



Whispering Manes Therapeutic Riding Center

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We are hosting the Special Olympics Florida - Miami-Dade County Equestrian Games on March 1, 2014. More details on our website in the coming weeks.



Thanks to the support of our families, riders, teachers, colleagues, and volunteers Whispering Manes was named a Top-Rated Nonprofit by Greatnonprofits.org. [Click here](#) to read the reviews, or add one of your own.

Dear Friends,

The end of the year is quickly approaching, and in January we will celebrate our two year anniversary. The first two years have been an amazing experience and we are lucky to be surrounded by wonderful riders, families, volunteers, supporters, and of course our horses.

We wish everyone a joyous and safe holiday season and our best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Whispering Manes Staff



This year Whispering Manes was one of the more than 400 charities that participated in The Miami Foundation's 2nd Annual Give Miami Day. In a 24 hour on-line event, supporters of our program donated over \$32,000 to Whispering Manes. This important fundraiser helped to ensure that we can continue to provide high quality programs to all of our participants. Donations came in from around the world, as far away as Australia and the Philippines. Most of the donations came from supporters who have been directly touched by the power of the horse.

Terry Arango, a donor and parent of one of our riders commented, "My son rides at Whispering Manes and loves the horses and his time at the farm. The riding helps my son improve his balance and communication. We donated so this wonderful program can expand their reach and provide services for more people."

We want to thank all of our supporters and let you know that we can't help our community without you.

We ♥ Volunteers!

As an integral part of our program we couldn't exist without the support of our volunteers. We now have over 60 active volunteers who have donated over 1000 hours since the start of our program. Volunteers assist with everything including barn chores, class work, fundraising, and office duties. Our volunteers come from all walks of life, some are retirees, veterans, high school and college





Once again this fall we received amazing support from the Junior League of Miami.

A group of 22 women came out and completed a Done in a Day project on September 29.

The women painted name plates for our horses' stalls and planted vegetables and flower pots which add to the beauty of our farm.

We also received a **grant** from the Junior League of Miami to initiate a joint program benefitting women from a local shelter.

Together with JLM we are making a positive impact in our community!



students, and family members. Many tell us how the program has touched their lives in positive ways, and now we are a part of their family.

Learn more about volunteering at our program by [clicking this link](#).

Holiday Horse Wish List

Trying to decide what to give your favorite horse this year for the holidays?

Click here to see our herd's  [Wish List](#).

Roxie and Cochise are dreaming of apple scented jolly balls to play with, and Jake thinks everyone will look dashing in new breakaway halters to keep them safe! There are many items to choose from which will make our horses happy.

Want to bring something to the barn to share the holiday spirit with the horses - carrots and apples are always a treat!



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