

MAY 2013 NEWSLETTER



Kade (mounted) & Kole (horse leader) with mom & dad. Yea!

Howdy JAKES Club!

Everybody say, “Welcome, Jesus And Kids Evangelistic Saddle Club’s 2013 Therapeutic Saddle Club (TSC) families!” We are excited to share 100% of available 2012 participants have returned, our final rider scheduling, just yesterday. God is good! With ten new children riding, (without TSC Team Riders yet profiled) our JAKES Club spring attendance has hit a record high of 30 children per week. We are very thankful for all the referrals and “1st Steps” therapists who have helped make this possible, thank you.

Other thanks have to also be given to JAKES Club’s volunteers. Without your valuable support this number of children could not be served, you truly make the difference, bless you!

This month’s testimony is fittingly from one of our Volunteer Saddle Club (VSC) program families. If your family loves horses and kids, you truly need to check out the websites Volunteer page and consider joining the fun. Enjoy! ☺

Hello, we are the 4 Ks: Kevin, Karena, Kole, and Kade, and we think JAKES Club is a place where children and grown children (adults) have the best kind of fun. Our family enjoys the work involved with horses and stables. We have learned that whether you are a newbie or have a life-time of experience with horses, you know that they require work. From simple chores like filling water buckets, mucking stalls (AKA poop scooping), or spreading wood chips, to chores like brushing the horses or picking mud from their hooves, a certain satisfaction fills you because you are caring for and meeting the needs of a horse - one of God’s greatest creations!

While the horses can’t express their appreciation to you directly, these well-cared for horses certainly reward us in other ways; they reward us through their disciplined, tender care of the Therapeutic Saddle Club (TSC) children. The TSC children have taught our family another level of having fun. Coming alongside special needs children and being used in a very small way to help them perform skills, achieve goals, and experience extreme satisfaction in their accomplishments boosts our sense of pleasure significantly. For our family, the opportunity to volunteer at JAKES Club not only meets the needs of others but provides a lot of joy in our own lives. Kids + horses = FUN!

Thank you again everyone for helping JAKES Club to give free-of-charge therapeutic riding to children within Kansas City, Missouri 6 county region. Without your prayers and financial support it could not be possible. Please remember to take a look at your donation choices and make note of our “In Need of ...” list this month. JAKES Club needs your help with some important repairs to help us get our mowing done this spring. We are thankful for the beautiful grass and spring conditions our Lord has provided! Remembering, **Psalms 115:1** *Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth’s sake.*

Blessings,

Cathie & JAKES Club’s Team ☺



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- [] **Automatic Pay & Mailing** through your bank – Contact bank for more information
- [] **Monthly Check** – Self addressed envelope provided
- [] **PayPal Online** – www.JAKESClub.org – Donate
- [] **“In Need of...” specific items this month, thank you: ☺**

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