

Pegasus Post

Fall 2017



PEGASUS



Young visitors from Good Grief Camp at the Healing Hearts Center for Grief and Loss met therapeutic horse Caarisma and her equine friends at Pegasus Farm.

Welcome Back for Fall Program

Fall session is off and running (actually, trotting!) at all Pegasus chapters. The last week of fall classes at Pegasus Farm and Kelsey Farm is November 13-18, and classes end the week of December 11-14 at Ox Ridge Hunt Club.



Just a reminder to students and volunteers that if you will be absent or late for a lesson due to an unforeseen event, please call our Program Hotline at (845) 669-8102 as soon as possible and leave a message so we can notify the program team waiting for you in the arena.

Good Luck at MCM, Pegasus Patriots!

Our team of five enthusiastic runners is heading to Washington, D.C., for the Marine Corps Marathon on October 22. This year's team includes Pegasus board member John Carberry, Pegasus program volunteer Ann Garg, and Kayla Petty, daughter of Pegasus instructor Diane Maudsley. We welcome two new Pegasus friends to the team as well: Megan Creedon and Joe Landini. Each MCM runner has committed to a fundraising goal for Pegasus Patriots, our developing equine-assisted program for veterans. To donate to a team member's campaign, visit pegasustr.org/mcm. Good luck, Pegasus Patriots, and thank you for supporting our mission!

Calling All Flea Market Enthusiasts!



Trot on over to Pegasus Farm on October 15, from 11am-4pm for our Flea Market on the Farm to benefit our programs! Join us for stick-horse races with a horse you make

yourself (\$2 donation); a bake sale, free apple bobbing; and tours of the new Michele Arnhold Education Center.

We also are looking for craft artists, vendors and anyone who wants an excuse to clean out their attic, garage or basement before hibernating for the winter!

Visit pegasustr.org/fleamarket for details and to register for a table.

Art Lecture at Pegasus on October 7



Join us on Saturday, October 7, from 4-6pm in the hospitality room of the Michele Arnhold Education Center for a free art history discussion entitled "When and Why Did Humans Begin Creating Art?" with Pegasus Education Committee member Bruce Iacono. Bruce is a program volunteer with a background in art, graphic design and finance. The event will include refreshments, barn tours and (weather permitting) the best lakeside fall sunset view in town! RSVP to Christine Fitzgerald at cfitzgerald@pegasustr.org or (845) 669-8235 x108.

Michele Arnhold Education Center Update

The Michele Arnhold Education Center officially opened its doors to horses and humans in May 2017. Mr. Henry Arnhold, father of Michele "Shelly" Arnhold, cut the ribbon and welcomed everyone into the center named in loving memory of his daughter, who was an accomplished equestrian, an early education teacher and a former Pegasus volunteer. Through their charitable organization, The Arnhold Foundation, the Arnhold family donated \$2 million to Pegasus to build the center and create an endowment fund to support our future. Our deepest thanks to the Arnhold family and Pegasus board member Joe Cusato, whose Cusato Management Corp. coordinated the construction project, for making the dream of a new barn and education center a reality.



Since the Michele Arnhold Education Center opened, we have used the facility to conduct unmounted program lessons, hold a wide range of events, host several local community groups, and provide our Pegasus families, volunteers and other guests with a haven to relax and view program activities. Our horses are also greatly enjoying their new home. They are especially fond of poking their heads out of their windows to watch the world go by! If you or your organization would like a tour of the Michele Arnhold Education Center and Pegasus Farm, contact us at (845) 669-8235 or info@pegasustr.org.

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Unbridled Opportunities for the Future

On September 19, Pegasus hosted a very special *friends of Pegasus* group to talk about the endowment fund. The Pegasus Endowment Fund will secure our programs into the future, ensuring that children and adults with a wide range of special needs will have access to life-changing therapeutic riding and unmounted programs.



We extend our warm appreciation to our friends for their interest and concern, to board members John Carberry and Joe Cusato for presenting our story, and to staff members Betsy Medinger and Amy Price for hosting.

For information about the Pegasus Endowment Fund, please contact Amy at aprice@pegasustr.org or (845) 669-8235 x102.

Charity Cup Raises \$36,000 for Pegasus

The 8th Annual Haviland Hollow Charity Cup on September 9 was an incredible success, raising \$36,000 for Pegasus. The event included polo matches, a fantastic farm-to-table lunch by Clock Tower Grill, music by DJ Lara Gerin, and plenty of family-friendly fun.



Many thanks to wonderful hosts Sam and Fabi Ramirez of NYC Polo Club, all our generous sponsors, the hardworking events committee and volunteers, and the hundreds of guests who came out to support us. Lead event sponsors included Title Sponsor Tradeweb, and VIP and Grand Sponsors Anonymous Content, Bloomberg Philanthropies, Halstead Property, Paramount TV, Ramirez & Co., and RXR. We also were honored to have U.S. Dressage Paralympian Sydney Collier and her

mother, Anna, share the day with us. Sydney found a kindred horse-loving spirit in Pegasus participant Morgan Adriaola, who we discovered is also a natural at stomping divots!



The Rider's Closet Wish List

The Rider's Closet is greatly in need of women's paddock boots sizes 7-10, men's paddock boots sizes 8-14, and children's paddock boots sizes 10-5. We are very low and have a waiting list. To make a tax-deductible clothing donation (no helmets, please) or to request items, visit pegasustr.org/trc for info.



A Very Special August at Pegasus

After a fun, action-packed 6-week summer therapeutic riding session, we hosted a number of events, special visits and other mission-based activities at the end of August.

