



2013 MARCH NEWS LETTER



Dear Saddle Club Partners,

Hello JAKES Club! Well, as I write today the weather is showing no signs of "saddle clubbing" soon, because we are in the midst of the 2013 blizzard! We are thankful our Lord is watering the earth, Psalms 65, because the pastures need moisture, but we do pray for every ones safety.

So, while staying warm inside and the horse's munching hay in the barn, let me share with you a little bit of, where we have been, and where we are going. ☺

The winter months or, off season, is always filled with office work and we are grateful the Lord gives us this time to gett'er done so we are free to be with the children and families the rest of the year. This year JAKES Club has been blessed with volunteers who have helped get the essential paper work done: year-end closing, year donation receipts, IRS 990, fundraising-prep and applications just to mention a few. All the while our faithful volunteers take good care of the horses and all their needs at the barn, brrrr. Seeing to: stable maintenance, feeding and those awesome heated water buckets! This winter has been more tedious because our young gelding Jeremiah has needed medical attention, and Jacob along with Joe, never tired of caring for his needs. Thanks guys!

JAKES Club would like to also thank an awesome group of volunteers who are building a new website. Heading this project is Ben's (TSC) dad Bert, whom has been instrumental in bringing the website to a new level. Just a few of the blessings: home page slide show, calendar, gallery pics' and even a "Shop" page where you will be able to order JAKES Club T-Shirts right on-line. We also hope to develop an E-Newsletter, so keep checking! In addition, the Lord has brought back a dear friend who has announced she will be helping create a video this year. Thank you Jesus, and Natalie, for this exciting element to bring to our new website, God is Good!

Before closing I would like to share some dates that will be important to add to your calendar this spring. **Volunteer Saddle Club (VSC)** participants begin the week of **Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**. You will be able to download and print the 2013 application from the website. Please *make note of time changes that are available* this year in hopes of ministering to more VSC and Therapeutic Saddle Club (TSC) children. JAKES Club's weekly attendance last fall was 94 per week, thanks to "Missouri First Steps" & VSC!

**TSC families'** returning for our (free of charge) group riding begins, **Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** for last year's participants. TSC new families begin the following week after everyone has found their day and time, Tuesday – Friday. Beginning this spring, TSC will be offering *private riding on Saturdays* for a donation. It will be a great family time to help riders focus and develop their abilities! ☺

On, **Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 1pm, we invite everyone (including guest') to come to the farm for "**JAKES Club Day of Prayer.**" Included in the days activities will be **TSC Pre-Registration** (last year riders only). Those who purchased **2012 Award pictures** can meet with Emily Ficken to pick up orders between 2 and 4pm.

Well, you can see where we have already been this year and pray for where we are going in 2013. Be sure to watch for the new web site in March, and thanks again for each of you who continue to help fund our ministry. You truly make the difference, God Bless!

Blessings from JAKES Club's Team



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- Workplace Giving** – Contact employer for matching giving – CFC #80536 Federal or MSECC #3007 State employees
- Automatic Pay & Mailing** through your bank – Contact bank for more information
- Monthly Check** – Self addressed envelope provided
- PayPal Online** – www.JAKESClub.org – Donate
- Gift-n-Kind** – Donating specific items this month: Paper, envelopes, stamps, hay \$ donations, 5 gal. buckets white exterior paint for barn ... spring prep!