



# Muzzles



R•E•A•C•H Therapeutic Riding Center

Fall 2012

## All About Fall

This fall brings some changes to the REACH barn and family. We are thrilled to welcome Kim Hernandez, our new Operations Director, to the barn. Her enthusiasm is contagious and we look forward to her ideas and expertise.

We also have a new member of our equine family - a little pony named Annie. She's spunky, got great moves, and will win your heart over!

And a new member who won't be arriving until February is Krystin Snodgrass's baby! Her little bundle is due on Valentine's Day and will surely win over everyone's heart!

A sad change to our family is the loss of Pete Trippodo, grandfather to rider Aidan. He was a very special man in his grandson's life and a wonderful advocate of REACH. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Aidan and his family.

Take care and see you at the barn.

Barbara Epps  
Program Director



## Meet our new Operations Director

REACH continues to grow and so has our staff. This fall sees the arrival of Kim Hernandez, our new Operations Director, who will be responsible for day-to-day operations at the center.

Kim is a Texas native, currently residing in Austin and planning a move to Temple. Her career experience thus far is capacity building for humanitarian nonprofits. Before joining REACH, she managed a housing program for individuals with chronic disabilities. She currently serves as a board member for an art therapy nonprofit for at-risk youth. Her educational background is social work and nonprofit management. She earned her BSW from UT Arlington and her MPA from Texas A&M. In the upcoming year, she will work on her LCSW to build a clinical holistic wellness practice. She believes physical fitness activities such as horseback riding greatly contribute to mental wellness, and she is eager to



incorporate that belief into her work at REACH. She also consults on fundraising, event planning, communications, contracts, and grant writing and is actively involved with local events and businesses to be an engaged community member. In her free time, you can find her camping, swimming, gardening, or dancing. She loves adventuring in the great outdoors.

Please give Kim a warm welcome to the REACH family!

## RIDERS CORNER

### Mark Your Calendar

#### Fall 2012 Session Dates

Sept. 11 - Dec. 15

#### No Classes:

Oct. 9 - 13 (Fall Break)

Nov. 20 - 24 (Thanksgiving Break)

#### Christmas Horse Show

Sunday, Dec. 9

Rain Date Sunday, Dec 16

### Cancellations:

**Call 254-848-7888**

#### Please note:

**If a rider misses more than three lessons consecutively they are subject to lose their spot on the schedule.**

The use of the riding facility is made possible through the generosity of Gary and Diane Heavin.

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# Participants pitch in for fun at the first annual Horseshoes for Healing Tournament

We had a beautiful morning for the inaugural horseshoe pitching tournament at the Brazos Park East horseshoe courts on the Brazos River! Eight teams took to the courts to compete for REACH prizes and to support our riders and center.

Thank you to Jim Anderson of the Waco Horseshoe Pitchers Association, and his wife Kathy, for teaching us how to play and score the game and keeping track of the teams and brackets.

And thanks to our tournament sponsor, Hole in the Roof, and to everyone who participated! See you next year.



*Jim Turner demonstrates correct pitching form!*



*Austin Bolfig, son of Volunteer Director Kristin Volcik, shows us how it's done.*



*Chairman of the REACH Board Ron Epps lines up for a pitch.*



*Bystanders and participants sometimes had to dodge misguided flying horseshoes!*



*Volunteer Director Kristin Volcik enjoys time by the river with her son, Ian.*



*Program Director Barbara Epps gets some coaching from tournament coordinator Kathy Anderson.*



*New Operations Director Kim Hernandez tries her hand at pitching.*



*Honoring soldiers injured in service  
in partnership with the horse.*

## Fall Session of Horses for Heroes Gets Underway

Horses for Heroes kicked off the fall session on Tuesday, Sept. 11, with 14 participants and volunteers in attendance. Larry Barnett and Karen Fraser laid out plans for fall. After dinner, veterans and volunteers moved to the barn for some horse time.

We are anxious to increase our veteran participation in the Horses for Heroes program. If you know a disabled veteran who would benefit from this program, please share our information with them or let us know.

## Join the 2012 REACH Pony Club

It's not too late! Join the club and be the power behind our horses! Receive an ***I Support REACH window sticker*** for your car, a ***REACH Your Potential coffee mug***, or the cool new ***iReach t-shirt*** for 2012, designed just for Pony Club members.

Stop by the office or join online at [www.REACHtrc.org](http://www.REACHtrc.org). And remember, volunteers and rider families can join for half-price!

