



Wish List, Spring/Summer 2010

Help make our dreams realities

Special Equestrians is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to provide high quality therapeutic horseback riding and equine-assisted activities to individuals with physical, mental, developmental and emotional disabilities. Special Equestrians welcomes individual contributions of any size. In addition, the program has the following particular funding needs.

| | Full Cost | Gift levels | Category |
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| <p>\$2,000,000 Endowment <i>Special Equestrians operates on an average annual budget of \$180,000. Tuition covers less than 25% of this amount; grant income, an annual fund drive, and fundraising from events cover the rest. An endowment of \$2,000,000 would provide Special Equestrians with a significant level of financial stability.</i></p> | \$2,000,000 | All size gifts | Funding/ Programs |
| <p>Financial Aid funding <i>Each year Special Equestrians discounts tuition for families who cannot afford the full cost of the program. Given recent increased demand, this cost is expected to increase to approximately \$10,000 by 2011. Multi-year commitments are sought to fund all or part of this annual cost. Commitments can be signed for any amount starting at \$100 per year for a period of at least three years.</i></p> | \$10,000 annually | \$100 - \$10,000 per year for least three years or \$200,000 to endow a scholarship fund | Funding/ Programs |
| <p>Pickup truck <i>A pick-up truck would allow Special Equestrians to transport its own horses as needed and significantly enhance our efficiency and effectiveness in managing our leased facilities, which include a 12-stall stable, 10 acres of land, and 2 arenas. Currently we use staff or volunteer-owned vehicles to trailer horses and to move equipment, feed, or brush. When immediate needs arise they cannot always be met.</i></p> | \$8,000 - \$18,000 (used/new) | Full cost or actual vehicle | Equipment |
| <p>Professional development funding <i>Underwriting is necessary for our instructors to attend regional and national conferences sponsored by NARHA (North American Riding for the Handicapped Association). These meetings provide valuable professional development and the opportunity to network with other programs and individuals. Given restricted funds, we have been unable to send anyone to the national conference in recent years.</i></p> | \$7,000 annually \$4,000 to send 4 attendees to the national conference \$3,000 to send all 12 instructors to the regional conference | Fund in full or in increments of \$250 - <i>per person cost for regional conference or</i> \$1,000 - <i>per person cost for national</i> | Funding/ Programs |
| <p>New roof for the stable <i>This need was so great that the work was paid for out of the operating budget – half in 2009 and half in 2010.</i></p> | \$11,000 | | |
| <p>Solar panels for the stable and arena <i>Special Equestrians is most fortunate to pay no rent to Indian Springs School. We do, however, pay for electricity and water. To save costs and be more environ-mentally sustainable, we want to install solar panels on the arena and the barn.</i></p> | <i>To be bid out</i> | Fund at 50% or 100% or donate all materials and/or labor (licensed contractor only) | Facilities |

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| <p>Office remodeling <i>Current office is one large area with work spaces for the three paid and one volunteer professional staff members. To insure privacy related to program participants and to enhance efficiency, the Executive Director needs a separate office contiguous to the existing space. The office would come out of existing space within the stable, but construction and reconstruction of several walls would be necessary.</i></p> | <i>To be bid out</i> | Fund at 50% or 100% or donate all materials and/or labor (licensed contractor only) | Facilities |
| <p>Digital Camera – Nikon Coolpix P90 or similar <i>So that we can document our programs and our riders' success</i></p> | \$400 new, used would be welcome | Fund at 100% or donate camera | Equipment |
| <p>Close in and insulate underside of office. <i>The floor of the existing office is largely off-ground (built on a slope), and a lot of heat and air conditioning is lost through the floor. Closing in and insulating that space will reduce our electricity usage, which will make the office more energy efficient and reduce utility expenses.</i></p> | <i>To be bid out</i> | Full project and materials or full funding | Facilities |
| <p>Repair of the covered arena roof insulation <i>The insulation in the arena, built in 1998, is due to be replaced. This will require:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>donated insulation materials or funds to purchase the materials</i> • <i>funds to pay for contractors or donated services for installation.</i> <i>This work can only be completed by licensed, experienced roofing professionals.</i></p> | <i>To be bid out</i> | Fund at 50% or 100% or donate all materials and/or labor (licensed contractor only) | Facilities |
| <p>Electrical work in stable - by certified electrician <i>Current needs include reworked wiring for lighting, heated water buckets for winter, and fans for summer.</i></p> | \$2,000 | Fund at 50% or 100% or donate all materials/labor (licensed contractor only) | Facilities |
| <p>Re-bed covered arena <i>The footing in the covered arena is over ten years old and needs to be replaced</i></p> | <i>To be bid out</i> | Fund at 50% or 100% | Facilities |
| <p>Lights for the arena – by certified electrician <i>Arena lighting would allow classes to run after dusk and expand the hours able-bodied volunteers could exercise the horses. Maintaining the horses' health requires that they be ridden by experienced, balanced riders, but many of these volunteers work and cannot get to the stable during daylight hours in the winter.</i></p> | <i>To be bid out</i> | Fund at 50% or 100% or donate all materials and/or labor (licensed contractor only) | Facilities |
| <p>Remodel stalls in hallway to arena <i>Six stalls have overlapping metal gates across the full width of the stalls. To enhance the safety of both the horses and volunteers, we want to have the stall fronts rebuilt as partial fixed wood walls and narrower stall doors.</i></p> | To be bid out | Fund at 50% or 100% or donate all materials and/or labor (licensed contractor only) | Facilities |
| <p>Riding Mower <i>A replacement mower is needed; the current one is nearing the end of its usefulness.</i></p> | \$2,000/\$1,000 (new/used) | Full cost or actual vehicle | Equipment |
| <p>All-Terrain Vehicle <i>An ATV would enhance our efficiency and effectiveness in managing our pasture and arena. Currently we use staff or volunteer-owned vehicles to complete projects that require moving equipment, feed, or brush.</i></p> | \$1,000 | Full cost or actual vehicle | Equipment |

