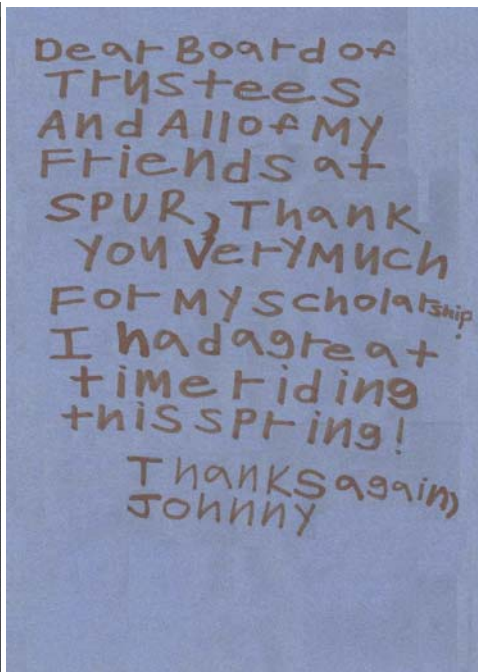
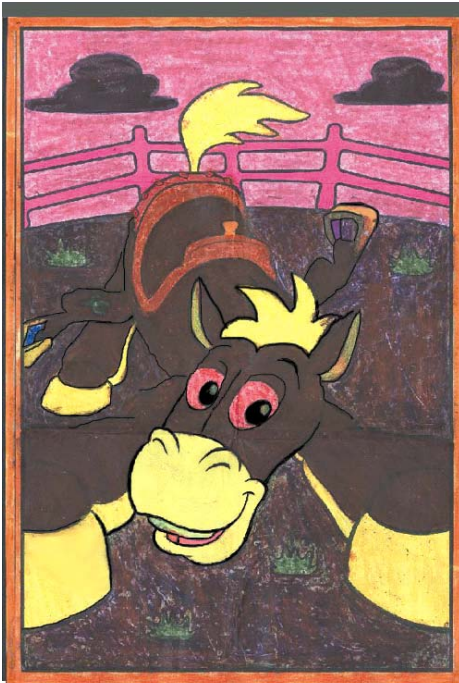
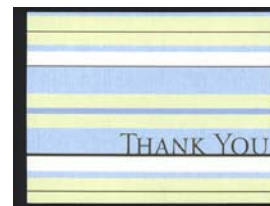




Giving Never Felt So Good



"Dear Pat and the SPUR Scholarship Committee,



Once again, thank you for granting "Geri" a full scholarship for the Winter session. We cannot express

how grateful we are for your generosity. It has enabled "Geri" to continue horseback riding in the program. Laurie and the volunteers, as well the other instructors, have continued to implement "Geri's" communication book into the sessions. "Geri" thoroughly enjoys the sessions. We really appreciate the kindness and caring of all the staff, the horses included. Thank you again!" ♥

"This has been an unbelievable experience for my daughter. It has done more for her confidence, balance and bravery than anything ever could. "Jean" fell off the horse while trotting, and she got up, brushed herself off, gave me a huge smile and thumbs up and got right back on. This never would have happened a year ago. These lessons are not possible without a scholarship." ♥

"Jimmy" loves horseback riding and really looks forward to participating each spring. Unfortunately, in addition to having autism, he has other medical issues where the specialists are out of network, and we must pay their bills without help of insurance for him and his sibling also with special needs.

We have been very fortunate in the past to receive scholarships for horseback riding. Without them, it would not be possible for

EDITOR'S NOTE: These are just a sampling of notes SPUR receives requesting assistance and/or thanking us for the scholarship program. The names have been changed or omitted to maintain the families' privacy.

