



# Reins Of Hope

## Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program

### Save The Date!

**“Back In The  
Saddle”  
Fall Trail Ride  
10/07/2012**

The fall trail ride takes place at Castelton. Registration is at 11:00 a.m. and the ride begins after lunch at 1:00 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Pretty Prairie Saddle Club.

**6th Annual “Make  
A Difference”  
Benefit Auction**

**10/27/2012**

Our 6<sup>th</sup> annual benefit will be at the Sunflower Building at the fairgrounds. Doors open at 6:00.

### Contact Us!

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## 6th Annual “Make A Difference” Benefit Auction

It is that time of year again when we dust off our decorations, and bring out the prizes. We are gearing up for our 6th annual “Make A Difference” benefit auction. The annual benefit auction is an important way in which Reins of Hope raises money to continue serving its students. Over 200 students from the Hutchinson community and surrounding area have benefited from Reins of Hope’s services over the past year. The auction will be held in the Sunflower North building at the fairgrounds. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and tickets are \$25. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact us at 620-665-0906 or email us at [reinsofhopecastelton@gmail.com](mailto:reinsofhopecastelton@gmail.com).

Fall 2012



## Volunteers Needed!

At the Kansas State Fair: September 7-16



The Civitans and the Ambucs are having their annual booth at the Kansas State Fair. Both organizations are huge supporters of Reins of Hope, so we would like to support them as well. The great thing about volunteering is that for working a four-hour shift, you get a free ticket to the Fair and a delicious meal from the booth! Please wear your Reins of Hope shirt and get out to support these dedicated organizations. If you are interested in volunteering at the Civitan booth please call

Ed Doherty at 620-662-1145. For more information or to volunteer at the Ambucs booth please call Reins of Hope at 620-665-0906 or email us at [reinsofhopecastelton@gmail.com](mailto:reinsofhopecastelton@gmail.com).

Stop the horse barn Wednesday, September 12 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. The drill team will perform, Jill Chisam and the Zumba class will be shaking things up, and our preschool class will be on their horse, and other demonstrations will take place.

## Hospice Kids Camp

Reins of Hope along with Hospice and HomeCare of Reno County offered Kids Camp, for ages six to fifteen that have experienced grief. Roughly, twenty kids benefited from attending the camp in June and July. The activities included journaling, hiking, and art. The campers also participated in horse-back riding and grooming our horses. They even painted the horses. They also had group sessions with their counselors in our climate-controlled conference room. We look forward to working with Hospice, HomeCare, and the campers next summer!



## South Central Stock Horse Association

Instructors Michael Gray and Kristine Dean accompanied six ROH students to the South Central Stock Horse Association show in Hutchinson on July 28<sup>th</sup>. The students competed in three Equestrians With Disability (EWD) classes including showmanship, horsemanship and trail. The exhibitors handled and rode their horses independently with volunteers close by to help only when needed. They were judged on rider balance, seat, following directions and patterns, ring etiquette and sportsmanship. 100+ degree heat didn't deter an outstanding group of volunteers. They groomed and tacked horses, assisted riders and helped celebrate achievements of the day. Outstanding student representatives of Reins of Hope were: Dawn Holloway, Doug Spitler, Tony Eves, Melissa DeWitt, Michael Marciano and Kim Lett.



## Orschlen Horse and Dog Days

Reins of Hope had the opportunity to attend the annual Orschlen Horse and Dog Days June 30. We were able to sign up some new volunteers and connect with individuals that could benefit from our program. People stopping by our booth enjoyed pizza, cupcakes, and cookies that had been donated for our bake sale. If you saw us there we hope you took part in our "Do you know the Reins of Hope horses" contest. The winner won a t-shirt!

## "Saddle Up For Your Future" Volunteer Camp

This summer, through the support of the Richard W. Dillon Memorial Fund for Youth Philanthropy at the Hutchinson Community Foundation, Reins of Hope was able to host the "Saddle Up For Your Future" volunteer camp. It was August 6-8 and was held from 8:30-11:30 each day. During the three day camp, we had about fifteen kids ranging in age from nine up to fourteen. They got an up close look at the daily operation of our facility and what it takes to volunteer at Reins of Hope. They learned how to groom and saddle horses, horse safety, and even participated in a mock class. Those who participated in the camp received a certificate of completion and will be eligible for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. Reins of Hope and those who participated would like to thank the Hutchinson Community Foundation and the Richard W. Dillon Memorial Fund for Youth Philanthropy for giving us this opportunity!





## Become A Volunteer and Get

Volunteers are essential in maintaining a quality program! A volunteer's primary responsibility is to help out the instructors with their classes and to interact with the students and horses. Volunteers are also needed to help with the annual auction, trail rides, and other events.

## Sponsor A Student or Horse

Reins of Hope will not turn a student away due to financial situation. Scholarships are an important means of supporting the organization. A donation of \$60 will provide a student with six weeks of riding lessons. Also, we must take care of our therapists – our horses! Monetary or feed donations are welcome.

## Prepare Lunches

Volunteers are crucial to the program, so we like to show them our appreciation by serving them lunch throughout the week.

Signing up to provide a lunch for the volunteers even once a month is a huge help!



## Donate

Reins of Hope is a not-for-profit organization; however, it does require financial support to care for our students and our horses. Please consider supporting Reins of Hope financially; every dollar will benefit the students, and a student has never



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Our mission is to enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities.

## Thanks for the generous donations!

Without the support from our many donors at Reins of Hope, we would not be able to provide the opportunity for our riders to take part in our therapeutic horseback riding program.



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