



# Equine-Assisted Therapy News

## From The Director's Desk ...



2011 is really slipping by! Can you believe it's already time to think about EAT's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament? We have a wonderful day on the links of Crescent Farms Golf Club planned for you and your friends. Tips from the pro, good food, beautiful course, fine prizes, fun friends and, of course, the best weather St Louis can offer!



Check out the registration form included in this newsletter and reserve your spot ASAP! The Equine-Assisted Therapy event of the year is just around the corner! This is your chance to join us in celebrating 7 wonderful years of growing and serving the disabled community of St Louis. We look forward to seeing you there!

♥ Ginni

## Griffins Lend a Hand to EAT . . .



On June 16th, 4 young men from Vianney High School (and 1 Vianney mom) came out to help remove fallen trees and branches from the indoor arena site and put them through a chipper to make mulch for some places around the facility. We are so appreciative to:

Chad Brown, Ben Dean, Matt Jansen, TJ Valenza, and Mom, Louisa Dean

We are grateful to these young men for choosing Equine-Assisted Therapy as their community service recipient and to Vianney for encouraging their students to get out and help those in need. What a difference and life-long memory this will be for them as they become the future leaders of our country.



## National Charity League

A group of women came to us asking if they could help our program with anything. We LOVE it when people do that! That was our first introduction to the National Charity League (NCL), a wonderful group of women and their daughters who reach out to local non-profits to offer their time for various projects and events. Through the years, NCL has been a continuous and wonderful source of support in not only our egg hunt (which they run annually for us) but trivia night, volunteer appreciation week, regular class times and our fall festival. All-in-all the NCL volunteers have logged over 500 hours with EAT alone. Wow! We have said it a million times but always mean it - we are only as strong as the volunteers that support us. Thank you to the alumni and current members of the NCL for helping us continue to grow!



**We are truly blessed to have the NCL as part of our EAT family.**



# Equine-Assisted Therapy News



## EAT Spotlight on . . . Bill Schmidt — Farrier

Bill has been taking care of Equine-Assisted Therapy's horses feet since the program began in 2004. He so kindly offers EAT a reduced rate for normal shoeing fees and keeps a watchful eye on the health of their all-important hooves. Since horses are on their feet even more than we are every day, they develop cracks, abscesses, chips, thrush, injury as well as signs of general illness and dietary issues. And they can't go home and put their feet up while watching American Idol like we can! We are so lucky to have a caring, conscientious farrier like Bill who truly believes in what we do enough to donate his talents and experience to make our horses happy and comfortable.



Bill is also a member of the Missouri Emergency Response Service (MERS) Large Animal Rescue group who respond in a moment's notice to assist any animal in crisis and bring them to safety. MERS has been recognized over the years as the Professional Large Animal Rescue Group to call on when it comes to the most challenging and difficult rescues. In addition to all of the qualifications that MERS members have, they also have members that are Swift Water Rescue Certified, as well as members, like Bill, that are Scuba Dive Certified for recovery situations.



## Volunteer Spotlight . . . Allison & Steve Smyth

Allison & Steve Smyth - this father/daughter duo came to Equine-Assisted Therapy when we opened our Wildwood facility as they live just up the street and are horse people.



Allison found EAT through her parents who stopped at the Wildwood location out of curiosity as to what EAT stood for. As soon as sessions started, she was happily volunteering in any way possible. Allison enjoys spending time with the horses at EAT or with her own horse. Allison also introduced her dad, Steve, to volunteering at EAT. Her favorite part about volunteering is witnessing the changes that the participants make throughout the sessions.

Allison is a senior in High School and Steve is just a senior! ☺ Allison works part time at Culvers in Eureka and Steve works for CHAN Healthcare Auditors .

Both are such a blessing to EAT as horse-experienced volunteers and compassionate people.

## We Love Our Volunteers !!!



## Spotlight on an EAT Horse

### ROMEO

Ernie, nicknamed Romeo for the white heart on his forehead and his incredibly loving personality, is a 15 year old American Quarter Horse gelding donated by Christie Chavis who was transferred to the Netherlands for 3 years as an employee of Monsanto and needed a caring home for her beloved family member. Equine-Assisted Therapy has been so happy with Romeo . . . he is a sweet and valued member of the EAT herd at our Wildwood location !





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Thank You ...



