

Seen and Herd Newsletter

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Whispering Manes
Therapeutic Riding Center

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Other News

Out and About

Sunny and Chloe recently spent an afternoon at Conservatory Preparatory School in Davie. Erin and Robin took the minis on a field trip to talk to the students about Whispering Manes, the programs offered, and how to get involved. Thank you to Veronika Pava for organizing this opportunity and for the special treats that she helped the students prepare for Sunny and Chloe —homemade apple-carrot-oat cookies!

In the Spotlight - Young Artists

Rachel Olin
Catherine Lederman

If you've had a chance to visit the new barn you may have noticed some fabulous artwork hanging on the walls. We have two very special people to thank for that artwork—Rachel Olin and Catherine Lederman. Rachel is a local artist who is now sharing some of her art with Whispering Manes. Rachel's art is on now display in the conference room. Rachel's vibrant colors make the space more friendly and fun.



Catherine, a student at Southwood Middle School in the art magnet program, painted a beautiful carrot that hangs in Erin's office. What better way to decorate Erin's office than with the horses' favorite treat! Stop by to see the new barn and the amazing art that now decorates the walls. Rachel's art is for sale, but Erin says she's never going to part with her gift from Catherine.



Upcoming Events!

Shop and Share with Lilly Pulitzer at Merrick Park
October 24, 2015
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Zoning Hearing
Kendall Village Center Civic Pavillion
8625 SW 124th Avenue, Miami
November 12, 2015
7:00 PM

Give Miami Day
November 19, 2015

Special Olympics
January 23, 2016

Open House at the New Barn

On Saturday, September 26 Whispering Manes hosted an Open House to celebrate our move onto a beautiful 5-acre property in the heart of Horse Country. Nancy Hector made the move into our new, permanent home possible with an incredibly generous donation of land, a brand new state-of-the-art 12-stall barn, covered riding arena, and extensive paddocks for Whispering Manes' horses to enjoy peaceful outdoor time.

We were honored to have Carlos A. Gimenez, the Mayor of Miami-Dade County in attendance. The Mayor joined Dr. Erin Bauer, Whispering Manes' Executive Director, in cutting the celebratory ribbon that spanned the barn doors, officially opening the barn. Mayor Gimenez also presented Erin with a certificate congratulating Whispering Manes on the opening of the new facility.



The Open House was well attended by members of the community who toured the new facility, watched a riding demonstration, played games, painted horseshoes, and met Sunny and Chloe, the miniature horses.

Special thanks for helping to make the Open House an overwhelming success goes to Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez, Amazing Parties Miami for providing the games and fun food, and Coca-Cola for their very generous water donation.

Extra-special thank yous go to: 12 year old Megan Davis, a young lady who wanted to find a way to help Whispering Manes raise money. With her parents' help, Megan obtained a donation of carrots from Winn Dixie. At the Open House, Megan collected donations of \$2 per cup of carrots so people could meet Sunny and Chloe up close while feeding them their favorite treats.

Robin and Jonathan Strickland who, with so much care, created flower-decorated pens that were lovingly "signed" with a thank you from each of our horses.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped out not only that day, but every day.



Generous Support!

Whispering Manes is looking forward to a wonderful fall thanks to the very generous support of three local foundations. We are extraordinarily grateful to **The Batchelor Foundation** for providing the funding we needed to bring 40 Miami school children for 10-week programs throughout the school year, the **Dr. John T. Macdonald Foundation** for providing funding for 20 scholarships to school children, as well as allowing WM to purchase new helmets and specialized reins, and **The Miami Foundation** for their generous grant which has allowed Whispering Manes to install a motorized lift system. Coming soon, Whispering Manes will also be able to use an adaptive saddle custom designed for people who need more support while riding. The saddle was purchased as part of the grant from The Miami Foundation.

Update On The New Barn

Our horses and offices have relocated to our beautiful new property at 6105 SW 125th Ave. Lessons continue at 6208 SW 125th Ave. as we wait for the final paperwork required to use the new barn for lessons.

As part of the process of getting the zoning approval necessary to teach lessons on the new property, please join Whispering Manes' staff at the **zoning hearing** on Thursday, November 12 at 7 PM at Kendall Village Center Civic Pavillion.

We welcome any and all support.

Please note, we also have a new phone number 305-596-4204.



Take a WhisperTour!

Interested in learning more about our program, or do you know someone who would love Whispering Manes? Whispering Manes is now offering private and small group tours to those who would like more information about our programs. Please call or email us for information.

Calling all volunteers!

Are you, or do you know anyone who is interested volunteering in classes or around the barn? Be a friend, share our contact information!

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