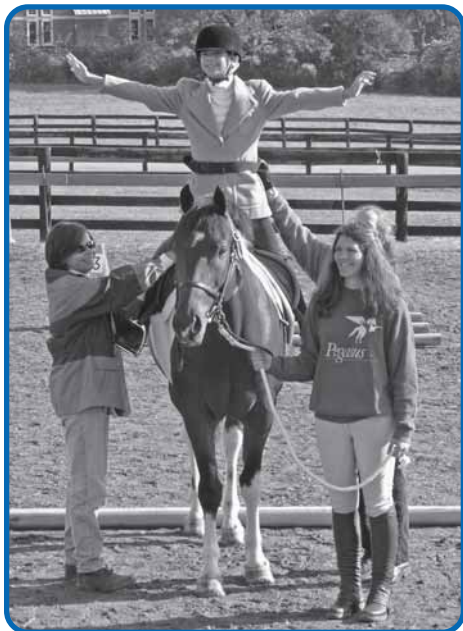




Good News Shared at 2008 Pegasus Annual Meeting

The Pegasus Board of Directors and staff had much good news to tell at the 2008 annual meeting on October 5.

Board President Sue McGraw welcomed everyone with a brief statement about the successes of this past year and our plans for achieving our future goals: "Today, on this hilltop,



Cheered on by volunteer Sue Brubaker, Special Programs Coordinator/Instructor Helen Renton, Program Director Betsy Stein Medinger and admiring friends and family, rider Mitchell ends his therapeutic riding demonstration on Classico with a grand flourish and a hearty "Ta-da!"

bridges to sustain our progress on good days and bad. We are thrilled that you are here to share in the journey."

Sue also recognized the many contributions of outgoing Board members Susie Thompson, Mitch Kornblit, Peter Kamenstein and Laurie Howlett. Presenting each of them with a gift, Sue thanked Susie for her "many years of devotion to Pegasus as volunteer, board president and member, board committee chair and member, wordsmith, gardener and friend"; Mitch for his "clear thinking and constructive ideas, and generosity of time and resources, including your horse Wryly"; Peter for sharing his "knowledge of farms, earth-moving and the approval processes during the acquisition of Pegasus Farm and as we

began our current construction projects"; and Laurie for "being such a strong advocate for our Pegasus programs."

In their year-in-review reports, Executive Director Patti Coyle, Director of Development Jean Smith, and Program Director Betsy Stein Medinger provided the following information:

- ◆ Construction projects at Pegasus Farm are underway and on schedule. They include a covered outdoor arena, additional run-in sheds, completion of our barn manager's onsite apartment, a stormwater management system, and improvements to our parking areas and shared entrance and driveway. (See page 3 for further details.)
- ◆ Program ran very smoothly at all six of our chapters. In 2007-2008, the total number of rider spots was 345, and the total number of lessons was 2,202. (See page 4 for further details.)
- ◆ Donations in 2007-2008 totaled \$1,002,553 for operating funds. Pegasus also received \$3 million in pledges for capital funds. These pledges consisted of a \$2 million gift from an anonymous donor and a \$1 million gift from a separate anonymous donor. The \$1 million gift was made for the purpose of fully funding the first stage of our Pegasus Farm improvements. (See pages 3 and 6 for further details.)



Pegasus Board President Sue McGraw shared much good news with guests at the 2008 annual meeting.

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- ◆ Our six chapters received a cumulative score of 99% on our NARHA recertification in 2007, and Pegasus was reaccredited as a NARHA Premier Center. The North American Riding for the Handicapped Association is the accrediting organization for therapeutic riding centers in the U.S. and Canada. There are more than 700 NARHA-accredited centers, of which approximately 200 are Premier Centers. Pegasus has been a Premier Center since 1997.
- ◆ Our volunteer program continues to expand, and our dedicated volunteers are advocating for Pegasus in ever more diverse ways. Once again this past year, it was clear that Pegasus would not be able to fulfill our mission without the invaluable help of these amazing people. *(See page 7 for more details.)*

Board Treasurer Susan Kozera provided the following budgetary facts and figures:

- ◆ Cash balances for 2007-2008 were approximately \$550,000, with the remainder of our assets consisting of Pegasus Farm, our equipment and our horses.
- ◆ Pegasus owns Pegasus Farm outright without any encumbrances. Pegasus does not have any liabilities as of August 31, 2008, beyond what would be paid within the normal 30-day course of business.
- ◆ Contribution income in 2007-2008 exceeded our cash expenses by approximately \$285,000.

