



Established in 2001

WALK ON

Therapeutic Riding Programs, Inc.

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Hello from WALK ON,

WALK ON was supposed to have begun our 2020 Spring Riding Season this week. The excitement of riding is truly represented by the many registrations forms that have been received to ride from now until the middle of July. Also last week, Walk ON was to have the volunteer orientation sessions to instruct volunteers to safely work with the riders and horses to enable a safe ride for everyone. Not only was there a great number of current volunteers returning for assist the program but there was also a great number of new volunteers scheduled to go through the orientation process as well.

During this time period, the horses are doing fine. The stalls are being cleaned daily and projects around the ranch are slowly being completed. I am also working on the organization and completion of the necessary paper and office work that it takes to manage WALK ON. During this time of closure, WALK ON follows the CDC, Federal, State guidelines as well as recommendations and guidelines of PATH International. Therapeutic riding programs around the country are all in the same situation, limited access to facilities and horses, minimal and skeleton crew to manage and take care of the equines, and all the precautionary considerations of cleaning, disinfection, personal protective equipment, and social distancing. Like so many individuals, families, and other businesses, WALK ON has been affected by the CORVID 19 virus emotionally, physically, and socially

WALK ON has also been affected financially and at this time I am asking for your generous support with the "\$20 for 2020 Campaign"! Consider sending a check for \$20.00 to WALK ON. (The address is on this letterhead) I am also asking for you to send this email to 4.(or more) of your friends or family members and share your story of why you ride or volunteer and the benefit of doing so and asking for their consideration of supporting WALK ON as well. You may also visit walontherapeutichorsemanship.org website and use the donate icon to help support WALK ON's mission.

Thank you for supporting WALK ON and to reach a goal of \$7000 with this \$20 for 2020 Campaign. Your support helps maintain the care of the horses but other aspects of the business as well. Insurance, lease, and the need to have funds available for additional purchases of hay, feed, and programming items when that time comes are necessary realities of the business. As a 501 3 c nonprofit, adequate funding is necessary.

Everyone is excited about riding and getting everyone back at the barn. As soon as we are able, the wonderful words of "WALK ON" will be once again heard from the riders as they begin the fun and awesome rides around the arena.

A simple "Thank You" isn't enough in asking for donations in this time of the current circumstances but, in any case, on behalf of the all the riders, volunteers, equine, board of directors, and myself, your generosity is greatly appreciated. **THANK YOU!!!**

Sincerely,

Ken Giske, Executive Director
PATH Registered Instructor