"Jane" loves horseback riding and needs the structured time. As a single mother, I cannot afford to pay for her lessons and I would hate to see her stop because of financial reasons. We have all seen such growth and improvements in her, even in school since she has been able to have lessons. She would not have been able to have been exposed to such an activity or horses without this fabulous scholarship and program. She gets sensory, balance, language, and social skills and she looks forward to it every week." ♥

"I was laid off from my job on August 29, 2010. I lost my health insurance on October 17, 2010, which has me bearing the full brunt of my daughter's therapy costs. Being on a reduced limited income is proving more than difficult. Almost half of what I take in goes to rent alone. "Jill" loves horses so much and she misses Blue and Stephanie. She wants to come back but can't without your help. Thank You." ♥



"Sunnyside Staff, Thank you so much for all that you do for my children. They enjoy riding and riding has made such a difference in their lives." Thank You. L.V. ♥



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A Message from the President

Dear Friends of SPUR,

At long last, the snow is gone, the horses are enjoying more and more time outside, and spring seems like it might actually be on its way, to the delight of all here at SPUR.

The SPUR Board of Directors would like to thank all who supported our fundraising efforts to benefit the SPUR Scholarship Fund by purchasing raffle tickets in the fall. Congratulations to the five lucky winners! One hundred percent of revenue from the raffle has been utilized by the Board to provide financial assistance to students who might otherwise not be able to benefit from SPUR's therapeutic programs.

We are also thrilled to welcome Nicholas Hegarty and Robin Walla to the SPUR Board of Directors. We are certain that their individual talents and enthusiasm will prove to be a great benefit to the program, and look forward to years of fruitful collaboration on behalf of SPUR and the students we serve.

Enjoy the warmer weather, and thanks to all for your continued support!

Kind regards,

Linda Irving Smith

President, SPUR Board of Directors

2010 Volunteers of the Year by Pat Bernstein

Since becoming a SPUR volunteer in the spring of 2009, Bobby DeBarba has helped with SPUR and ARIES lessons, and many of our special programs.



Always willing to substitute when another volunteer needs to miss a lesson, Bobby is a skilled horse handler and helpful sidewalker. He has been especially helpful to the instructors in our Youth Summer Camp program. As part of his Eagle Scout project, Robert built a wooden bridge that became part of our sensory trail; as the horses cross it, the sound and sensation it provides to our riders

gives them a unique sensory experience as part of their lessons. Bobby is a fine young man who will be missed by all of us at Sunnyside when he goes off to college. We are happy to recognize his many contributions to our program by naming him our 2010 Junior Volunteer of the Year.

Barbara Carroll is our 2010 Volunteer of the Year. Barbara started volunteering with us in September 2007. She immediately became one of our "go to"



people and consistently offers us lots of availability with a myriad of

activities. She helps with SPUR and ARIES lessons, summer camps, and special programs, all with a cheerful, calm attitude and a ready smile. She brings skill, sensitivity and understanding to her interactions with students, instructors, and horses alike. We pair our newer volunteers with Barbara as often as we can because we know that she'll help make their introduction to SPUR a positive and rewarding one. This year, Barbara has taken her commitment to SPUR one step further by joining the SPUR Board of Directors. She was instrumental in gathering donated prizes for our raffle to benefit our scholarship fund and recently agreed to become SPUR's Secretary.

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The SPUR Board of Directors, the Sunnyside staff, and the student riders thank the following individuals and organizations for their generous support over the past year.

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The annual report was unavailable at press time. Information will be posted on our web page as soon as it is available.



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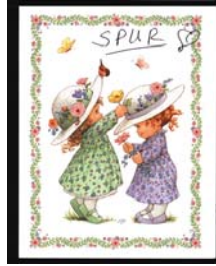


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us to cover the tuition fee. "Jimmy" is a very positive, kind boy and has been a good big brother.

