

APRIL 2022

HOOFPRINTS

The official newsletter of Inspire Equine Assisted Center



Important Dates 2022

April 15 and 16th - Closed for Easter Holiday

May 28th - Closed for Memorial Day

June 30th - Spring Session Ends

July 1 - September 12th - Closed for Summer Break

September 10th - Fall Volunteer Training 10 am to 1 pm.

September 13th - Fall Session starts

November 14th - 26th - Closed for Break

November 18th - 6th Annual Boot Scootin Barn Dance Benefit

December 19 - December 31 - Closed for Break

FREEDOM HEROES AND EQUINES

We have an exciting new program that will be starting in April called Freedom Heroes and Equines Horsemanship Program. This program, which will run for 10 weeks, assists disabled veterans in building new relationships, self-esteem, and self-worth through the partnership with a horse. The skills that they learn then carry over into the rest of the veteran's life. This program is at no cost to the veteran.

Are you wondering on how you can support a disabled veteran? You can support a disabled veteran by going to our website <https://www.inspireequinetherapyprogram.org> to donate. Please consider supporting our Freedom Heroes and Equines Program today. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Thank you to all the volunteers who have given their time and talent in helping with Barn Chores and Programming during our Spring Session. Inspire would not be possible without our wonderful volunteers.

Special Olympics Equestrian Area Games February 25 and 26th 2022

Congratulations to Caleb Wojenik, Gina Kuruzovich, Anthony Scharff, and Kaylee Ann Smith for the amazing job they did at Special Olympics Area Games. Thank you to Joey Guggia, Haylee Guggia, Josh Guggia, Amanda Buck, and Sherri McGahee for assisting the riders.



*Thank
you!*

Volunteers needed
Tuesday through
Friday 9 am to 11:00
am and 1pm to 3:00
pm for Barn Chores.
Inspire is always in
need of volunteers
age 14 years and
older.

If interested in becoming a volunteer
please email us at
info@inspireequinetherapyprogram.org

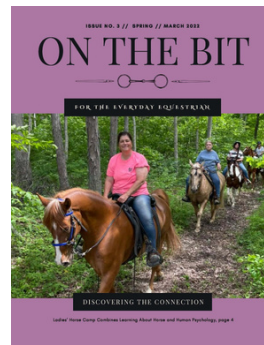
Follow us on Instagram at [inspireequinetherapy](https://www.instagram.com/inspireequinetherapy)

Lift Academy Prom March 26th, 2022

Inspire was host to the 2022 Lift Academy Prom at the Barn. Prom goers got to visit with the Inspire herd and then enjoy food and dancing in the house and backyard. They had a great time.



Around the Barn



INSPIRE

by: Melissa Yarbrough

At Inspire Equine Assisted Center, located in Clearwater Florida, you could watch as a beautiful 13.2 hand, 7 year old Gypsy Vanner gelding named Buccaneer partners with his rider through a difficult obstacle course. Buccaneer joined the Inspire herd in 2017 at the age of 3 years old after being won by Inspire during the Lexlin Gypsy Gift Program.

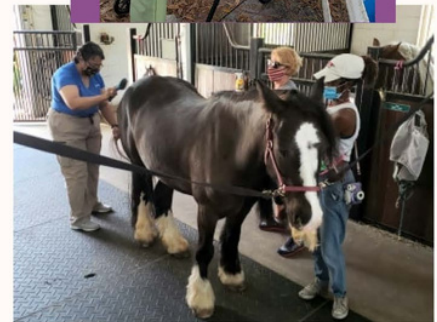
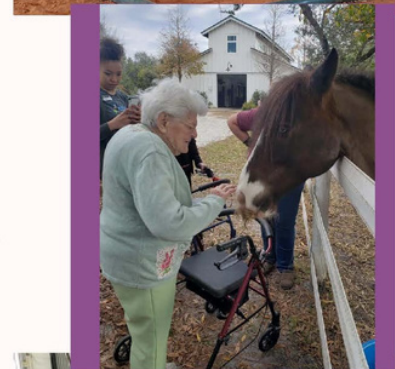
Over 80 PATH International member centers participated in the contest to be able to receive one of the 10 Gypsy Vanners that were to be donated through the program. Inspire Equine Assisted Center, with the help of the Tampa Bay community, finished in third place and picked Lexlin's Western Lineage as their new member of their herd. Inspire named him Buccaneer in honor of the local NFL football team, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

With his amazing mustache, which is a breed trait, and his funny and loving personality, Buccaneer has become a valuable member of the Inspire program. Buccaneer is part of the adaptive riding program for teens and adults with disabilities. Because of his height, Buccaneer is easy for side walkers to assist a rider if they need special support when on the horse.

The Gypsy Vanner breed is very strong and Buccaneer can accommodate most adult riders. Overall, Buccaneer brings so much joy to all of the Inspire participants, especially when he flashes his amazing mustache!



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Meet the Herd



Bellissima Farms Silver Chalice is our newest member to the herd. Chalice is a 6-year-old, impressive, Gypsy Vanner Gelding who stands 15 hands tall. He is currently in training and starting to work in adaptive riding and EFL classes. Go to the Inspire website to sponsor Chalice.

MEET OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gail White - Board President
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Betty Bunnell - Parent Liaison
Dan Jensen - Veteran Liaison

STAFF

Melissa Yarbrough - Founder and Executive Director
Caroline Nisse - Barn Manager
Alex Harvey - Facility Manager
Joey Guggia - Office Manager and Volunteer Coordinator
Diane Rogers - Development Coordinator

ABOUT INSPIRE

By partnering humans and horses in a healing environment, Inspire Equine Assisted Center supports individuals in conquering their physical, developmental and emotional challenges in order to achieve their full potential.

Inspire is a PATH (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship) Member Center.

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Donor Spotlight

Thank you to all the Inspire Supporters so far for 2022

Thank you!

Walmart Community Foundation, Pinellas Community Foundation, Evan Rodriguez, Gigi Rahman, Beverly Ventrella, Jack Reynolds, Luke Goodremote Sr., Donna Shearer, Amar Thakor, Carol Webster, Najma Rahman Carey, Hieronymus Foundation, Deborah Cort, Ariana Moreno, Ceil Humphreys, Sharon Berke, Richard Pittman Mark Diorio, Brock Napoutano, Linda Metzkow, Sherri McGahee, Taryn Anderson

6th Annual Boot Scootin Barn Dance



In the Community

Ford's Garage at Countryside has Inspire Equine Therapy Program and Melissa Yarbrough on the Mushroom Swiss Burger in their Burger of Fame section of the menu. "Burgers of Fame," 12 signature ½ lb. prime burgers that give honor and recognition to local celebrities and those who make a difference in their community.



We rely on the support from members of the community like you! All donations are greatly appreciated and help further our goals to support individuals through equine assisted services. <https://inspireequinetherapyprogram.kindful.com/>