

Proclamation



WHEREAS: Autism is a spectrum disorder that affects 1 in every 70 children born in Broward County. Autism presents differently in almost every child; given 100 children with autism, it is unlikely any two would have the exact same symptoms; and

WHEREAS: Autism is a neurological disorder which affects social, communicative, and behavioral areas of functioning. It is the third-most common developmental disability, affecting 1,500,000 individuals nationwide; and

WHEREAS: every 55 minutes a child is diagnosed with Autism in this country. Recently, the spectrum has widened to allow more children treatment under the ASD umbrella, this will certainly play a part in the number of children diagnosed and treated. In Broward County Public Schools there are over 2,000 children with Autism attending schools each year. Pompano Beach has one of the top Autism Clusters; and

WHEREAS: although a cure for Autism has not been found, persons with Autism can be helped to reach their greatest potential. Accurate, early diagnosis, and the resulting appropriate education and intervention are vital to the future growth and development of the individual; and

WHEREAS: Autism is a complex disability that requires increased research to one day find a cure and prevention; and greater recognition and understanding to ensure that individuals with Autism living in Pompano Beach and all other Americans with Autism are accurately diagnosed and appropriately treated throughout their lives.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Lamar Fisher, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim the month of April 2011 as:

"NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH"

in Pompano Beach, Florida.

DONE this 12th day of April, 2011.




LAMAR FISHER
MAYOR



A Call To Action....

Through your financial support, the "Horses For Heroes" Program at the beautiful Sand and Spurs Equestrian Park in Pompano Beach will utilize the power of the horse to serve our society's most honored citizens. **Yes! I would like to help support our heroes and allow them to heal.** Please accept my support:

- ___ \$5 ___ \$10 ___ \$20
- ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ \$100
- ___ \$500 ___ \$1000 ___ gift amount

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email to receive our newsletter with program updates.

Bit-By-Bit Therapeutic Riding Center

Mailing address only:

515 NE 12th Ave
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Bit-By-Bit Therapeutic Riding Center is

a nonprofit organization and depends heavily on financial donations. We have 3 facilities in Broward county (Pompano Beach, Parkland, and Davie) in order to reach the families that we serve.

We need your financial support to give scholarships to our riders and help ease the burden on their families. You can designate your donation to sponsor a special child or adult, a veteran, treatment for a specific disease, for a therapy horse, or to help the areas needed most in the program.

If you would like to make a **tax-deductible** donation, you can visit our website and use our PayPal option or you may mail your donation to our office (not barn) address:

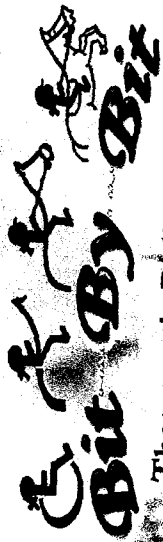


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For more information on our program, call:
(954)-471-6119 or (954)-802-8874

www.BitByBitTherapy.org



Therapeutic Riding Center

Horses For Heroes

A Veteran Rehabilitation Program



Bit-By-Bit Therapeutic Riding Center
Horses For Heroes Program Facility
Sand and Spurs Equestrian Park

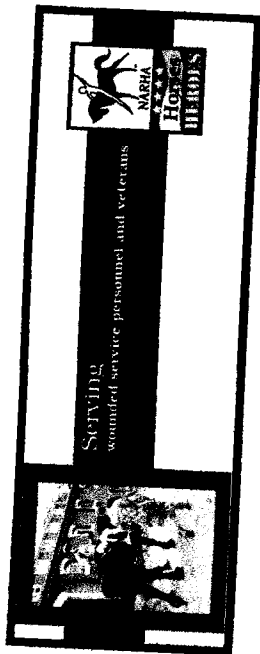
1600 NE 5th Avenue
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**For our Soldiers, Life Can Change
in a Heartbeat
Hoofbeats Can Help Them Heal.**

Many of our brave military men and women have sacrificed tremendously for the greater good. The physical and psychological damages caused by war can devastate a soldier and their family. Recovery can be a long road for these heroes.

At **Bit-By-Bit Therapeutic Riding Center** we are striving to provide them with the best treatment possible through the magic of the horse. Rehabilitation can take on many forms, but few are as powerful and holistic as the therapy that can be given from astride a horse!



Bit-By-Bit Therapeutic Riding Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization which was started in 1998 to recognize the healing power that horses share with all humans. We have since served thousands of families in south Florida and strive to share the healing with our beloved veterans who have sacrificed so much.



Our Horses Equine Services Program recognizes the tremendous medical and spiritual benefits that equine assisted therapy can have on the human body. As a NARHA Center, our highly educated instructors and physical, occupational, and speech therapists possess unique training to be able to provide **very highly specialized care** to our veterans.



Why Use Horses For Therapy?

The horse has an amazing, natural ability to heal humans from physical and psychological scars. The horse can be instrumental in helping their rider to improve strength, balance, coordination, confidence, coping skills and assist in regaining the ability to trust.

The multidimensional movement of the horse's *gait*—or walk— closely resembles the normal human walk. For example, the horse can play a powerful role in helping a soldier:

- Regain balance after a painful amputation
- Cope with a brain injury and relearn cognitive skills and coordination
- Fight the effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and rediscover a sense of peace and trust that a faithful horse and partner can provide.

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WHEREAS: Horses For Heroes is a unique horse therapy, wellness and vocational rehabilitation program based in Santa Fe, NM and free to Veterans and active military who have sustained physical injuries or combat trauma (PTSD) during their time serving our country; and

WHEREAS: the mission of Horses for Heroes is to provide a unique environment and opportunity in which OIF and OEF (Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom – Afghanistan) Veterans – all Veterans can Recuperate, Recreate and Reintegrate into society and give them a new perspective so that they can reach their life goals; and

WHEREAS: Bit-By-Bit Therapeutic Riding Center developed a Horses for Heroes program at the City of Pompano Beach Sand and Spurs Equestrian Park to help *veterans with physical and emotional scars* heal from the ravages of war; and

WHEREAS: the use of horses for therapy is instrumental in that they can help their rider to improve strength, balance, coordination, confidence, coping skills and assist in regaining the ability to trust; and

WHEREAS: this program is conducted by national NARHA standards of practice and highly educated instructors and physical, occupational, and speech therapists possess unique training to be able to provide very highly specialized care to our veterans; and

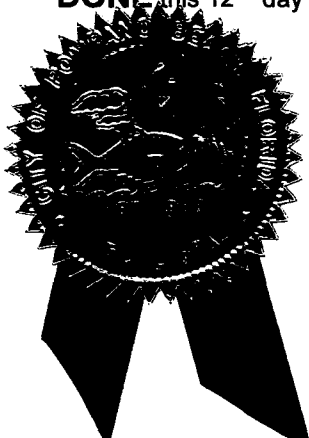
WHEREAS: this is a non-profit organization that depends heavily on financial donations to ease the burden on the riders and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Lamar Fisher, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, on behalf of the City Commission would like to recognize this program and proclaim April 12th, 2011 as:

“Horses For Heroes Program Day”

in Pompano Beach, Florida.

DONE this 12th day of April, 2011.




LAMAR FISHER
MAYOR