



HOPE Therapeutic Riding Center

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Dear Volunteer,

Thank you for your interest in lending a hand with HOPE Therapeutic Riding Center. We are actively seeking volunteers to help with students, horses, fundraising and administrative tasks. No experience is necessary, we provide training. You can be a hero and “follow our lead, by taking the lead” for as little as a two hour commitment each week.

We are excited that we will again be hosting our Fall 2009 Session at the Island County Fairgrounds in Langley and are in discussions for the use of an indoor arena for a Winter 2010 Session south of Coupeville. Watch for emails and announcements in local newspapers regarding the Winter Session and volunteer training dates for that session.

Our Mission is to encourage children and adults with special challenges to “Grab the Reins of Life with HOPE”. When we say “special challenges,” we are very inclusive. Our program is available to individuals with physical, intellectual, emotional, and social needs, along with those that are experiencing chronic illness, (such as cancer or diabetes), crisis, (such as family separation); trauma, (such as domestic violence); and injury recovery. We work with children, adults, and families. While a few individuals may have contraindications that prevent them from riding, we can work with them with hands on equine activities that do not include riding. HOPE is not a way out, HOPE is a way through. We always emphasize ABILITIES rather than disabilities.

We would be glad to provide any information needed for potential riders or volunteers. Please contact us at 360-221-7656 or by email at hope@whidbey.com. More information can also be obtained on our website at www.hope-whidbey.org. Thank you again. With your help, we are “enriching lives with every ride”!

Sincerely,

Karen S. Newman

Executive Director