



# NEWS at Victory Farm

Summer 2016

## HELP US GROW!

**Rain? Can't ride!**

**Mud? Can't ride!**

**HOT sun with no shade is brutal on our riders, too!**

**Please help us by donating to the building fund today!**

**Ask for Details— THANK YOU!**

## VICTORY FARM

VictoryRides.org  
Po Box 6341

Gastonia, NC 28056

Facebook: Victory Farm Inc.

VICTORY FARM was proud to donate horseback riding for the children at MDA Camp!

August 4, 2016—**Muscular Dystrophy Association** is one of the many agencies Victory Farm supports.



See more pictures of this inspirational day on our Facebook page



**Special Olympics**  
Equestrian Begins  
Spring of 2017

**Please contact us to sponsor a rider,  
volunteer or Donate Tack!**

**We need horse-sized children's saddles**

## ASK ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS



### EXCEPTIONAL CHALLENGE CUP

The UPHA Exceptional Challenge Cup was established in 1998 to allow an opportunity for riders with physical and mental disabilities to compete on a national level.



*Rest In Peace, Sweet Rosie ...*

*Forever in Our Hearts*

*Our beloved Manhattan Rose (Rosie) was humanely laid to rest on June 15, 2016 after an extended illness. She was the ultimate Saddlebred.. Marching like a Park Horse or coming down to a nurturing, loving, cautious 'mama bear' for her disabled riders. She always gave her best.*

*Run Free.. Be Healthy and Happy, Sweet Girl,  
until we meet again, may your  
spirit SOAR*



## World War II Cavalry Veteran Opens Memorial Day Horse Show

Victory Farm was honored to open the Dallas Summer Classic Horse Show on Memorial Day Weekend with a moving tribute to our veterans. JB Siegfried, 92 years young, riding Buddy (Clydesdale x Saddlebred) proudly presented the colors while Eddie Case read his extraordinary biography.

Trained in the US Army mounted cavalry in Fort Riley, KS, when he shipped overseas in World War II, the mounted cavalry had just been disbanded. He parked his horse and took part in the D-Day Invasion at Utah Beach with the 79th Infantry Regiment, then went on to fight in the Battle of the Bulge.

Following WWII, he was stationed at the White House during the Eisenhower administration. He also saw combat in Vietnam in 1968-69.

He earned a Combat Infantryman Badge, TWO Bronze Stars and Meritorious Service Medal. These are just a few of his numerous accomplishments.

JB continues to ride weekly at Victory Farm.



## VICTORY RIDERS SHOW OFF THEIR SKILLS AT THE DALLAS SUMMER HORSE SHOW!

Our riders participated in the Dallas Summer Classic Horse Show, in Dallas N.C.

Friday evening, four riders from Gaston Residential Services (Right) performed a skills demonstration. Each earned a medal for their excellent riding abilities. GRS is a supported living group home facility for people who have developmental disability and/or a mental health disability. GRS has been a partner program with Victory Farm for several years.



Four riders performed skills demonstrations Saturday evening. Their ages ranged from 3 years old to 20 years old. Each performed with grace and confidence, which earned them enthusiastic applause from the crowd and a medal!



Everyone had a **BLAST** at the horse show! Thank you Steve Hanks, Eddie Case, Dan Shirley, Kathy Carpenter, Lynn Sherrill, Steve Phillips, Tom Dewey, Creekwood Riding Academy and ALL the hard working and devoted volunteers! You made this possible! The joy—the pride—the difference it made in these lives is simply OVERWHELMING!





**Welcome New Horse Angel - MICAH—** A slaughter yard rescue, our friends at SOLITUDE MORGAN HORSE RESCUE gave him a second chance on April 3, 2016. Micah is a 13 year old Morgan gelding. He was adopted July 5, however already being used in the program. This is extraordinary for a new therapy horse! He is the perfect horse-angel.

Thank You Solitude (Lillian & Karen), Nancy Diaz, and thank you to Lynn Sherrill .

We could not adopt more rescued therapy horses without the support of our friends and community. Micah's adoption and monthly sponsor are the Heavner family; adoption sponsors are Donna Whatley, Lib Jones, Anita Dennis, Ryan Roche family, and Karen Schnell. There is also an anonymous donor to whom we wish to extend our gratitude. ***Thank you for making this POSSIBLE!***

We hope to adopt one more BIG GUY rescue next month! Watch for updates... he is sponsored!



***THANK YOU RIVER HILLS/LAKE WYLIE LIONS CLUB for sponsoring Julia's riding lessons! It takes a village to raise a child in health, opportunity and happiness. You are greatly appreciated for ALL you do in the community!***

## Support Victory Farm

[www.VictoryRides.org](http://www.VictoryRides.org) Facebook: Victory Farm Inc.

Donations accepted through Pay Pal on the Website and Facebook Page

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**YES! I would like to support Victory Farm, the riders and horses!**

My Gift Today: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or Monthly Support via Paypal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Goods & Services: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like for my donation to go toward: \_\_\_\_ Building Fund or \_\_\_\_ Operating Expenses

\_\_\_\_ Sponsor a Rider (\$400 = 10 rides) \_\_\_\_ Sponsor a Rescue Horse (\$1,680/year)

\_\_\_\_ Sponsor Continuing Education Clinic for Instructor/Director (Chino Valley, AZ Sept. 26 through Oct. 2, 2016)

\_\_\_\_ I would like to be a sponsor for the [Denim & Diamonds Gala](#)

\_\_\_\_ I have something to donate for the Fundraising Auction at the [Denim & Diamonds Gala](#)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS, GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT!**





# Denim & Diamonds Gala

November 18, 2016  Lewis Farm, Gastonia NC

**A SPARKLING EVENING BENEFITING VICTORY FARM THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM**

*This magical evening is our main fundraiser each year! We depend on it all year to operate.*

*Please consider being a sponsor. Contact us for Sponsorship Levels.*

*Take a moment to consider what unique auction items you may have to donate.*

*Perhaps a trip, camp or service?*

*And **DEINITELY** PLAN TO ATTEND!*

*Pull on your dancin' boots, fling on your bling and let's have a fun barn party to support a Great Cause!*



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