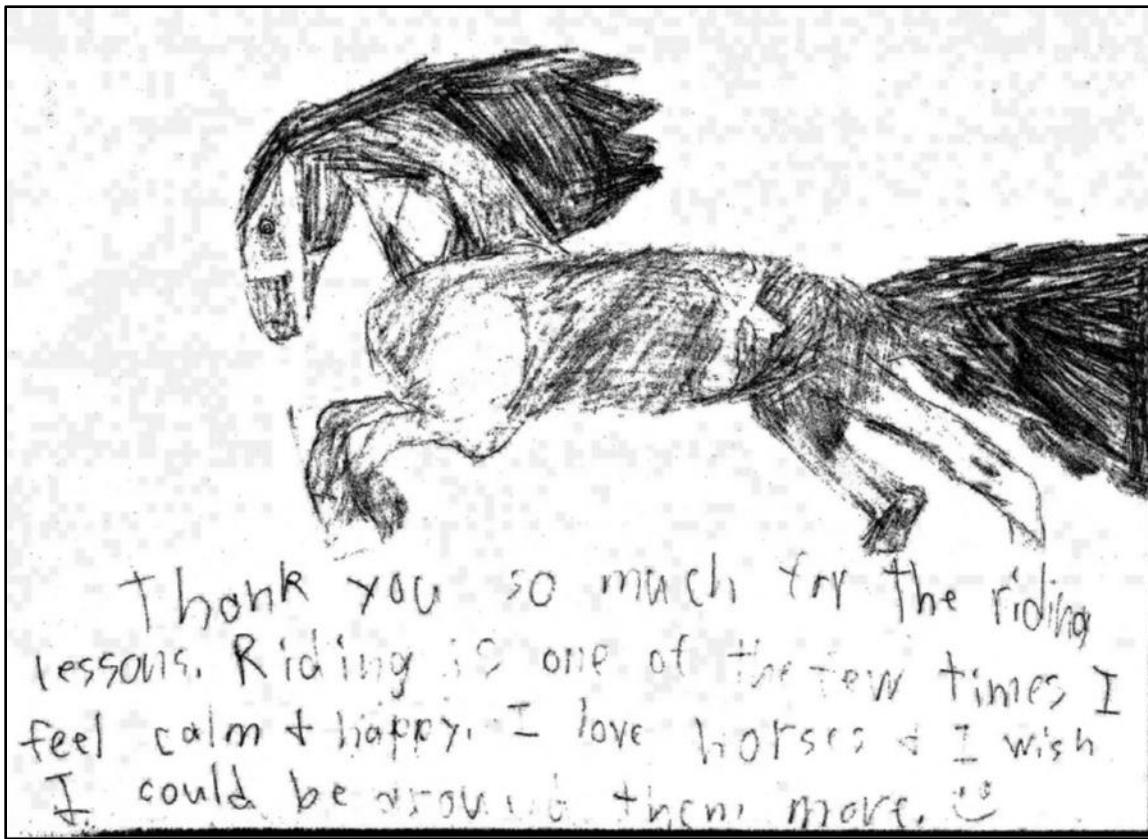
Our gentle giant Duan comes out of retirement...

As many of you are aware, one of our long-time equine partners, Duan, retired in 2014. His older, injured tendon just wasn't healing correctly and we made the difficult decision to discontinue his use in riding classes. For more than a year, Duan enjoyed his retirement—eating and drinking, enjoying an occasional grooming. But then we realized he wasn't as happy as we had hoped. Every night he stood at the front of his stall, staring at the horses heading over to the arena to work. We also noticed that he seemed more comfortable trotting in each evening, leading the group in rather than following. So, Duan was carefully added back into classes this summer.

Although not in full work, Duan is doing well and seems to be enjoying the opportunity to work with riders at Three Gaits again. It's heartwarming to see this gentle giant, with his distinctive sense of humor, back in classes!

Saying thank you comes in many forms...

We ask all riders who participate with funds through our scholarship program to write letters to the donors who support their activities at Three Gaits. We wanted to share the special note we received from a talented rider.



Planting seeds for success...

This spring, MaryAnn's Wednesday night class took on a healthful, fun fundraiser for Three Gaits. Their original goal was to raise enough money to co-sponsor our Quarter Horse pony, Mercedes. They seeded, transplanted and sold more than 500 tomato plants, raising \$2,430—enough money to co-sponsor both Mercedes and Johnny. Thanks to riders Casey, Grace, Kaitlin, Katie and LeAnn, as well as Mary Ann and her husband Wayne.