

A Note From Our Executive Director



Greetings everyone,

I am very happy to share that Spring has been very busy around the barn. We recently hosted the 9th Annual Ride for the Roses Student Horse Show and it was a big success. Please scroll down the page to learn more about the event and see the list of generous donors who made the event possible.

As our spring sessions are drawing to close we are preparing for summer programming and are looking forward to hosting Summer Camp. We are also extremely excited to share that we recently launched the Manes and Tales literacy program with our partner Branches. More on this story follows!

In addition to the supporters of the Ride for the Roses Student Horse Show, we would like to thank the following corporations and foundations for their recent support!

- The John T. MacDonald Foundation
- Key Biscayne Community Foundation
- The Geo. Zoltan Family Foundation
- Give Back for Special Equestrians
- Spotlight Miami
- UKG
- Craig Zinn Auto Group/Lexus of Pembroke Pines

We'd also like to thank our many faithful individual donors, particularly the member of the Blue Ribbon Circle who have scheduled and make regular donations! [Click to Join the Blue Ribbon Circle today!](#)

And again, please scroll down to read all the exciting news!

Samuel Diller, Executive Director

Winter and Spring Programs

Early Beginnings Academy

Thanks to a generous grant from the **John T. MacDonald Foundation**, Early Beginnings Academy was back at the barn starting in January. Ten students participated in a 10-week program that included horseback riding and horsemanship skills.



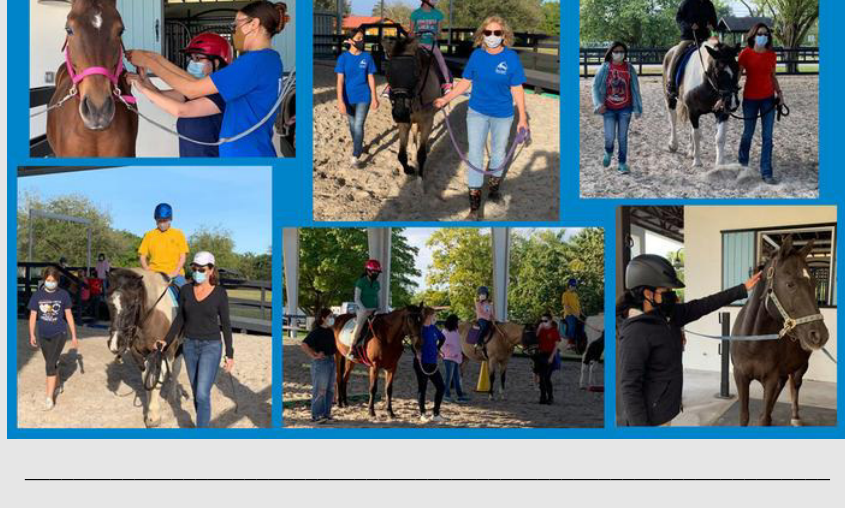
Crystal Academy of Coral Gables

In February, Crystal Academy started a 10-week program with 10 students. This programming was made possible through a grant from the **Batchelor Foundation**. In this session the school was able to offer the scholarships to new students who hadn't experienced the power of the horse.



Friendship Circle

January marked the start of the Friendship Circle Miami's Equestrian Circle program. Participants and volunteers from the Friendship Circle joined us for a 10-week program that included both horsemanship skills and riding lessons.



National Women in Roofing

Last year the COVID pandemic caused us to postpone a volunteer event to repair the roofs on two of the horse shelters. We were finally able to reschedule the repairs in March. The National Women in Roofing of South Florida arranged for the donation of the roofing materials GAF Roofing, and also secured the contracting services from CSI Construction who donated the time and labor to complete the repairs. After a morning of hard work, the day was capped off with lunch on the patio and equine-assisted workshop focusing on communication skills.

Many thanks to the **National Women in Roofing South Florida, GAF Roofing and CSI Construction** for their support!



Manes and Tales Pilot Program

Thanks to a very generous grant from the **Spotlight Miami**, we launched our Manes and Tales equine-assisted literacy program with our partner organization Branches. The program runs twice a week for six weeks. Each session 6 children from Branches come to the barn to practice reading skills and learn about horses. We will complete a 6 week program with each of Branches' three campuses.

In addition to the support from **Spotlight Miami** we reached out the **Linda Vander Heyden**, who helped us with the donation of her book **A Horse Named Jack** for the program.



Ride for the Roses Student Horse Show

On Saturday, May 1, we hosted the 9th Annual Ride for the Roses Student Horse Show. We were excited to host the event on schedule this year. On this sunny day, 16 riders participated in the show, to the delight of friends and family.



We'd like to thank this year's sponsors

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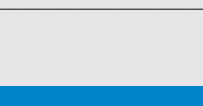
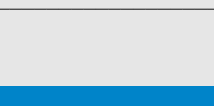
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Congratulations Volunteer of The Quarter!

Thank you Sharon Vosseller for all your dedication!

Sharon is one of the first volunteers to join our team. She is part of the team that exercises the horses and feeds the horses on Sunday afternoons. When it comes to events, Sharon is always ready to lend a hand as well. She has volunteered at every Ride for the Roses student horse show since the first one, and brings her husband Victor out to volunteer at the Blue Jeans and Boots celebrations.

Thank you Sharon! We are grateful for all your efforts!



Congratulations Sharon!

Do you know someone who has been an extraordinary volunteer at Whispering Manes? Please let us know so that we can spotlight them in a future newsletter. We can't do the work we do without the help of volunteers so we want to make sure we are always showing our appreciation.

Volunteer Message

We want to thank everyone who has been coming out to help over the years. We are opening slowly and hope to be able start our volunteer program again soon. Please continue to watch your email for messages of when we will need your help again. Until then stay safe!

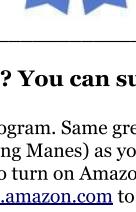


Want To Become More Involved With Whispering Manes?

There's a lot of excitement around the barn: new horses, new programs on and off property (on hiatus at the moment), and new community connections all can be developed with a horse.

Do you want to become more involved? There are many ways you can do that-- become a volunteer, help create a connection with someone in the community who might benefit from equine assisted activities, or become a donor to help support the good work we are doing everyday.

Your time, your talents, or your financial gift, will help us continue to offer high quality programming for people in our community who are most in need of assistance. If you would like to learn more about how to become a volunteer or to schedule a tour please visit our website www.whisperingmanes.org or [click here](#) to send us an email.



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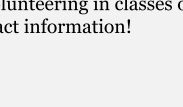
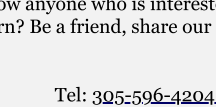
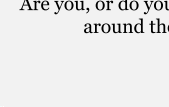
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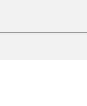
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Calling all volunteers!
Are you, or do you know anyone who is interested volunteering in classes or around the barn? Be a friend, share our contact information!



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