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Annual Report by Davorika Suvak

2010



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**2010 was a great year in Spirit.
Thank you all who made it happen!**

FCPA and Frying Pan Farm Park
Washington Forrest Foundation
Leeps Foundation
Fairfax4Horses
Great Falls Sadlery
Moose Lodge in Vienna, and Rob's Used Harley Parts
Gannet Foundation...

Anita and Vineet
Courtney and Rob
Hedy and Wayne
Leslie and Dan
Mike, Deb, Carina, Caroline
Theresa and Don
Jeff, Julia, Sandy, April and the whole Volunteer Team
Wendy, Linda and Sarah...and much more Spirit People

SPIRIT PROGRAM 2010



January: We moved back, to Frying Pan Farm Park (FPFP) and to Leslie and Dan's barn, with Infinity and Colby Dylan. Sonny and Solara (Spirit) spent two months at Lisa and Jim's Great Falls property formerly occupied by the Spirit Program.

Thanks to the friends who are always ready to help when we need them: Leslie, Dan, Lisa and Jim. Spirit did not remain homeless.

We started as soon as possible with our usual regular lessons in therapy, and education: at the way we do it since first day of Spirit – creating taste of success and improving quality of life for all clients in program, Cella, Robbie, Becky, Lia, Nicole...and others.

February: We gave therapeutic riding lessons in the indoor ring with Infinity and Colby Dylan.

March: Sonny and Spirit came to the FPFP. Dan, Boris and Leon built a run-in shed for them. Since January, Don had been helping with chores and regularly performed the hard work of mucking and watering every Tuesday. Thank you, Don.

Therapeutic riding lessons continued with four horses: Infinity, Colby, Sonny and Spirit.



At 2010 Adapted Sports, Recreation and Travel Fair for Individuals with Disabilities, Saturday, March /20/ 2010
The Spirit Program has been presented by great team: Hedy, Julia, Sarah, Christine and Ron. Thank you!



April: Therapy and new smiling riders in the field or in FFPF riding rings.



April 11th : Wendy and her Larissa – competed successfully at the Dressage competition at Morven Park



April 18th: Spirit started an Educational Project in FFPF. Leslie supported this Project with hard work, which created fun and safe lessons together with the Spirit Team of volunteers and instructors. This is unique, the first project where Spirit Program acted as vendor of equestrian activities at the Park.



May : The Spirit Team along with Leslie and Dan friends of Spirit, gave promotional pony rides for equestrian programs at FFPF



Sunday, May 23RD: Park Authority Ribbon Cutting For New Stables. Spirit was part of that celebration with a lot of equestrian friends of Fairfax County. We are proud to be part of this community.



Sonny, QH gelding was adopted by the Meyer family, and Larissa, the Morgan mare came to replace him.

June:



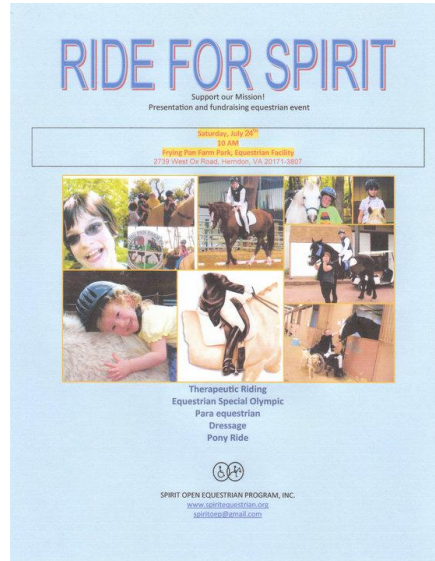
Riding with big friend Dan: Dan and Patrick on Clyde and Spirit....on a the trail ride at the FFPF

Special Project June 10th: Communities In Schools of the Nation's Capital (CISNCAP) champions the connection of needed community resources with underserved schools in the District of Columbia to help students successfully learn, remain in school, and prepare for life.



Spirit Team was in action today. Thank you all, for making this happen Barbara, Kathy, Loudoun Therapeutic Riding, Spirit Team and FFPF.