The meeting ended with a demonstration by rider Mitchell Yeoh, whose triumphant smile reminded all of us of the importance of supporting the Pegasus mission on behalf of the very special people we serve.



Instructors, administrators and chapter chairs from our six Pegasus locations gather at the 2008 Horse Show to celebrate our re-accreditation as a NARHA Premier Center: (l. to r.) Kee Cronin, Suzy Angier, Liz Fortes, Bill Prout, Patti Coyle, Candace Krist, Priscilla Lucas, Betty Foulk, Cheryl Garrett, Betsy Stein Medinger, Sue McGraw and Lily Reich.

Meet Our Newest Board Members



Caroline Black

Caroline Black and her husband, Bill, reside in Bedford, N.Y., with their two boys, William, age 7, and Luke, age 2. As a lifelong avid horsewoman, Caroline was drawn to the Pegasus program and enrolled William here three years ago. For the past 11 years, Caroline has been the grant program officer for the Pollock-Krasner Foundation in New York City (the estate of artists Jackson Pollock and Lee Krasner), which gives grants to artists internationally. She is looking forward to working as a liaison between the Board, Pegasus riders and their families.



Jamie Prusak

Originally a Midwesterner, Jamie Prusak lives in Redding, CT, with her husband and three children. She has a background in marketing and strategic planning. Jamie enjoys riding with her two daughters and is the owner of Wolfie, a Pegasus therapy horse. She is inspired by the mission and aggressive goals of Pegasus and looks forward to assisting the organization in achieving those goals, drawing especially upon her experience in the areas of marketing and change management.

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Check Out Our Updated Website!

 We have more great news to share with you than we can squeeze into this newsletter, so be sure to visit www.pegasustr.org to get the very latest info. You'll be able to view photos, catch up on all the buzz about Pegasus in the local papers, check out our event calendar, and even make your gift to the annual drive. Invite your family and friends to visit our site too!

Realizing the Dream

Thanks to a generous anonymous donor who gave us \$2.1 million and the opportunity to realize a longtime dream, we moved into our own permanent facility, beautiful Pegasus Farm in Brewster, N.Y., in 2007. Just one year later, another very committed anonymous donor has given us \$1 million to fully fund our first stage of improvements at the farm.

Projects include a covered outdoor arena, run-in sheds, a stormwater management system, an onsite apartment for our barn manager, and improvements to our parking areas and shared entrance and driveway.



Contractors erect and stabilize the framing for the covered outdoor arena.

apartment and improvements to our parking areas and shared entrance and driveway are all complete and in full use.

To simply say “thank you” to our project’s benefactor seems inadequate. Just one short year after our arrival at Pegasus Farm, this incredible donation has transformed our dream of a growing, diversifying Pegasus into a reality, and riders for years to come will benefit from it. On their behalf, we offer our deepest gratitude and pledge to continue our good work together in fulfillment of our important mission.



Work on the new covered outdoor arena at our Pegasus Farm chapter in Brewster, N.Y., is progressing on schedule for a late fall completion.

The covered outdoor arena is especially important to the growth of our programs. Coupled with our developing sensory riding trail, the arena will allow us to offer a greater number of riders a wider range of services.

First and foremost, the 80' x 184' ring will enable instructors to expand the scope and variety of their lessons, which will engage both the riders and their equine partners.

In addition, inclement weather will have far less impact on our lessons. In the spring of 2008 alone, Pegasus Farm was forced to cancel 16 days of program due to poor weather. Once the arena is completed, rain will no longer keep our riders from riding. Equally important, our riders, instructors and volunteers will be protected from the sun and heat during the summer months.

Of course, we humans aren't the only ones who will enjoy our new covered outdoor arena. Our horses and ponies will also greatly benefit from the shelter, improved footing and opportunities for year-round conditioning, which will keep them happy, healthy and ready to assist our riders.

Construction on the covered outdoor arena and run-in sheds is currently underway and on schedule for completion before winter. The stormwater management system, onsite

RIGHT: Excavators clear the top of the pasture at the front of the property in preparation for a new run-in shed. The 48' x 12' shed will consist of two adjoining sections, plus a small attached storage bin for hay and supplies. The shed will also have water and electrical hookups.



BELOW: Contractors put down the first layer of blacktop on our shared driveway. Now complete, the paved section runs from the entrance at Peach Lake Road (Route 121) to just before our farm entrance. The paved surface will divert runoff to the drains at the bottom of the hill and provide improved traction during the winter months.



