



Dear Friends,

On Thursday, March 2, 2023, the Foundation formally dedicated our main building as “Jack’s House,” in honor of President and co-founder, Jack Wetzel. It was only fitting that this dedication would kick off a spectacular weekend of eventing, as we hosted the annual Grand Prix Eventing Showcase.

In order to capture Bruce’s and Jack’s accomplishments in founding “Bruce’s Field,” a plaque will be erected on Jack’s House, which reads as follows:

This building will forever be known as “Jack’s House” in honor of Aiken Horse Park Foundation co-founder, Jack Wetzel, in recognition of his unwavering commitment to Aiken, outstanding leadership of the Aiken Horse Park Foundation, and tireless efforts to preserve Bruce’s legacy.

Jack’s impact on the community will be remembered for generations to come; his legacy intertwined with Bruce and the Aiken Horse Park Foundation. Through their dedication to improving the quality of life for people and animals alike, Jack and Bruce have left a lasting impact on Aiken, inspiring people of all ages to grow through their participation in the equine community. This building will stand as a testament to their shared vision and passion.



When Bruce and Jack moved to Aiken over forty years ago, they were welcomed with warmth and kindness by so many and immediately felt at home in this wonderful equestrian community.

Determined to give back to both the local community and to those he held close to his heart, Bruce created the Aiken Horse Park Foundation to own and operate what is now known as Bruce's Field. He envisioned a premier facility to be enjoyed by equestrians of all ages and riding abilities; while at the same time, utilizing hosted events as vehicles to support deserving non-profit organizations; and serving as a venue for the City of Aiken, reflecting its historic character and reigniting the community as a destination for equestrian activity.

It continues to be Jack's passion to perpetuate Bruce's legacy in his capacity as President of the Foundation. True to Bruce's vision, the Foundation embarked on the 7 million dollar Next Chapter Campaign to raise capital building funds. Already, supporters of Bruce's Field have committed almost 5.2 million dollars towards that goal.

Bruce and Jack shared a passion for supporting their friends' important charitable projects. In this spirit, Jack has personally supported the Next Chapter by donating the "Mr. D Barn" in memory of Bruce's father. We are now asking you, their friends, to support our cause through a contribution to the Foundation. A great way to do so is to fill the "Mr. D Barn" with named stalls, perhaps in recognition of a loved one or a 4-legged friend. A contribution of \$5,000 will entitle you to name a stall. We would be honored if you would join Jack and all of us in supporting this campaign. Only through our collective efforts to pay it forward will Bruce's Field flourish long into the future.

At this time of giving, please consider a gift to support Bruce's Field. The Aiken Horse Park Foundation is a 501(c)(3) and your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Below you will find information that describes the Next Chapter Campaign in more detail, and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact either of us or any member of the Board.

Warmest regards,

Bob and Jane Hottensen



Pictured: Kim Duchossois, John Stephens, Dayle Duchossois-Fortino, Jack Wetzel

**Please join us in writing Aiken's Next Chapter...**



SUPPORT THE NEXT CHAPTER



**PHASE I - SUSTAINABILITY**

**permanent Stabling for all 600 horses**

- Safety of horses
- Satisfaction of competitors
- Revenue for AHPF

**Additional Competition Arena**

- 5th competition arena capability
- Stand-alone special events arena
- Incorporating Park atmosphere by including an island of trees within the arena

**COST: \$7 MILLION**

We have raised **\$5.18 million** but we still have a ways to go to meet our goal...

Sincerest thank you to everyone who has already contributed to this campaign:

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without whom non of our successes would be possible

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