**Volunteer Guidelines**

* The minimum age for volunteers to work with riders is 14 yrs. (younger volunteers can be lots of help in the barn)
* Volunteering involves moderate physical activity. You will be on your feet around 2 hours each time you volunteer. Make sure you are comfortable with the physical role you have selected
* Volunteers do not need to have previous horse experience, but a level of comfort with horses is helpful
* Volunteers must be available a minimum of 2 hours per week (same day and time each week)
* ALL volunteers are required to attend a general 3 hour Volunteer Training Session
* ALL Horse Leaders must attend a 2 hour Horse Handling Clinic (This ensures that all volunteers handle our horses in the same way. It also helps horse leaders increase their skills so they can be effective and safe in classes.)
* New volunteers receive their volunteer schedule after they have completed a Volunteer Training Session.
* Volunteer are scheduled on interest, experience, and availability
* The REATH Center reserves the right to make the final determination as to the appropriateness of volunteers for our organization
* The REATH Center does enforce a dress code to ensure the ability of volunteers to perform in their roles as well as to set examples for The REATH Center riders.