Program Update

Program thrived at our six chapters in New York and Connecticut this past year. We continued our invaluable partnerships with host facilities at Ox Ridge Hunt Club in Darien, CT; Kelsey Farm in Greenwich, CT; New Canaan Mounted Troop in New Canaan, CT; Corgi Hollow Farm in Newtown, CT; and Fox Hill Farm in Pleasantville, NY. Many thanks to our generous chapter hosts for enabling us to

serve individuals throughout southwestern Connecticut and southern New York.



Rider Ryan takes Jesse on a "jungle" safari during our Ox Ridge summer program. Looks like he's spotted something through the trees!

alike as they navigate the peaceful, shady pathways winding around the wooded fringe of our property. Designed to provide visual, auditory and tactile stimulation, the trail immerses our riders in a completely different environment than the riding ring.

The availability of two contrasting venues—wooded sensory trails and a traditional riding ring—enables our instructors



Rider Olivia transitions into her half-seat as staff member Diane Maudsley leads Abu up the hill towards the sensory trail at Pegasus Farm.



Barn education participant Robert proudly shows off his ribbon for grooming and tacking at the Winter Barn Education Program Horse Show.

to better customize lessons based on individual goals and keeps riders motivated as they experience new and varied activities each session.

Our barn education programs at Corgi Hollow Farm, Kelsey Farm and Pegasus Farm are also a big hit among participants from our own riding program as well as local organizations such as the Cottage School in Pleasantville, NY. These programs not only help educate people about equine care, they provide opportunities for social interaction and teach important lessons about responsibility and accountability.

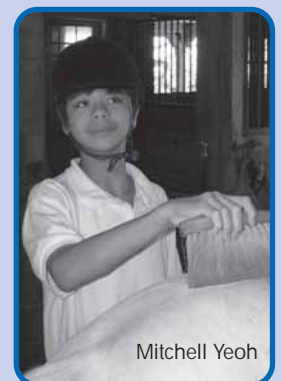
All in all, it has been a very successful year for our Pegasus programs, and as our new covered outdoor arena at Pegasus Farm nears completion, we look forward to an even better year to come.

Pegasus Rider Honored by NARHA

We are pleased to announce that rider Mitchell Yeoh has been named a National NARHA Child Equestrian of the Year. NARHA (North American Riding for the Handicapped Association) is the accrediting organization for therapeutic riding centers in the U.S. and Canada.

Mitchell has been riding at Pegasus for three years and, like all of our amazing riders, has overcome many challenges on his journey to success.

Mitchell received his award during the closing dinner at the 2008 NARHA national conference on November 1 Hartford, CT. Please join us in congratulating Mitchell on his outstanding award!



Mitchell Yeoh



With great sadness, we acknowledge the passing of instructor Sherrell Grea on October 17, 2008. We remember her special gifts and the countless lives she touched in so many positive ways. To honor her memory, we are creating a scrapbook for her family. We invite all who wish to include a note, card or photo to contact Executive Director Patti Coyle by mail at the address on page 8, with "Attn: Sherrell's scrapbook" written on the envelope, or by email to pcoyale@pegasustr.org with "Sherrell's scrapbook" in the subject line. If anyone wishes to send a confidential note to the Grea family, please sent it to Patti at Pegasus Farm and she will forward it to the family unopened.

Welcome to Our Newest Staff

Kee Cronin, Instructor: Kee is an instructor at our Greenwich chapter (Kelsey Farm).

Christine Fitzgerald, Development Communications Officer: Christine handles all internal and external PR, publications and website projects.

Liz Fortes, Instructor/Barn Staff: Liz is an instructor at Pegasus Farm and helps care for the horses and ponies.

Syreeta Jones, Development Associate: Syreeta assists the development department in raising the funds necessary to run program.

Diane Maudsley, Barn Staff: Diane assists with caring for the horses and ponies at Pegasus Farm and serves as a horse leader during program.

Julia Porcino, Barn Staff: During her breaks from school, Julia assists with barn and herd management at Pegasus Farm.

Helen Renton, Special Programs Coordinator/Instructor: Helen is our point-person for community groups participating in our programs. She also monitors our adherence to NARHA standards, plans curricula for special programs and is an instructor at Pegasus Farm.

Angel Sierra, Barn Staff: Angel assists with equine and barn care at Pegasus Farm.



CONGRATS, LIZ!

Congratulations to Liz Fortes on earning her NARHA instructor certification! Liz joined Pegasus as a volunteer in April 2007 and within a year, she became an indispensable member of the Pegasus Farm barn staff. This past summer, Liz trained to become a certified instructor and passed her test with flying colors!

Interested in Joining Our Program?

