



CIRT NEWS

FALL/WINTER 2020

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Thank you.....

On behalf of myself, the Staff and Board of Directors, I would like to thank all those who have helped CIRT in 2020. You guys are really the best of the best! This has been a challenging year for everyone and hope next year is better. Thank you all for your continued support and generosity. We look forward to a new year!!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

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Program Director**

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**Volunteers are the heart
of our program!**



Over 100 dedicated and hardworking volunteers who make it possible for CIRT to continue to make a difference!

EMAIL

To be added to our email list please send an email to cirt@cirt.info with "ADD TO EMAIL LIST" in the subject line.



Sporting Clay Shoot... We would like to Thank CEFCU for sponsoring for our Sporting Clay Shoot. Thank you to all the shooters who came out and supported CIRT, to Sue Walker, Kay Ruschau, and Agneta Stanesa who volunteered, and to Oakridge Sportsman's Club for hosting. We had a great turn out of shooters and had a wonderful time.

Our top 10 shooters were:

Tie for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd with 90 shots out of 100: Joe Stokes, Terry Binder and Chris Phelps
 4th place with 88 shots out of 100: Mike Herring
 Tie for 5th, 6th, and 7th place with 87 shots out of 100: Joe Sweigert, Dick Hohulin and Chris Herring
 8th place with 86 shots out of 100: Caleb Johnson
 9th place with 85 shots out of 100: Jim Wetherington
 10th place with 84 shots out of 100: Dan Martin

Our Top 6 teams:

1st place with a team average of 82.25: Mike Herring, Gabe Carter, Joe Privett, and Chris Herring
 2nd place with a team average of 80: Joe Stokes, Terry Binder, John Roloff, Joe Sweigert, and Elliot Kammie.
 3rd place with a team average of 77.5: Dick Hohulin, Steve Schmidgall, Roger Spangle, and Chris Phelps.
 4th place with a team average of 73: Matthew Sutton, Roger Stetzler, Dale Genoweth, and Brandon Stetzler
 5th place with a team average of 71.75: Caleb Johnson, Robin Shelton, John Rediger, and Mike Rediger
 6th place with a team average of 66.4: Ike Bush, Mike Bush, Eric Glaser, Jim Wetherington, and Jenna Walker.



Thank you to the families for choosing CIRT as their memorial benefactor. Our sincere and heartfelt condolences go out to these families during their time of loss.

In Memory of Patti Walker

Sharon Simmons

In Memory of Verda Bill

Linda and Don Gerber
 Goldie Bill
 John and Tina Smith
 David and Brenda Schreiber
 Duane and Rachel Schroeder
 Ron, Doreen, Justin, Shania and Sabryna Boeder
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 Jennifer Kuebrich

In Memory of Robert Moore

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In Memory of Charlene Heady

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John and Mary Ellen Brady
 Kaci and Tyler Hampton
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 Janet and Ray Xumstein
 Marty and Jan McFarland
 Jerry and Sue Rich
 Tori Tipler Long
 Lori and Jeff Pieper

CIRT Pony Express 5K Gallop and 1K Walk/Trot... We had beautiful weather! Thank you to everyone who came out and raced this morning! Thank you to everyone who helped, especially Mike Johnson and Craig Weigle with Fondulac Park District and the Fondulac Park District Police, Agneta Stanesa, Maureen Kiesewetter and Brad with Shazam Racing and to all of our Sponsors.

Please Patronize CIRT's Pony Express 5K Gallop & 1K Fun Walk/Trot Sponsors!!!

Event Sponsor/Host

Fondulac Park District and Fondulac Park Police – plus use of generator and ShaZam Racing

Jogger Sponsor (\$500-\$999)

OSF Healthcare-Children's Hospital of Illinois

Speed Walker Sponsor (\$250-\$499)

Just Kidz Dentistry

Walker Sponsor (\$100-\$249)

Mary Spinner, Prospect Animal Clinic, Maureen and Shane Kiesewetter

Other Sponsor (\$0-99)

Orthodontics Ltd, Sue Robertson, Anonymous, Enrique Rangel, Mary Weakley, Chris Taluc, David Schings, Ted Golden, Tara Carr

Items Donated:

Susan B Komen Race for the Cure-Participation Medallions
 Agneta Stanesa-Water and Granola Bars



Tim and Rachel Lane Johnson

In Memory of Charity Rayburn

Sharon and Steven Carr
 Ronald and Kathleen Maloney
 Kenneth and Debbi Mann
 Nancy and Faith Wright
 Catherine Wright

