

# HOOFBEATS from SPUR



December 2020

On November 30, 2020, Governor Murphy announced the suspension of indoor sports. SPUR will not be in session during the month of December but will resume when the suspension is lifted. Please check our Facebook page or website ([www.spuronline.org](http://www.spuronline.org)) for updates. We appreciate your patience, and look forward to a great New Year in 2021!



To our Supporters and Followers,

It goes without saying 2020 has presented a variety of challenges both with physical safety and financial security. Fundraising for many organizations, including the SPUR Board, has been increasingly difficult due to social distancing practices and business closures; but through your continued contributions and local foundation support we have been able to successfully continue our mission of awarding SPUR Program Scholarships.

Despite this year's challenges, with your support we have been incredibly successful with virtual fundraising events as well as local grant applications, and have positioned ourselves for continued success in 2021. Early this year, we worked with a consulting team for nonprofits in order to develop and implement a strategic plan that has enhanced the effectiveness of the SPUR Board. Throughout the year we accomplished a number of milestones, some of which include successful grant awards from eight charitable organizations, the First Annual SPUR Virtual Run, Board expansion, and a successful and sustainable Board reorganization.

With your continued partnership and support we hope to continue executing our strategic plan by growing our grant writing capabilities, expanding the use of virtual fundraising platforms, and broadening our outreach in a COVID conscious community. SPUR is viewed as a premier special needs support organization in the region and through our 100% volunteer board we will continue to raise the financial resources needed to enable individuals with special needs to participate in the life-changing therapeutic horsemanship program SPUR provides.

I hope everyone stays safe and healthy as we enter the holiday season. I look forward to working with you into the New Year.

Thank you,

*Robert DeBarba*

President, SPUR Board of Directors



Equine partner Snoopy and SPUR Program Director Jackie West accepted a grant check from Investors Foundation. Many thanks to the Foundation and presenters Linda Martin, Investors Bank District Manager, Monmouth District, and Karol Renik, Assistant Vice President and Colts Neck (NJ) Branch Manager.

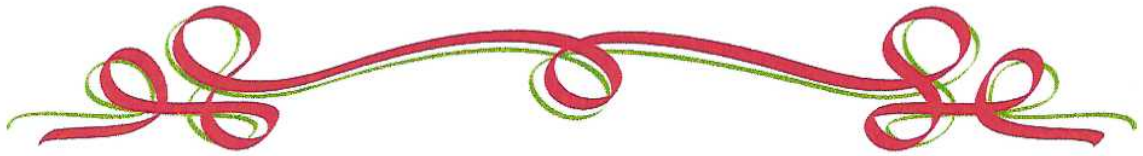
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a hard-to-buy for person on your holiday list,  
please consider a donation to  
SPUR. 'In honor of ...'

<http://spuonline.org/Donations.html>

or

Checks payable to Special People United to Ride,  
Inc.

805 Newman Springs Road  
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***SPUR is grateful for the program support provided by the following 2020 grants:***

**Rite Aid KidCents Round-Up Program & Thankful Giving Campaign**



**Ocean First Foundation**



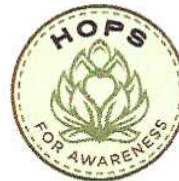
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**HOPS for Awareness**



**Investors Foundation**



**Monmouth Park Charity Fund**

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*We're grateful for all our dedicated riders, too, and we miss you!*

*Titan, in his elfin duds two years ago*

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