Do you know someone who would benefit from participating in our therapeutic riding program? Our website, www.pegasustr.org, provides general information about our programs, as well as how the application process works. You may also contact Program Associate Suzann Emmens at (845) 669-8235 x105 for further details.

New Faces Down at the Barn



This past year, we welcomed two new equine friends to Pegasus Farm: Zoe, a Draft mare, and Ideal, a Warmblood gelding.



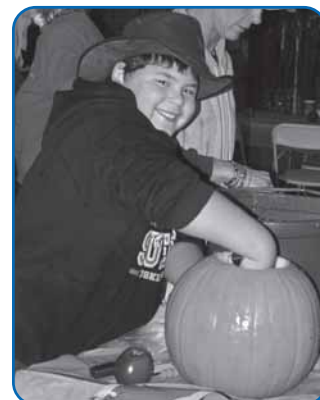
Both are larger-framed horses, which enables us to provide services to a wider range of riders, especially our teen and adult equestrians.

You can view photos of *all* the hardworking horses and ponies at our six chapters by visiting the "Meet Our Horses" page of our website at www.pegasustr.org.

Second Annual Pumpkin Carving Party

The jack-o'-lanterns weren't the only ones grinning at the second annual Pumpkin Carving Party on October 25 at Pegasus Farm.

Despite the nasty weather, several riders, their families and friends, and the Pegasus staff enjoyed an evening of good food, good company, and of course, good carving. Be sure to visit Pegasus News at www.pegasustr.org to view photos of all the fun!



Rider Eric has lots of fun digging right in at the annual Pumpkin Carving Party on October 25.

Annual Drive Surpasses \$1 Million Mark

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our Pegasus community, 2007-2008 annual giving topped the \$1 million mark for the first time in Pegasus history. Total funds raised through annual giving and Horse Show donations equaled \$1,002,553 this past year.

Rider Mattie won the Coolest Costume ribbon at the 2008 Horse Show



While we know there is still more work to be done to secure our long-term financial stability, this key milestone is a positive indication of our ability to raise the necessary funds to run program, especially in this challenging economic climate.

On behalf of our riders, who benefit the most from your giving spirit, we thank you for helping Pegasus thrive. We absolutely could not do it without your continued support!

Your Donations at Work

The annual Pegasus operating budget is \$1.25 million. Less than 10% of that budget is funded by rider fees. Clearly, annual drive donations don't just have an impact on our ability to run program, they are essential to it. Below are examples of expenses in this year's budget. As you make your 2008-2009 annual drive gift, you are welcome to specify the expense(s) you want to fund. Otherwise your gift will go towards general operations.

Rider Needs:

Note: The estimated cost of one ride at Pegasus is \$200; the most each student pays is \$45. Therefore, every student's rides are subsidized. In addition, some riders also receive financial aid to reduce the \$45 fee as needed.



Rider Nicholas on Dixie shoots hoops at Pegasus Farm cheered on by instructor Liz Fortes and volunteer Kristin Anda.

Financial aid for one student to cover one session (10 lessons)....**\$2,000**

Barn Education Program for one student to cover one session (10 lessons)....**\$2,000**



Instructor Suzy Angier helps Ben get ready to ride at the 2008 Horse Show.

Rider protective equipment (helmet, etc.)....**\$300**

Materials and equipment to develop our sensory trails at Pegasus Farm....**\$1,000**

Educational equipment for use in the arena....**\$500**

Staff Needs:

Continuing education for NARHA-certified instructors (portion of the cost of the 20 hours required per instructor per year)....**\$500**

Administrative database....**\$13,300**

Equine Needs:

Tack (saddle, reins, etc.)....**\$2,000**

Shoes for one horse for one year....**\$1,700**

Shoes for one pony for one year....**\$1,000**

Hay for one horse/pony for one year....**\$1,200**

Veterinary care and medical supplements for one horse/pony for one year....**\$1,000**

