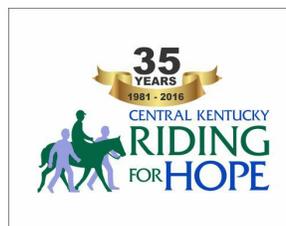


Celebrating 35 Years!



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2016 NIGHT OF THE STARS SHINES!!!

“Horse Power” was definitely in abundance at the 2016 edition of NIGHT OF THE STARS on June 18, at the Keeneland Entertainment Center. This year’s event was again a sell-out with over 500 guests in attendance.

With “Horse Power” as the theme, guests were greeted by two of our miniature horses dressed in Horses for Heroes and Military garb. As they entered the historic Keene Barn, which was beautifully decorated with horses and crystals, our auction beckoned. With everything from halters from such stallions as American Pharoah, to jewelry, vacations, art, antiques and uniquely Kentucky items, there was something for everyone. We thank our donors for giving us their gifts and support to share in both our silent and live auctions.

Read more about the event [here](#).

Calendar

July 4th - Closed for Independence Day
7/22-7/24 Breyerfest at KYHP
8/2 Volunteer Orientation at CKRH
8/6 Volunteer Hands on Training at CKRH

QUICK LINKS:

Next Session is Aug 13th-Oct 24th
[Availability forms](#)
[Volunteer forms](#)



CKRH Pays Off Facility!!!

On this, our 35th anniversary of Central Kentucky Riding for Hope and 7th anniversary of operating in our new facility, we have received a challenge gift and a matching grant that have retired all debt on our \$4.2 million facility.

The challenge gift came from the Creech Family Foundation who not only wanted to help CKRH, but to encourage others to do the same.

The matching grant comes to us from the Clark Family Foundation Inc. based in Naples, FL, which supports organizations dedicated to promoting the health and well-being of children.

“We are so grateful to both the Creech Family Foundation and the Clark Family Foundation for their support and belief in our mission,” said Pat Kline, Executive Director of CKRH. “It is amazing to be able to announce that we have retired the debt on our facility here at the Kentucky Horse Park. I can’t tell you how rewarding it is to see the CKRH facility go from a germ of an idea to seeing the facility debt-free and our programs flourishing.”

We encourage everyone to visit and tour CKRH to see what Hope has built and how Hope is changing lives for the better!



Joyous July!

CKRH hosted a PATH Instructor Workshop and certification June 9-13. Congratulations to Alyssa Hudson, CKRH Equine Care Assistant and Mindy Welch, CKRH volunteer instructor. Both passed with flying colors and are now PATH certified therapeutic riding instructors. CKRH continues to strive to be a resource and educational institute for professionals in equine assisted activities and therapies.



Volunteer News

Next session starts soon! Would you like to get involved with CKRH? You can find more information on our website and fill out an [application](#) to volunteer. We have positions for horse and non-horse people!

Current Volunteers - Please email Vickie with your [availability](#). Include the day and time if you are interested in continuing with the same participant.

Indoor Arena Footing Reconditioned!!

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There is an old saying, "No foot, no horse." Anyone who has ever spent any time around horses knows that to be true. What is really means is that without a proper foundation nothing else can happen. With that said, our CKRH horses and their hooves are incredibly important to our program and we are delighted to say that the footing in our indoor arena has been reconditioned thanks to a grant from the Clark Family Foundation.

One of the reasons we built this facility was to have a large indoor arena so that we could have sessions throughout the year regardless of the weather. Luckily, during the five days it took Atwood Equestrian Surfaces to work and recondition the footing, the weather was great so we could hold our sessions in our outdoor arena.

We are grateful to the Clark Family Foundation for their grant to support this effort. We thank them for giving us a hoof when we needed a hand!

Therapeutic Riding News!

Congratulations to Makayla Sallee for completing the D1 U. S. Pony Club Mega Rally. Makayla, a D1 member of the CKRH Pony Club and her CKRH horse Kyky showed in both dressage and stadium jumping. The competition was held at the KyHorse Park June 22 – 26.



Meet Danielle Middleton, CKRH Intern

This year we have been very fortunate to have Danielle Middleton as an intern from the Martin School of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Kentucky. Danielle is in her second year of attaining a Masters Degree in Public Administration and has always wanted to work in the government or non-profit sector. All Masters Degree students must have a 400 hour internship in a relevant field in the public sector.

"We have been blessed to have someone of Danielle's skill and interest level to work with us on our Strategic Plan and our major fundraising event, The Night of the STARS," said Pat Kline, Executive Director of Central Kentucky Riding for Hope. "She has been an amazing asset."

Read more [here](#).

Equine Facts

This year's **Equine Troop** is in full swing! The kids have been riding, learning about horse health care, and also getting to see some sites around the Horse Park. Our focus this past week was "Personal Goals"! Great discussions and lots of great ideas! Stay tuned for what we do in July!!



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