



NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our 2010 Special Olympics team competed very successfully at the state games August 20-22 in Perry, GA! Riders competed in Horsemanship, Equitation and Trail with the following results:

Eve - bronze, gold, and gold
 Alex W - 4th, silver, and gold
 Siobhan - 4th, 4th, and gold
 Alex D - 6th, 4th, and bronze
 Kevin - 5th, 5th, and 5th
 Marylynn - bronze and silver
 Chris - 4th and 4th



BEATS will be participating in Hands On Atlanta Day on October 2nd. Our main project is to clear a therapy trail out front. Other projects include clearing unsafe rocks and debris from the pastures, landscaping and fence repair. So far we have a group of 70 employees from Aaron's signed up! All help is welcome so let me know if you would like to come out!

Margaret Denny of Home Savings of America has generously offered to donate a percentage of commission to BEATS for every loan closed with her. Home loan rates are at an all time low now - a perfect time to refinance or take out equity! Contact Margaret to see how she can help you and, in turn, help BEATS!! margaretdenny@comcast.net or call 1-877-264-3222 x242



Congratulations to all of our athletes! A HUGE thank you to our families and wonderful volunteers Ashlyn Stover, Nissa Sumerlin, Carrie Riddle and Kelsey Darnell! And we can't forget our awesome horses - Phantom, Strider and Reinbeau!!

It was a great weekend for all!

I don't really need many more reasons to love my job but some things are worth sharing. Last year, Luis Barrera, June's Rider-of-the-Month, started riding with BEATS after having suffered a stroke the prior year. I remember vividly his daughter asking me if I thought he would be able to return to his job which involved a lot of driving. From my experience over the years, I can usually tell if a goal is reasonable or if a family should be redirected to not get their hopes up. I gave her the firmest of "maybe's." With right sided weakness still after a year, I just wasn't confident he could achieve the necessary control. Needless to say how surprised, excited and so proud I was to pull out of the barn to go to the feed store last week and have Luis pass me, pulling in himself behind the wheel! Congratulations Luis!!!

The concert season at the Verizon Amphitheater is winding down!! BEATS has raised some valuable money to support the program. This money we earn is critical to our budget and helps with horse care, therapy supplies, beverages and awards for our clients and volunteers, and other incidentals. The booth is lots of fun but requires a lot of manpower! If you would like to be on our roster please let me know! You must be 21 to help at our booth. There are a few concerts left and some really big acts! You can check the schedule at www.vzwamp.com.

Thank you to CarMax for their donation of \$1000 to our program! A group of Carmax employees came out to help repair fences a few weeks ago. We appreciate their support of BEATS!

We welcome a bunch of new volunteers who started with the new school year!! There are still a few slots to fill to please continue to spread the word!!

Another big congratulations to Pat Schwartz and her husband Bernie on celebrating 50 years of marriage on September 3rd!! Pat has been with BEATS for over 7 years - the length of my marriage so far - and I look forward to her coming every week!!!



RIDER OF THE MONTH

Alex was one of BEATS' first clients as she was riding with DreamPower when we merged. She is an absolutely delightful young lady who is fun to work with! Alex has come far in the past year - steering on her own and even starting to post the trot on a lunge line. Alex has been on our Special Olympics team all three years and earned a bronze medal in the Intermediate level trail this year! Alex's equine pal has mostly been Reinbeau though she is starting to get to know Poco as she progresses in trotting.



Alex is very active in cheerleading and tennis and participates in Special Olympics in bowling, tennis and swimming! She has a service/seizure dog named Flame. Alex is a 5th grader at Arnold Mill Elementary School. She is the daughter of Reiko and Rich who are very involved with the Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance (<http://www.tsalliance.org>) raising research funds and awareness of Tuberous Sclerosis.

We are so proud of you Alex!!!

Please nominate a rider who has worked extra hard or met a new goal!! Riders of the Month receive their name on our plaque, certificate and gift from BEATS



PHANTOM'S CORNER

Phantom wants to introduce a coming page to our web site. The page will serve to support and promote businesses and organizations of those people who support BEATS.

We ask that you check out these links and support businesses listed or contribute to organizations listed by

monetary contributions or by helping to educate others. We hope to have this page (and other overdue updates) completed this month so please, volunteers, families and vendors, send us your links! Examples include:

Business: Regenia, mother to rider, Francesca:
<http://bowlsetc.com/>

Support in Honor of Jacob Vinson:
Strong Legs Run - join "Run so Jake Can" 11/6/10
<https://www.kintera.org/faf/donorReg/donorPledge.asp?ievent=346155&supId=273278887>

Support in Memory of Blake Kuller:
www.parentprojectmd.org

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Nissa Summerlin has been volunteering for BEATS for nearly three years! She came with a friend one weekend and just never left - and we never want her to!! Nissa drives in with me every Saturday and spends the whole morning, and often longer, doing anything and everything needed. She is an integral member of the "We-don't-need-Bethany-for-these-Saturday-kids" team and does a fantastic job of taking those kids through their exercises and engaging them in all sorts of stories! Nissa also came to Perry as a volunteer with our Special Olympics team this year.

When Nissa started she was quiet and had little experience with horses. It has been a pleasure to watch her mature into a confident young woman who now helps teach new volunteers. Nissa has a great sense of humor and is someone I truly look forward to seeing each week.

Nissa is a Junior at Sprayberry High School where she is involved in musical activities at school and her church. She lives with her mom, Beth, in Marietta.

Thank you, Nissa, for ALL you do!!



Please nominate your favorite volunteer and let us know why they are special! Volunteers of the month receive their name on our plaque, a certificate and a gift from BEATS.



BABY UPDATE

Jumper and Jolly are growing and learning. In weekly training with Kevin Hunter, they are learning to be led, lunged, groomed and bathed, even clipped (still working on this one), and load onto a trailer.

They will continue to practice these skills for another 6-12 months before tack is introduced.

They still share a stall and paddock at night but go out with different friends in neighboring pastures during the day! They actually tolerated being separated better than I expected. But they are still best friends and super cute!



To make a donation, inquire about volunteering, or learn more about BEATS, Inc., Please contact us at 678-494-6616 or check out our website at www.beats-inc.org.