

2016 SPUR Horse Show



Smiles were the order of the day as SPUR students demonstrated their riding skills for family members and friends at the May 21 horse show at Sunnyside Equestrian Center.



Forty-seven child and adult riders participated in a variety of classes, each aimed at a particular ability level. Dressage judge Cindy Glaser, whose positive comments to each individual have been a highlight of past shows, evaluated them. The 150 attendees who were on hand over the course of the day cheered the riders at the end of each class as they received ribbons and trophies.



Live music by Ben Weiner, food vendor Rubbin and Roasting, and opportunities to scale the Monmouth County Park System's rock wall added to the day's fun.

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It is the mission of the Board of Directors of Special People United to Ride, Inc. (SPUR) to raise funds for the assistance of individuals with disabilities through need-based scholarships for SPUR therapeutic horsemanship programs. In addition, the Board of Directors will provide material assistance to the Monmouth County Park System for the implementation of its therapeutic horsemanship programs, when deemed necessary by the SPUR Board of Directors.

PROGRAM MISSION

Working in conjunction with the Monmouth County Park System, Special People United to Ride is a non-profit organization providing individuals with disabilities the opportunity to achieve personal goals through therapeutic horse-back riding.



A Message from the Co-Presidents

Dear Friends of SPUR,

The cold temperatures we had during the months of March and April are a distant memory and summer is officially here.

This has been a year of growth.

Our SPUR spring session registered the largest enrollment of students ever. In addition, requests from school groups asking to participate in the Equine Environment for Learning Program are on the rise.

Sunnyside Equestrian Center was honored to host a study by The Equine Science Center at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. The five-day data collection trial involving Equine Assisted Activities Therapy (EAAT) measured the physiological indicators of stress and well-being in humans and horses.

As we move into the second half of 2016, we are asking for your support for a variety of fundraising endeavors scheduled in the months that follow. Check the calendar of events in this issue to see what's coming up. There are many ways you can help – by attending, donating auction items, underwriting and purchasing 50/50 tickets.

The monies raised at these events and your generous donations allow the SPUR Board of Directors to continue to offer scholarships to students and veterans who need financial assistance, to help purchase new therapy horses, and to safely retire our horses who have carefully carried so many riders over the years.

This will be our last letter as co-presidents. While we will remain on the board, Larry Anderson, who has been overseeing strategic planning for us and was a SPUR volunteer, officially took over the presidency in July. His wealth of experience in the business world, and a love of the program will certainly help us to move forward. We are extremely happy to be working alongside him.

Many thanks to all of our supporters, old and new, who helped during our tenure. The SPUR program is growing and developing in fresh and exciting ways, and the SPUR Board is proud to be part of that development.

Sincerely,

Barbara Carroll and Barbara Duggan
Co-Presidents, SPUR Board of Directors

2015 Volunteers of the Year



Joan Schwartz-Berg

In recognition of her many contributions to our SPUR program since she began volunteering in the winter of 2004, we are happy to name Joan Schwartz-Berg as our 2015 Volunteer of the Year.

Joan brings a cheerful, positive energy to Sunnyside and has been active in just about every aspect of our program. She volunteers on a regular

basis for SPUR lessons and substitutes whenever her schedule permits. She has participated in various workshops and applied what she has learned to help our horses, especially Mimosa, feel comfortable and happy. Joan was one of Bugsie's best friends and spent many hours grooming and visiting with him in his retirement. Joan even found time to design and present a special "Yoga on Horseback" program for our Equine Facilitated Learning class which was thoroughly enjoyed by our Collier students. Thank you, Joan for all you do for all of us.

Our Junior Volunteer of 2015 is Amelia Lautenberg. Since attending our Fall 2012 workshop, Amelia has been an enthusiastic and reliable volunteer. A confident and skilled horse handler, she is an asset to any lesson to which she is assigned. She has been especially helpful to newer volunteers, encouraging them to take over the role of leader and offering helpful insights about the personalities and habits of our horses. An equally skilled sidewalker, she is attentive and sensitive to the students



Amelia Lautenberg

with whom she interacts. Amelia has also volunteered with our special programs and with summer camps, sharing her horse knowledge with the participants in those activities. We are very appreciative of the many hours she has spent here at Sunnyside helping our programs to run smoothly. Thanks, Amelia, from all of us for your dedication to our SPUR team.

Upcoming SPUR Events

- October 15 – HRH (Health and Recreation through Horses) Horse Show at Horse Park of NJ
- October 16 – Thompson Park Day (11 AM to 5 PM) Thompson Park, Lincroft, NJ
- November 19 – Sweet JAW Gala to benefit SPUR, Deal Country Club
- November 19 – Hoofin' It for SPUR Run, Sunnyside Equestrian Center



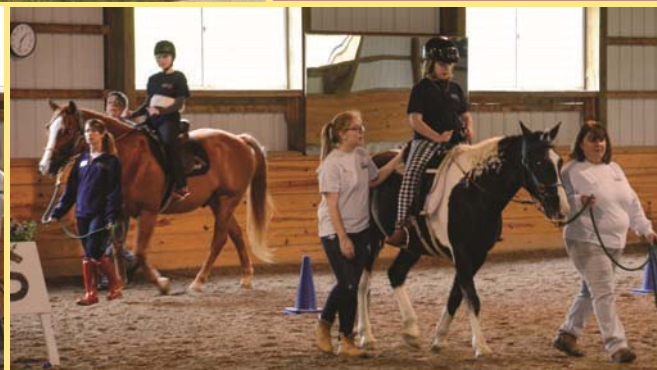
As these events approach more detailed information will be posted on our website <http://spuronline.org> and on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SpecialPeopleUnitedtoRide/>.