## New footing for paddocks and arena helps with mud

A change you may not notice at the barn is the welcome addition of leveling and new footing put around our paddocks and covered arena. Jeff Connors of Connors Crushed Stone and Materials donated his time and materials to make our horses more comfortable and the arena more usable in wet weather. Thanks, Jeff!

# HORSESHOE HEROES

*The real heroes of our center are listed below.*

*In appreciation to each of you for your unique and generous contribution to the people and programs of REACH.*



Our thanks and appreciation go out to **Which Wich?** sandwich shop on Bosque Blvd. In July they picked REACH to be the benefactor of their pre-opening employee training night.

Diners could order a sandwich, chips and a drink for \$3.00. More than 175 sandwiches were sold and all proceeds went to REACH! Manager Mike Duncan said it was the busiest training night they have ever had. Thanks to board member Hal Whitaker for giving our name to Which Wich?

**Heart of Texas Electric Co-op Operation Round-Up** has once again awarded REACH a \$2,500 grant. The funds will be used to install fans in our stalls for the health and comfort of our horses. Thank you to volunteer Donna Morden for continuing to work on that grant each year!

Gary & Diane Heavin  
Larry & Marilyn Barnett  
Brazos Higher Education  
Fentress Foundation  
Steve & Candace Harrison  
The First National Bank  
of Central Texas



Academy for Speech & Language  
Alliance Bank Central Texas  
Lynn Allinson  
American Bank  
American Quarter Horse Foundation  
Jim & Kathy Anderson  
Rachel Ashcraft  
Wes & Rebecca Bailey  
Bent Bucket Ministries  
Cowgirl Get Together  
Bird-Kultgen Ford

Tina Boatwright  
Sidney Bolfig  
Curtis & Carrie Breuer  
Stanton & Susan Bussell  
Cahill Quarter Horses  
Joe & Christine Calao  
Nancy Callan  
Angela Cano - "Presley"  
Central Horseshoe Pitching Assoc.  
Central National Bank  
Kelsey Cervenka  
Bill & Jackie Chalmers  
Mary Clifton Chase  
Kathi Childers  
Christian Mission Concerns  
Classic Equine  
Lauri Cole  
Mike & Pat Combs  
Community Bank & Trust  
Congress Clothing  
Jeff Conners  
Conners Crushed Stone & Material  
Cooper Foundation  
Gerald Cox, DDS  
Pediatric Dentistry  
Randy & Rhonda Crawford  
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Curtis  
Dr. & Mrs. Steven Cutbirth  
Billy & Patty Davis  
Kyle & Diane Deaver  
Chuck Doherty  
Mike Duncan  
Ron & Barbara Epps  
Extraco Banks

Susie Farley  
Heather Field  
Firmin Business Forms  
Jim & Sue Fleshman  
Lisa Ford  
Justin & Kimberly Fulp  
Juan Garcia  
Ted & Sue Getterman  
Zandy & Carol Goode  
Nancy McNamara Groover  
Pamela Guidry - "Annie"  
H•E•B  
Allison Harrison  
Vivian Harvey  
Heart of Texas Electric Co-op  
Operation Round-Up



Henry Saddlery  
Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center  
Rick Hines

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 Hope Therapy  
 Andy Horn Builder & Developer  
 HOT Fair & Rodeo  
 Independent Bank  
 Rupert Issacson  
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 Ramsgate Veterinary Clinic  
 Sloan Kuehl  
 Nancy Lacy  
 Jim & Karen Lane  
 April Langston  
 Julie Latino  
 Dr. Ed Lee - "Blys"  
 Jay & Patricia Levine  
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 Daniel & Tomasina O'Neil  
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 Ted Teague  
 Texas First State Bank  
 Kristin & Ryan Volcik  
 Glenn & Jo vonRosenberg  
 Waco Foundation  
 Waco Mayor's Committee  
 for People with Disabilities  
 Waco VFW Post 2148  
 Christi & Chuck Weddington  
 Wells Fargo Bank  
 Which Wich?  
 Ann Whitley  
 Kathy Williams

***In addition to funds needed to run our center and programs,  
 there are always items needed for the barn and facility.***

***Here is our current wish list!***

Horse hay rings	Manure spreader	Harrow
Dryer	ATV	Mower/bush hog
Tractor	Hay	Horse trailer

## **REACH Therapeutic Riding Center Mission**

***Improving the health, increasing the confidence, and promoting the independence of persons with special needs through the use of horses.***