July 24th : Ride For Spirit – presentation of riders at Spirit Program, with guests and pony ride for kids with special needs...at the FFPF





Honey, adorable pony gelding, came to Spirit for trial period.

August : Hot month, but we did not stop. The Therapeutic program and classes with the Park has been realized as much as weather permitted.



September: Was busy and full of regular therapeutic and educational lessons. There were no public events. Honey went back home to the Plains. He was so small but too much for our herd 😊

He was a great little guy, full of spirit and, maybe, too young for our team. We loved him, anyway.



October : Tess, gentle giant mare came at Spirit Field. Thank you Beth for donation of this huge and friendly mare.



October 17th: Spirit Program was presented at the Annandale Open House event at Oak Hill Home. Together with FFPF, we presented equestrian activities at the Park and

Spirit's Mission. Our horses did not leave the fields of FFPF. Our friends: April and her son Alex, with their gentle horse Levi presented us at Annandale. Thank you April, Alex and Levi



Spirit Program presented itself at Oakton Park, October 23rd.

Thank you: Shannon, Sarah and Kathleen who presented Spirit at Oakton this morning with Joey, Infinity and Colby Dylan,. Thanks, also to Julia and Sarah who helped there, and to Dan who trailered the horses to Oakton.

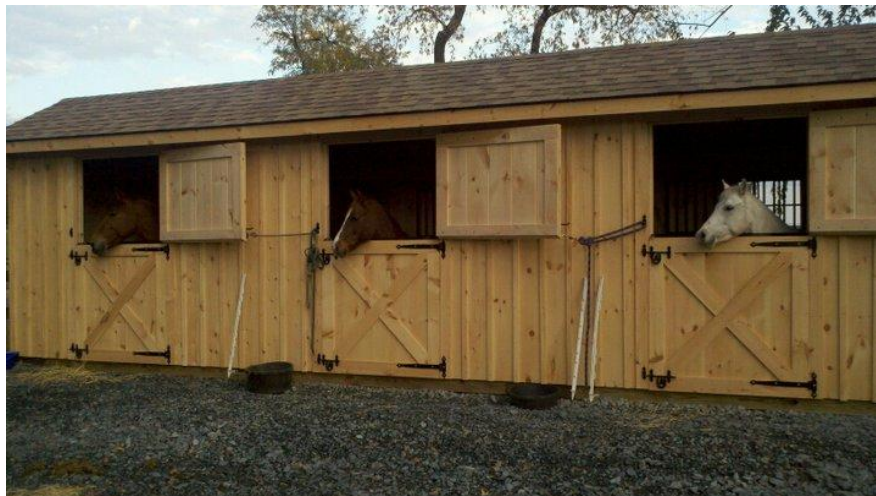


October 31st : Washington International Horse Show – Wendy & Larissa – Spirit Team in action



Julia presenting Spirit at Verizon Center DC, at Washington International Horse Show (Oct, 31st)

Special friends and donors of 2010: SCi, Anita and Vineet Singal donated a new barn to the Spirit Program. Our horses got their new home! Thank you Anita and Vineet



And we painted it.



November 3-6th: Dada presented Para-equestrian vision and Spirit program at the NARHA national conference, Denver CO

At Thanksgiving time we invited friends from SCi company, Anita and Vineet to meet Spirit and celebrate together this holiday.



December:



December 4th: Spirit Program was part of whole day equestrian event at FFPF, presenting whole Spirit Team, and providing pony ride for guests.



December 28th: Here we are in action, promoting our educational and therapeutic program with pony rides for guests at FPPF.



At the end of December Larissa went to her retirement field at Purcellville, and the new mare, Lucinda, 15 years old Haflinger came from friend Caroline and Carina. Thank you Caroline!

Good bye, Larissa, and welcome Lucinda!



And just at the end of the year, we received confirmation of approval of our contract with Fairfax county to supply equestrian programs at FPF until March 2015!

NUMBERS

And facts....

800 lesson hours

2,900 volunteer hours

36 full scholarship lesson hours

93 partial scholarship lesson hours

86 riders in program 2010

Adult Volunteer of the year – Don Clark

Instructor assistant of the year -Linda Trochim

Donor of the year – SCi company

Financial report to come ☺

Thank you to all who supported our work in 2010!