2016 Horse Show

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The event would not have been possible without the hard work of our dedicated staff and the 30 volunteers who assisted every step of the way as well as our sponsors, Addeo, Polacco & Penta, LLC and Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Avallone.



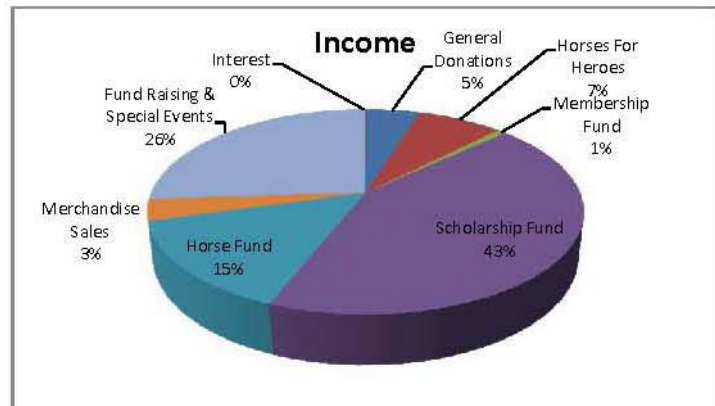


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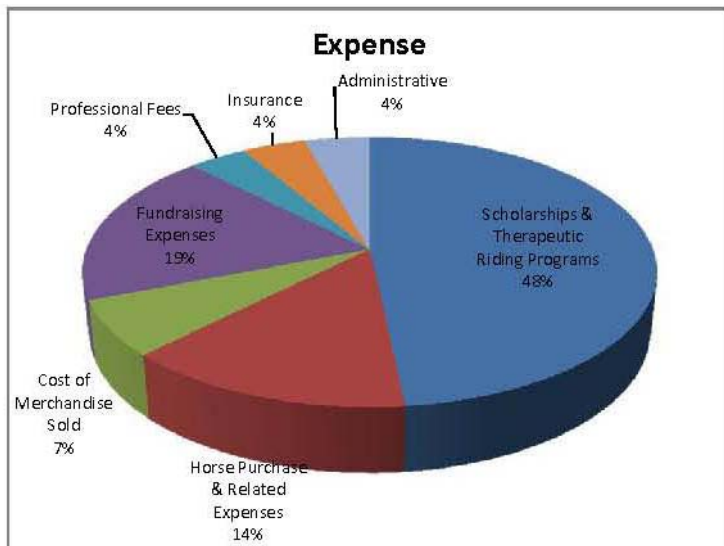
Income

General Donations	\$ 6,713
Horses For Heroes	10,539
Membership Fund	1,080
Scholarship Fund	59,857
Horse Fund	20,353
Merchandise Sales	4,713
Fundraising & Special Events	36,032
Interest	258
Total Income	<u>\$139,546</u>



Expense

Scholarships & Therapeutic Riding Programs	\$ 30,100
Horse Purchase & Related Expenses	8,750
Cost of Merchandise Sold	4,128
Fundraising Expenses	11,584
Professional Fees	2,387
Insurance	2,632
Administrative	2,668
Total Expense	<u>62,249</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>77,297</u>
Prior Year's Accumulated Balance	96,214
Year Ending Net Assets	\$173,511



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Students as young as four years old come to SPUR to enjoy the many benefits that therapeutic riding has to offer. Students, along with their caregivers, are firm believers that physical and emotional achievements are realized through therapeutic riding.

Your membership in SPUR will help us to turn more dreams into realities. Volunteering and supporting SPUR-sponsored fundraising events are other ways you can show your support throughout the year.

On behalf of all SPUR students, we thank you for your continued support.

Please show your support and become a member today.

- Annual single membership \$30 \$ _____
 Annual family membership \$50 \$ _____

I want to do more. Please accept the following gift toward:

- Student Financial Aid Scholarships:
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A Star Supporter

Andrew Jarvis, who graduated from Monsignor Donovan High School this June, has been raising funds for the SPUR scholarship program since 2012. He has donated more than 150 hours during these years and has raised over \$3,000. His fundraising efforts have included canvassing local businesses asking if they would make a donation or allow him to solicit outside their businesses, composing letters describing SPUR's mission and giving them to his neighbors, asking friends to donate their used sporting equipment so that he could sell it on eBay, and making and selling baked goods for sale after church services. SPUR is grateful to Andrew and the many individuals and businesses that have contributed to his efforts over these past four years.