Horse grooming tools....**\$200**



Edgar Allan Pony from our Corgi Hollow Farm chapter in Newtown, CT

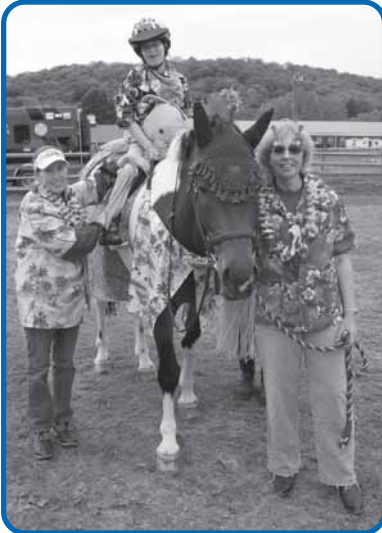


Holiday Shopping Event

Benefit Pegasus Via Your Purchase
Saturday, November 29

Blue Tulip is a retailer of cards, paper, invitations and unique gifts. Just in time for holiday shopping, five Blue Tulip locations in Connecticut will simultaneously host a fundraising event for Pegasus. On **Saturday, November 29**, if you mention Pegasus when you shop at one of these Blue Tulips, we will receive 15% of the cost of your purchase. Participating locations include **Darien, Fairfield, New Milford, Wilton and Canton**. Individual store addresses and hours of operation are available at www.bluetulip.com. Include Blue Tulip on your shopping-to-do list this Thanksgiving weekend and help our riders' holiday wishes come true!

Our Volunteers in Action



Rider Arianna goes Hawaiian on Classico with volunteers Marlene Spahr and Charlotte Cavanaugh in the 2008 Horse Show's Max Richter Costume Parade.

Volunteers are the heart of Pegasus. Without their loyalty, dedication and hard work, we would not be able to help our riders realize their dreams. Whether assisting with program, equine care, buildings and grounds management, or administrative work, these extraordinary people are an essential part of making the magic happen. We extend our sincerest thanks to all who give their time so generously to Pegasus.

Congratulations, Betty!

We are proud to announce that longtime Pegasus volunteer and Board member Betty Foulk has been selected as the 2008 NARHA Region 1 Volunteer of the Year. Betty has selflessly shared her time and talent with Pegasus for the past 32 years, and we would be hard-pressed to find a more worthy honoree for this award. Betty was honored at the annual NARHA National Conference closing dinner on November 1 in Hartford, CT. Please join us in congratulating Betty and thanking her for her service!



Betty Foulk

Volunteers Blaze New Trails at Pegasus Farm



As part of their company's pledge to give back to the local community, employees from New Stream Capital of Ridgefield, CT, volunteered their time at Pegasus Farm this past July. They spent an entire day pulling up roots

and clearing brush to help prepare the sensory trail for our riders. We owe a very special thank-you to volunteers Brian Meres, Andy Del Pozzo, Shari Grunspan, Meghan Leckie, Kyle Murphy and Trevor Leckie (l. to r. in photo above) for all their hard work.

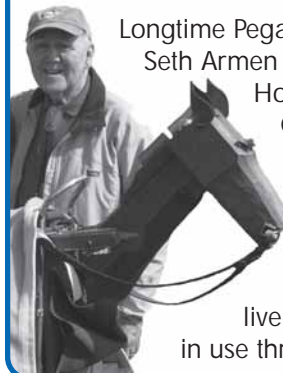
Teen Equestrian Makes Winning Donation

Winning the Reserve Champion ribbon in a Professional Horseman's Association medal finals event is certainly worthy of admiration. But in our eyes, what former Pegasus volunteer Kelly Tropin did next topped that feat, and then some. When the Greenwich Academy senior was presented with her \$1,500 prize, she decided not to keep it herself; instead she gave it to Pegasus. When asked why she chose to donate her winnings, Kelly said, "Riding is something that means a lot to me, and after volunteering at Pegasus and working with kids who also love riding, I saw this as an opportunity to spread that joy to others." On behalf of the many riders who will benefit from her thoughtful gift, we thank Kelly for her incredible generosity and congratulate her on her PHA Medal Finals award!



Donor Kelly Tropin displays her Reserve Champion ribbon from this year's PHA Medal Finals at Westbrook Hunt Club. Her generous gift of the prize money will directly benefit our riding programs.

Seth and Peggy Visit the NARHA Conference



Longtime Pegasus volunteer and Board member Seth Armen exhibited Peggy the Teaching Horse at the annual NARHA National Conference in Hartford, CT, last month. Seth designed and built the first Peggy over 20 years ago both as a teaching aid for beginner riders and to help students challenged by riding a live horse. Today there are 70 Peggys in use throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Did You Know...

- ◆ In total, Pegasus volunteers worked over 7,000 hours in 2007-2008?
- ◆ Nearly 340 people actively volunteered for Pegasus this past year?
- ◆ Our volunteers range from people in fifth grade to people in their nineties?
- ◆ Over a hundred volunteers help make the Horse Show a success each year?



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Please notify the Pegasus office of any address changes

Rider Caillin shares a smile with volunteers Lily Reich and Bonnie Tully at the 2008 Horse Show