In Memory of Nancy King

Brian and Rosezona Long
 Kim and Nicole Ferizi
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 Dorothy Diane Hardwick
 Sue and Chuck Walker
 Jenna Walker
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 Mary King
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 Rosemary Eberle and Cynthia Barne-waold



Thank You to all Our Sponsors, Volunteers, and People who have donated items and to everyone who came out to support CIRT at the Barn Dance Fundraiser

- Thank you to Tin Roof Smokehouse for providing wonderful food, Kona Ice, and to Southern Cross Band for playing great music!
- Thank You to the Fon du Lac Park District and Fon du lac Park District Police for all their help throughout the year and at our event.
- Thank you to Lisa Lockhart for donating the Fire Ring for our Raffle.
- Thank you to Thomas Keeley for donating the Gun for the Raffle.
- Thank You to all who donate monetary gifts and items throughout the year to CIRT!
- Thanks to the dedicated and hardworking volunteers.

Thank you to everyone who came out, sponsored and supported our Barn Dance! It was a great success and we thank everyone for their continued support! We want to congratulate our raffle winners: Don Angles won our gun raffle (chose the gun) and Eric Benes won the Fire Ring raffle (chose the money). We are re-raffling the Fire Ring (Please call CIRT for a chance).

Silent Auction Items:

Maui Jim, Inc, Rick Walker, Five Points Washington, Teri Dudis, Claire Snider, Mikki Wilcoxon, Montana Silversmiths, Fired Up: Paint Your Own Pottery, Echo Valley Meats, The Fish House, Pekin Park District, ROC Ice Cream and Mini Golf, Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino, Karen Greene, Jumer's Casino & Hotel, Wal-Mart-Washington, IL, Valley Vet Supply, Lois Bracken, Drury Hotels, Knight's Action Park, Stacy McGava, Liza Dickerson, Chuck Walker, and Friends of CIRT

Thank you to all our Barn Dance Sponsors!!!

Gold Spur Sponsors \$1000-\$2499

- Maui Jim, Inc
- Wagenbach Builders Inc
- Mikki Wilcoxon
- Mike and Kris McCormick

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- Private Foundation
- Tazewell County Asphalt
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- Sharon Simmons

Bronze Spur Sponsors \$250-\$499

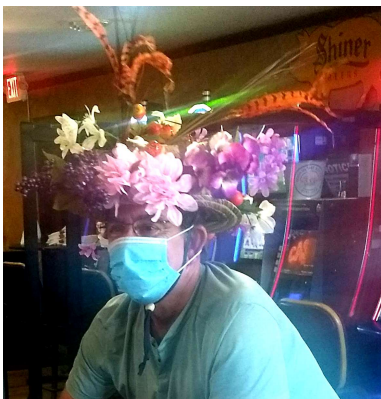
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- Jim Hankins Horseshoeing
- Diane Perry



We would like to Thank Big Art's Yokel in Tremont for hosting and donating a portion of the food sold at our Kentucky Derby party and to everyone who came out, donated and supported CIRT. We raised over \$600.00.

CIRT Receives Donations



Cindy Benson designed some new T-shirts and CIRT apparel for CIRT as a fundraiser and Helped us raise over \$200 for CIRT. Thanks Cindy!!!



Thank you to The Illinois Valley Yacht and Canoe Club - IVY Club held Cocktails for Cause for CIRT and raised \$511.00. It was a great time.



Thank you to the Morton Community Foundation for granting CIRT \$500.00!!! This grant helped us get and keep our updated First Aid Supplies. We are so grateful for Morton Community Foundation's continued support.



Thank you to the Gypsy Vanner Horse Society granted CIRT \$3000.00 to help cover feed cost for the horses.

Youth Charity Benefit Horse Show

Our thanks once again....

To the YCHS Committee for all their help, for allowing us to once again be a part of their show, and for once again choosing CIRT to be the beneficiary of this year's show.

To the CIRT riders for demonstrating what CIRT is all about.

To all the volunteers, parents, and staff who worked so tirelessly the entire weekend.

Awesome event!



"Kids Helping Kids"



Springfield, IL , Oct 9-11 — Volunteers were recruited. Riders had practiced. Horses and tack were loaded for the Youth Charity Horse Show at the Illinois State Fair Grounds. This was our only show this year.

Ten CIRT riders represented CIRT this year. All rode in the Trail Class and **all** did an awesome job!

Jaimee Ruschau, one of our independent riders, competed in the UPHA Challenge Cup Class. (Pictured above)

THIS 'N THAT in 2020



Happy 40th Birthday Mike!!!

CIRT is now enrolled in Krogers Community Rewards Program.