- ♥ Bill Schmidt - Farrier
- ♥ St Louis Equine Veterinary Services
- ♥ Homestead Veterinary Hospital
- ♥ Pott Foundation
- ♥ AT&T Employee Giving Campaign :



Karen Ernst  
 Caroline Collins  
 Kathleen Milton

- ♥ Morgan Stanley Employee Giving Campaign :  
Larry Diamond
- ♥ Liberty Mutual Employee Giving Campaign :  
Cheryl & Joe Barnett  
Bev & Wayne Owens
- ♥ Peabody Energy Matching Gift Program :  
Laura Peterson
- ♥ Donation made by Valerie Whitney & Sharon Bower,  
and Joe & Marge Kountzman in memory of Ray Bruhn
- ♥ Peggy Browne sent in a donation in honor of all that  
Danielle Brantley does for EAT's volunteers, partic-  
ipants and horses. Thanks Peggy AND Dee!
- ♥ Robin & David Bair for their donation of tack, horse  
stuff and their wonderful horse a draft/cross, He-  
ro (read more about Hero in the October edition of  
the EAT Newsletter) a-a-a-nd for the hours of gar-  
dening at our Wildwood location !

You guys are awesome!



Variety Club Visits EAT



The Variety Club came to Equine-Assisted Therapy on June 20<sup>th</sup> and July 11<sup>th</sup> for a day of camp activities! We had a great time grooming horses, riding and decorating horseshoes. Some of the campers ( and their bus driver ! ) said they had never been on a horse before so this was a real experience for them. We always enjoy making this opportunity available to all who might benefit from the unique human-like movement of the horse and the exhilarating



feeling of freedom from the bonds of disability.

Thanks to EAT volunteers who made this opportunity possible for a great group of kids!



- ♥ Denise Bertrand
- ♥ Danielle Brantley
- ♥ Catherine Cook
- ♥ Nina Curitto
- ♥ Jody Delf
- ♥ Amanda Ebling
- ♥ Bonnie Enos
- ♥ Annie Goldberg
- ♥ Rick Gyllenborg
- ♥ Miranda Hoh
- ♥ Dave Holtz
- ♥ Andrea Limbeck
- ♥ Bob Manges
- ♥ Tiffany Martha, Jack, Logan, Makenny as well as their horses Oro and Julie
- ♥ Caryn Mundell
- ♥ Claudia Oertli
- ♥ Eileen Palmer
- ♥ Debbie Quarternik
- ♥ Gaye Regan
- ♥ Marti Schlegel
- ♥ Jordyn Smith
- ♥ Linda Taylor
- ♥ Karen & Joe Zimmerman



Picture Perfect



As you all know Christine Brewer, professional photographer has been snapping shots of our participants for a few months now and they are adorable!!!! You can see them and order your favorites at :



[www.christinebrewer.zenfolio.com](http://www.christinebrewer.zenfolio.com)



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EAT's 7th Annual Golf Tournament



Join us for the Equine Assisted Therapy 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic!  
\*\*Professionals and Amateur golfers welcome!\*\*

Saturday, September 24, 2011 at Crescent Farms Golf Club  
~ located at 745 Lewis Road, just off of Hwy. 44.

- Ω Entrance fee includes barbeque lunch, 18 holes of golf on a semi-private and beautiful course, and a delicious gourmet dinner.
- Ω Registration opens at 11, golf begins at noon.

Per Golfer - \$145

Foursome - \$550 in advance - \$580 at the door

Event Sponsor - Includes entrance banner, hole sign and display board - \$1500

Eagle Sponsor - Includes 8 golfers, entrance banner, hole sign and display board - \$2500

Birdie Sponsor - Includes 4 golfers, hole sign and display board - \$1000

Hole Sponsor - Personalized sign at hole of your choice - \$100

Widow's Package - Includes admission to dinner following tournament - \$25

Checks to be made out to Equine-Assisted Therapy and mailed to:

Ginni Hartke

5591 Calvey Creek Road

Robertsville, MO 63072

Event benefits Equine-Assisted Therapy, a 501(c)3 non profit. ~ [Equine-AssistedTherapy.org](http://Equine-AssistedTherapy.org)



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## Equine-Assisted Therapy 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic Registration

\_\_\_ Eagle Sponsor x \$2,500 (Entrance banner, hole sign, display board, 8 golfers)

Name on all signage: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of eight golfers:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Event Sponsor x \$1,500 (Entrance banner, hole sign, display board)

Name on all signage: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Birdie Sponsor x \$1,000 (Hole sign and display board, 4 golfers)

Name on all signage: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of four golfers:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Hole Sponsor x \$100

Name on sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Please display on the \_\_\_ hole.

\_\_\_ Foursome x \$550 in advance

Names of four golfers:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Single Golfer x \$145 in advance

\_\_\_ Widow's Package x \$25

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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