

How Gifts in Tribute to Special People Like You Will Benefit Our Special People



We are **Pegasus Therapeutic Riding**, a nonprofit founded in 1975 to provide horseback riding and other equine-assisted activities and therapies to people with special needs. We offer programs at six chapters in southern New York state and Fairfield County, Connecticut.

Our riders are challenged by a wide range of disabilities, such as Down syndrome, hearing or visual impairment, autism, traumatic brain injury, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy and the effects of childhood cancers. Though we serve riders of every age, about 95% of our 225 participants are children.

We offer two types of programs: therapeutic horseback riding, which is a mounted program, and equine learning and barn education, which is an unmounted program. During sessions, our riders are partnered with a therapy horse and assisted by a NARHA-certified riding instructor or physical therapist, and trained volunteers. Lesson plans are tailored to each rider's specific needs and goals.

Our programs help people with special needs improve physical strength, enhance social and cognitive skills, and most importantly, increase their independence and self-confidence. These are things many of us take for granted; to our riders, they can seem like unattainable goals until the right tools are made available to them.

Thankfully, we have many supporters who help us make sure we are there to provide these tools to anyone who needs them. **One of these supporters has made a gift to Pegasus in honor of you or in memory of someone who was dear to you.** In addition to this general notice, you will receive a personalized note in the mail as a keepsake of your friend or family member's meaningful gesture.



If you would like more information about Pegasus, **visit us online at pegasustr.org.**