We would be so grateful if we could receive assistance with the cost of the next session. The SPUR program has embraced "Jimmy" like family since he started riding ten years ago. The program has been such a wonderful experience for him; we hope he can ride again this spring. Thank you so much." ♥



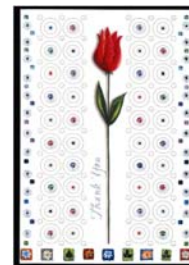
"Dear SPUR Foundation,
I would like to thank you for all you have done for my daughter "Kelly." The horse therapy has helped her so much. Last month you provided us with an unexpected scholarship and considering we fell two mortgages behind, "Kelly" would never have been able to ride this term, none the less given the wonderful

opportunity by Liz to participate in the Special Horse show — "Kelly" is beyond excited. We will all be there to cheer for everyone! Two days ago I sent in the next session's form anticipating I could pay in full in November when finances are better. Yesterday my husband came home and informed me that for the next three weeks he is again at half pay. Then his job is terminated — My husband will be unemployed just in time for "Kelly's" birthday!

I know SPUR has sponsored "Kelly" in the past when times were difficult. We have no savings, no credit, etc. I was thinking if you could remove "Kelly's" name from the roster for the next session I would appreciate it.

"Kelly" enjoys riding more than you could imagine, but we feel someone else should have a turn to ride in her place. We will come back when the job market improves. I thank you so much for all you have done for us."
Love The "H" Family ♥

"Dear Scholarship Committee,
There's more appreciation than words could ever say behind the special thank you this brings to you today. Thank you for awarding us a scholarship for this Winterim session."
Mrs. A. G. ♥



SPUR Riders Attend HRH Annual Horse

For the third year in a row ARIES students represented the SPUR program at the Horseback Riding for the Handicapped of New Jersey Open Horse show in Allentown, New Jersey. Jack Veech, Ashley Feldman, Stephanie Altschuler, Eric Altschuler, and Brendan Durney spent the fall riding session working on all their riding skills and memorizing the obstacle course pattern in preparation for this show.

On Saturday, October 23, 2010 the students participated in two classes each: an equitation class to demon-

strate riding skills and an obstacle class. For the first time in many years the weather was beautiful and classes were held in the outdoor arenas.

The SPUR horses, Mimi, Salt, and Blue participated in the Isaac's Perpetual Trophy class to show off their skills as a therapy horse. They were the hit of the class when all three laid down to nap while waiting for the class results. Talk about bomb proof!

A special thanks goes out to all the staff and volunteers who gave their time to help us throughout the day.



Congratulations riders!

Pictures from top left to right:
Eric Altschuler, Stephanie Altschuler



Pictures from bottom left to right:
Ashley Feldman riding on Blue
Brendan Durney riding on Salt
Jack Veech riding on Mimi

2010 SPUR SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket or made a donation to our raffle campaign. The Board of Directors met on Monday, December 6th and the following winners were drawn:

First Prize: Ayana Mathur
Second Prize: Judy Horan
Third Prize: Mrs. Joseph G. Boak
Fourth Prize: Dennis Bermack
Fifth Prize: Laura Bach

Congratulations!



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Eagle Scout Supports SPUR

SPUR volunteer and Boy Scout Bobby DeBarba designed and constructed a bridge for the sensory trail at Sunnyside as his Eagle Scout project. The bridge will be used to add variety to lessons when riding outside of the arena.

The bridge was built and installed this past fall, just in time for the arrival of the cold winter weather. In addition to Bobby's work, professional services for design and building were donated by Joseph T. Bobowski Builder, of

Point Pleasant, Builder's General and Little Silver Hardware in Little Silver.

On February 16th Bobby passed his Council Board of Review and was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. "Only 1% of Scouts ever achieve this rank, so it's quite an accomplishment," said his mother, Darlene DeBarba, also a SPUR volunteer.

In addition to his Eagle Scout achievement, Bobby has also earned



SPUR's Junior Volunteer of the Year Award for 2010 recognition for the many hours he has spent assisting with lessons.

Thank you and congratulations to Bobby for his hard work and dedication to SPUR.