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| <p>Flatbed trailer – 6 X 8 <i>A small flatbed would enhance our efficiency and effectiveness in managing our pasture and arena. Currently we use staff or volunteer-owned vehicles to complete projects that require moving equipment, feed, or brush.</i></p> | \$700 (new) \$300 (used) | Full cost or actual item | Equipment |
| <p>Road paving <i>Dust poses health issues for the riders, staff, volunteers, and the horses and is an issue in the stable, the arena, and the office. Computers and other office equipment suffer reduced efficiency and life span.</i></p> | COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY 2010 -- GENEROUSLY DONATED BY APAC MID-SOUTH AND ALABAMA BRIDGE BUILDERS! THANK YOU! | | Facilities |
| <p>Lean-to addition for the hay storage <i>Additional storage is needed for hay and equipment.</i></p> | \$650 | Full cost or donated materials and/or labor | Facilities |
| <p>Run hot water to the wash station <i>The outdoor wash station at Special Equestrians was built through an Eagle Scout Project. Having hot water available there would enhance its usefulness.</i></p> | To be bid out | Full cost or full donation of materials and labor | Facilities |
| <p>Pressure washer and extension cable A pressure washer would allow us to better maintain the stable and sheds, arena fencing, and outdoor equipment.</p> | \$500 | Full cost or donation | Equipment |
| <p>Gravel/mulch for sensory trail – delivered and spread <i>More even footing on the sensory trail would be easier on the horses and the volunteers.</i></p> | COMPLETED IN APRIL 2010 -- GENEROUSLY DONATED BY EARTH WORKS AND PERRIN AND SON, INC. THANK YOU! | | Facilities |
| <p>New office furniture <i>We need 4 matching computer desks, 1 additional desk, counter workspace with cabinets underneath, matching file cabinets, 5 rolling chairs, 3 visitor chairs</i></p> | \$2,500 | Fund at 50% or 100% or full donation of furniture | Facilities |
| <p>Rebuild hinged panels on the road side of stable <i>These panels, when open, allow for increased air flow throughout the stable. When closed, they block dust and wind.</i></p> | \$600 | Full cost or full donation of materials and/or labor | Facilities |
| <p>New furniture for People Paddock and Volunteer Area</p> | NEW TABLES, CHAIRS, UMBRELLAS, AND A BENCH GENEROUSLY DONATED BY SUMMER CLASSICS. THANKS! | | Facilities |
| <p>Shade cloth for the covered arena <i>Would allow full-arena shade to keep the riders, volunteers, and horses cooler on hot days – which in Alabama can happen almost all year.</i></p> | To be bid out | Full cost | Facilities |

Ongoing Needs - \$50 and less

Gift cards for Wal-Mart, Lowe's, or Office Depot
Equine Spot-on Fly Control
Repel-X Fly Spray – 1 gal. concentrate
White Copy Paper (8.5 x 11)

Copier Toner for a Canon PC920 (E40)
First-class Forever postage stamps
Horse Treats
Dewormer

Select II Vitamins
Legacy Pellets
Strongid 2x daily 50 lb
Show Sheen