A favorite among our participants and their siblings was a camp day on August 23 that featured riding; horse leading; grooming, tacking and other basic horsemanship skills; and a horse-themed arts & crafts project.



On August 24, a very special visitor came to Pegasus Farm. Victor is in hospice care, and his family asked us if he could come to the farm to visit our horses.

Victor is a former rider and trainer, and

he loves horses. Sherman, Duke, Sprout, Rosie and Violet were nothing short of magical. They ever-so-gently kissed Victor, nuzzled him and showered him with unconditional love and affection. Victor spoke for the first time in many months ("good horse" and "kiss") and clearly loved his time with our herd. It was an absolute honor to share this profoundly moving moment with him.

On August 26, we celebrated the end of summer pirate-style at Family Fun Day.

The event included a visit from the incredibly funny and talented Story Pirates, a sensory trail treasure hunt, meet-and-greets with our minis and an ice cream social.



Many thanks to all the staff and volunteers who helped make our camp day, Victor's visit and Family Fun Day so memorable for our guests. It was the perfect ending to a great summer!

Thank You, Amagansett Equestrian!

A HUGE thank-you to our new friends at Amagansett Equestrian LLC for their incredibly generous donation of \$1,124.53 for our mission!



Their summer pony campers (ages 6-15) worked hard all summer making crafts in preparation to sell them at their event on August 20. The organization chose three equine charities they felt passionate about, and Pegasus was one of those lucky nonprofits.

The donation represents proceeds from the sale of crafts and food, as well as private donations made after a charity presentation by the campers. Amagansett Equestrian also had a photo booth with a unicorn to help raise money! They expect to continue the event for years to come, and they have plans to make it even bigger and better next year.

Patterson Rotary Visits Pegasus Farm



On September 26, Pegasus hosted a breakfast with the Patterson Rotary in the Michele Arnhold Education Center and shared information about our equine-assisted programs for community members with special needs and challenges.

Approximately 30 Rotary members learned about our mission, watched a program demonstration, met the herd, toured the Michele Arnhold Education Center and enjoyed a delicious homemade breakfast by Annie Schurhammer, the talented owner/chef of Rosemary's Basil.

If your organization is interested in hosting a meeting in a unique and picturesque setting, contact Candice Sciarillo at csciarillo@pegasustr.org or (845) 669-8235 x100 for details.

Volunteers Honored at Horse Show



Three of our special award winners at the 35th Annual Pegasus Horse Show have been dedicated volunteers for years. Program volunteer Doreen Salerno received

The Peggy & Bill Larned Award for Most Helpful Volunteer, teen program volunteer Noah Berliner won The Seth A. Armen Junior Volunteer of the Year Award, and board member Joe Cusato won The Pat Bugg Award for Special Service and Dedication to Pegasus. Congratulations to Doreen, Noah and Joe on their very well-deserved awards, and thank you again for everything you have done for Pegasus!



Pegasus Volunteer Committees

Pegasus is fortunate to have many friends who are willing to share a wealth of talent with us. Over the past year, we have formed several committees comprised of board members, staff and volunteers with broad professional expertise and community connections. Many thanks to Finance Committee volunteers Kelby Edwards, BarbaraAnn Lewis and Jon Ritz; Education Committee volunteers Matthew Elliott DVM, Bruce Iacono and Missy McDonnell; and Special Events Committee volunteers Rose Aglieco, Maryann Fiebach, Missy McDonnell, Michele Mira and Trish White. Your experience, insight and enthusiasm for our mission are without equal!

Barn Volunteer Training Sessions

Equine and Barn Volunteer Coordinator Elizabeth Wharton is running trainings for program volunteers



interested in also helping out in the barn. The trainings provide an opportunity to learn about equine care, barn chores and preparing our horses for program. If you are interested in attending an upcoming barn volunteer training, contact Elizabeth at (845) 669-8235 x106 or ewharton@pegasustr.org.

Meet Eleanor Leyden, aka Ms. Fix-It

Pegasus has our very own Ms. Fix-It in volunteer Eleanor Leyden. As a requirement of her coursework to become an occupational therapist, Eleanor needs to master a range of home repair and carpentry skills. The timing couldn't be better, as our new volunteer lounge in the Michele Arnhold Education Center is a blank canvas just waiting for someone to work a little DIY magic. Eleanor's to-do list includes creating storage, seating, a sign-in area and some special touches to help our volunteers feel at home. Thanks, Eleanor—we can't wait for the big reveal!

Horses Wanted for Program at Pegasus!

The Michele Arnhold Education Center is open, program is back up and running at full capacity, and we are seeking new herd members for the team! The ideal Pegasus horse is: a mare or gelding between 13-16.1 hands and 9-15 years old; sound at the walk, trot and canter; tolerant and calm in temperament; and safe to ride in the ring and on trails. If you are interested in donating or free-leasing your horse to Pegasus, visit pegasustr.org/donate-horse for more information or contact Equine Operations Manager Marielle Baker at mbaker@pegasustr.org or (845) 669-8235 x112.



Guidance Counselor Information Session

Pegasus Instructor Diane Maudsley has teamed up with Director of Volunteer Services Lynn Peters on volunteer recruitment. Diane will host an event for high school guidance counselors on October 18 from 3:30-5pm in the Michele Arnhold Education Center. Guests will take a tour, learn about our mission and programs, and discuss how we can work together to ensure ongoing volunteer support for our participants. Many area high schools now require community service hours, and we aim to increase awareness about fulfilling this requirement through a meaningful and rewarding volunteer opportunity at Pegasus.

We love to hear from you! Contact us at:

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