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Pegasus News and Views

28th Annual Pegasus Horse Show



Accompanied by volunteers (l. to r.) Sara Piazza, Bonnie Meyzen and Jane Fitzpatrick, rider Andrew waves to his fans at the 2009 Horse Show

At Coker Farm on May 17, 2009, more than 80 Pegasus riders showed us the true meaning of the word "champion." Champions are people who finish what they start, even though the journey is long and challenging. They strive to master a difficult skill, even when the odds are not in their favor. They never give up, though fear and uncertainty may threaten to hold them back.

Champions are ALL Pegasus riders, whether holding their winning ribbons at the Horse Show or getting into the saddle at program for the very first time. And so, on behalf of our Board of Directors, staff and volunteers, congratulations to all our Pegasus champions!

Visit pegasustr.org to see our 2009 Horse Show slide show!

New Covered Outdoor Arena Helps Pegasus Increase Ridership



Made possible through an incredibly generous \$1 million donation by one of our rider families, the new covered outdoor arena at Pegasus Farm has been up and running since March. The additional space and versatility it provides has enabled us to expand the scope of our programs and increase ridership by nearly 30%. In just a few short months, this extraordinary gift has benefited many people in our community, and its positive impact will continue to open doors of opportunity for our riders for years to come.

Meet Our Newest Staff Members



We are pleased to introduce **Todd Gibbs** as our new Director of Development. Todd most recently served as Executive Director of Development at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn. Executive Director Patti Coyle notes, "Todd's extensive development and management experience, as well as his collaborative approach to working with everyone in our Pegasus community, will be vital to advancing our fundraising goals."

We are also pleased to announce the addition of Equine Coordinator **Marielle Baker** to the Pegasus team. Marielle has managed show barns for the past 15 years, most recently at Astor Place Show Stables in Newtown, Conn. Program Director Alison Plaza notes, "Marielle's wealth of experience will be a great resource for Pegasus."



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Healing Hands Create a Happy Heart

Recently, Pegasus received a donation from a teenage rider named Justine, who attends program at our Greenwich chapter. Justine made the donation in honor of the three volunteers who have worked with her: Alex Bemis, Margaret Beneville and Kate Montgomery. The following note, reprinted with Justine's permission, accompanied the donation:

Dear Pegasus volunteers,
Thank you so much for helping me and my friends! You have been my inspiration over the past three years that I've been riding at Kelsey farm. But it's so sad to watch most of you go to college! It's too sad! So in honor of all of you and behalf of all my friends, I have made a contribution to Pegasus. I don't know what I will do without you guys! I'll miss having such talkative volunteers. I've learned alot about horses! Thanks again for helping!

P.S: I raised this money! 😊
Love,
Justine

HELP WANTED: CALLING ALL FOUR-LEGGED APPLICANTS



Ideal candidate is an experienced team player with a strong work ethic and a good temperament. Second- and third-career applicants are welcome and encouraged to apply. The position is mentally and physically challenging; candidate must be willing and able to undergo the extensive training and conditioning required to be an effective member of our team. Candidate must also be sound at

the walk, trot and canter. Multiple positions available in our pony and horse departments. Health benefits/room and board included. If you know someone who is perfect for this job, please contact Pegasus Program Director Alison Plaza at aplaza@pegasustr.org or (845) 669-8235 x113.

Deloitte Volunteers Make a Big Impact

On Friday, June 5, more than two dozen volunteers from the Wilton, Stamford and New York City offices of Deloitte spent an entire day clearing brush on our sensory trails, removing rocks and other debris from our paddocks, and assisting in the administrative offices. The volunteers were taking part in Deloitte's Impact Day, a worldwide celebration of the company's year-round commitment to workplace volunteerism. Nominated by Deloitte staff member Steve Spaulding, Pegasus was selected as one of this year's Impact Day beneficiaries. Despite the less-than-ideal weather, the volunteers did an incredible job. Many thanks to these hardworking people, and to Deloitte for selecting us!



If you or your organization would like to volunteer at Pegasus, contact Volunteer Coordinator Bill Prout at bprout@pegasustr.org or (845) 669-8235 x106.

The Barclays/PGA TOUR to Tee It Up for PTR

TICKETS Fore CHARITY™ is a program hosted by The Barclays/PGA TOUR to benefit local nonprofit organizations. When you purchase general admission tickets to attend The 2009 Barclays at Liberty National this August, **75% of the net proceeds will be donated to Pegasus!** For details and to purchase tickets in support of our riders, visit pegasustr.org and click The Barclays link.



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