

# Welcome Potential Volunteers!

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for Ride To Walk. Ride To Walk is a non-profit therapeutic horseback riding program for individuals with neurological challenges.

#### **Riding Therapy Session Volunteers**

Our riding therapy volunteers fill a special role in the therapy sessions. Each rider receives one thirty-minute riding session per week tailored to his/her individual needs. The riders enjoy and look forward to seeing their volunteers week after week. Many friendships are formed during these sessions. With the multitude of changes that often occur, the program allows for rewarding and exciting experience for both the rider and the volunteer.

#### **Riding Therapy Volunteer Job Descriptions**

**Side-walker:** Volunteer will walk beside the horse and rider. Some light jogging may be necessary when trotting. Usually, two side-walkers are used for each rider; one on each side of the horse. Riding sessions are for 30-minute intervals. Volunteers should be in good health and mentally alert. Volunteer needs to be at least 16 years old.

**Groomer/Grooming Monitor**: Volunteer should have an equine background and experience or willingness to learn. Must arrive at the arena one hour prior to the session to groom and tack horses. Volunteer needs to attend a Grooming and Tacking in-service before he/she can perform this role. Volunteer needs to be at least 16 years old.

**Horse Leader:** Volunteer must have some equine background and experience. This person oversees the horse until the instructor releases him/her from duty. The leader is responsible for controlling the horse's pace and movements in response to the rider's ability. Volunteers should be in good health so that he/she can keep up with the horse at a brisk walk or jog when trotting. Volunteer needs to be at least 16 years old.

**Arena Monitor:** Volunteer is responsible for coordinating side-walkers and horse leaders with riders. Volunteers are present during the entire riding session and becomes familiar with the riders, families and volunteers for that riding session. Volunteer needs to be at least 16 years old.

**Arena Assistant:** Volunteer is responsible for assisting with the gates, toys, and props for the children, etc... Volunteer needs to be at least 16 years old.



#### **Riding Therapy Volunteer Qualifications:**

- <sup>®</sup> Must be physically able to work a 3 ½ hour session with breaks.
- <sup>®</sup> Must be able to make cognitive decisions and capable of learning and understanding written material.
- <sup>®</sup> Volunteers need to make a commitment to one riding session per week for a 6-month period.
- <sup>®</sup> Volunteers need to be 16 years old to work with the horses, 16 years old to work with the riders, be at least 5 feet tall and weigh at least 100 pounds.
- <sup>®</sup> Complete the mandatory in-service training sessions.

#### **Riding Therapy Session Times:**

Our program needs volunteer workers for all the riding therapy sessions. The current schedule for our regular riding therapy session is listed below. (The schedule changes during the summer months.) We schedule volunteer workers for the riding therapy sessions based on the volunteer's skills and interests as well as our program needs.

THURSDAYS: Summer-- 9:30 am - 12:00 pm / Fall & Spring -- 1:30 -- 5:00 pm

SATURDAYS: 9:30 am – 1:00 pm

### **Other Volunteer Opportunities**

**Videographer:** Volunteer is responsible for working with our therapists to record individual rider therapy sessions at regular intervals during the calendar year so that we can document and track each rider's progress in the program.

**Fundraising:** There are various fundraisers that require assistance with greeters, parking, ticket sales, baked home goods, beverage sales, etc...

**Additional Help:** Volunteers with various skills are needed on a consistent basis to work to assist in the upkeep of the *Ride To Walk* property. If you have a particular skill, expertise or interest (i.e. writing letters for newsletters, photography, public speaking, etc...) that you would like to share, *Ride To Walk* can use your help!

Without the assistance of our wonderful volunteers, we would be unable to provide this program. We look forward to you joining our work staff. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to call us at (916)791-2747 or email us at ridetowalk@sbcglobal.net.

Our riding facility is located at 2460 Delmar Ave Penryn, CA 95663.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.



## **Information Form & Release of Liability**

### **General Information**

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Parent/Legal Guardian Nar	ne and Address		
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