Go to: <http://www.kroger.com>. Once logged into their Kroger account they can search for CENTRAL ILLINOIS RIDING THERAPY INC. either by name or JK752 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card. *Customers must have a registered Kroger rewards card account to link to your organization. *If a member does not yet have a Kroger rewards card, please let them know they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger. REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your organization until after your participants register their rewards card.

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Donating to CIRT... Here's how...

1. Click the "Donate" button on CIRT's website and make a donation using a credit card (Mastercard, Visa, Discover, and American Express are accepted) via PayPal.
2. Are you a Thrivent Financial member? If so, you can now choose CIRT to receive charitable grant funding thru the Thrivent Choice program. If you are an eligible member, please consider CIRT when directing your Choice Dollars. To learn more about Thrivent Choice, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.
3. Mail a check to CIRT, 305 Neumann Drive, East Peoria, IL 61611

THANKS A BUNCH ...FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS TO CIRT

CIRT's doors are open because of the many generous individuals, organizations, corporations, bequests, and gifts in kind. We thank you and look forward to our partnership in 2021. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Thank you for your donations.....
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Thank you to all who have brought snacks to the barn! They are greatly appreciated by the volunteers, riders & staff!

Thank you to the Fondulac Park District and Police for their continued support!

CENTRAL ILLINOIS RIDING THERAPY Donation Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

I am enclosing a check for \$ _____

CIRT's Wish List

Horse Supplies:

- Hay—grass or grass/alfalfa mix
- Alfalfa/Timothy Hay Cubes
- Moorman Senior Grain
- Horse Shipping Boots
- Hoof Picks
- Salt & Mineral Blocks
- Brushes
- Wahl Clipper Blades
(10-15-30)

• \$\$ for Vet care

- Hoof Black
- Show Sheen
- Cowboy Magic

The horses love these and the riders love giving their favorite horse a treat!

- Peppermints
- Carrots
- Apples

Tack:

- Saddle Oil
- Horsemen's One-Step Tack Cleaner

Facility Supplies:

These items get a lot of use and wear out over the course of the year. Help us stretch our budget by donating one (or more) of these items.

- Muck Buckets
- Brooms
- Push Brooms
- Shovels
- Duct Tape

For the Riders:

- Cotton Gloves (all sizes)
- \$\$ for Rider Scholarships
1 month = \$100



Office Supplies:

These items can always be used for the office. When one of these items is donated it is one less expense for CIRT which leaves more money for the program!

- White copy paper
- Colored copy paper
- Forever Postage Stamps
- Envelopes (4x6 #10)
- Scotch Tape
- Paper Clips
- Staples
- Post-it Notes
- 5x8 Index Cards
- Letter File Folders
- Phone Message Book (duplicate copy)
- HP Ink #902 (black) and #902 (color)

These items are always in need throughout the year. Just like home we work to keep the office, kitchen area, restrooms & waiting area clean.

- Kitchen Paper Towels
- Lysol Spray
- Clorox or Lysol Wipes

- Toilet Paper
- Clorox Bleach
- Kleenex
- Paper Plates & Plastic Silverware
- ALL—Hypoallergenic Laundry Detergent

For the Waiting Area:

- Kleenex
- Hand Sanitizer
- Cookies & Snacks

No Time to shop?

How about..... Gift Cards or Monetary Donation!

- Farm & Fleet
- Tractor Farm Supply
- Gas (Shell, BP, Casey's)
- Wal-Mart
- Kroger's

Special Requests:

- Box Fans
- Weed Wacker
- John Deere Utility Gator

Save these dates in 2021!

CIRT Tack Sale

February and March by Appointment and Saturday, February 13 10 am to 2 pm, CIRT, East Peoria, IL

CIRT 5K Gallop and 1K Fun Walk/Trot

April 3rd
Fo du lac Park District Administration Building, East Peoria, IL

CIRT Derby Day

Saturday, May 1
Big Art's Yokel, Tremont, IL

CIRT Annual Benefit Horse Show

TBA

Sporting Clay Shoot

Saturday, June 19
Oakridge Sportsman's Club
Mackinaw, IL

CIRT Barn Dance

Friday, September 24
CIRT
East Peoria, IL

Murder Mystery Dinner

TBA

CIRT CLASSES

Start March 29th

ATTN: CIRT VOLUNTEERS

Return Volunteer Training Classes:

MARCH 1, 2, 3 or 4

New Volunteer Training Classes:

MARCH 8, 9, 10 or 11

Horse Handler Training Classes:

MARCH 15, 16, 17 or 18

Advanced Horse Handler Training Classes:

MARCH 22, 23, 24 or 25

Please Call CIRT at 309.699.3710 to Reserve Your Spot in Class. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 6:00- 8:00 PM
Wednesday 10:00- 12:00 PM





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