

# Seen and Herd Newsletter

May 2014



## Whispering Manes Therapeutic Riding Center

Building Abilities. Empowering Lives.

### Ride For The Roses 2014 Sponsors

We'd like to thank our corporate and individual sponsors who provided financial support for the t-shirts, ribbons, food, beverages, and tents. The day was much more special for our riders because of our sponsors' support.

#### Corporate Sponsors



### Help Fill Our Barn With Hay



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### Raise the Roof!!

The roofs went on our new paddocks this month! Our horses can't wait to try out the new space.



### Amazon Smile Supports Whispering Manes

Great news! Every time you make a purchase on Amazon, you could be making a donation to Whispering Manes! Shop Amazon Smile at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price back to Whispering Manes. You'll find the same great Amazon products, prices and service, and you can still get the benefits of your Amazon Prime account! Simply login to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select Whispering Manes as your charity (it will link you to Sunset TRP, the parent corporation). Every time you shop at Amazon, remember to go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and Amazon will send us money! Happy shopping!



### Macy's Shop For A Cause

It's good to shop at Macy's on Saturday, August 23! Donate \$5 to Whispering Manes and receive a 25% savings pass, good all day August 23, for all purchases at any Macy's store, nationwide. Stop by the barn or send us an email if you'd like to donate and receive a savings pass!



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### Ride For The Roses Student Horse Show 2014-- A Huge Success!



On Sunday, May 4th, Whispering Manes hosted 23 riders at our 2nd Annual Ride For The Roses Student Horse Show. After a week of rainy, humid weather, the sun came out, the breeze blew, and our families had a great day. Students from all of our programs participated in this fun-filled day, showing off their horseback riding skills for their families and friends. Thank you to the more than 20 volunteers that came out to participate, because without them, we could not have made the day so special for our riders. Please visit the photo gallery on our website and Facebook page to catch up with the action.



### Marlins Foundation Supports Villa Lyan and Visits Whispering Manes

Representatives from the Marlins Foundation, Mr. Alfie Garcia and Mr. Alan Alvarez, visited Whispering Manes with students from Villa Lyan School on April 22. They watched the children ride and learned more about our therapeutic horseback riding program. On April 5, the Marlins Foundation generously donated \$2,000 to the South Florida Trail Riders' Autism Ride. The money donated, and delivered by Billy the Marlin, will go to support Villa Lyan's therapeutic horseback riding program at Whispering Manes. We are grateful to the Marlins Foundation for their support of our community.



### In The Spotlight Whispering Manes' Veterans' Program

May is a month usually focused around the end of school, graduations, and summer plans, but this month Whispering Manes is happy to announce that in honor of Memorial Day, Univision and Natural Awakenings magazine both decided to make the focus about military veterans. Univision came to Whispering Manes on May 22 to film a story based on one of our closest friends, Miguel. Miguel is a veteran, and over the last two years he has become one of our most dedicated volunteers, helping with classes and pampering the horses. Miguel's story aired on [Despierta America](#) on Memorial Day.



Natural Awakenings magazine, available at Publix and Whole Foods, included a short story about the benefits of Whispering Manes' equine assisted activities for our veterans. Click below to read the article on page 8 of the magazine.



### District Representative Jose Diaz Joins Carrie Brazer Center For Autism's Pony Painting Party

On May 21 the Carrie Brazer Center for Autism concluded an eight-week session of therapeutic horsemanship and horseback riding with a pony painting party. On the day of party, Jose Diaz, a member of the Florida House of Representatives for District 116, visited the program and helped the students paint Spirit, Sunny, and Chloe. A fun morning of horse painting was followed by horse bath time and then lunch for everyone. Thank you to Mr. Diaz for being part of this special day!

