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## Sweetheart DATE NIGHT Raffle Results

Faith Equestrian's latest fundraiser, the Sweetheart Date Night package was a great success.

The package included a two night stay at the Hyatt in historic Savannah, two \$50 gift certificates for dinner at Alligator Soul, a carriage ride and \$150 in cash.

Several volunteers found this raffle an easy sell. After all, who doesn't want to win a great weekend in historic Savannah?

The Center made over \$3,500 from sales of the tickets. We thank each and every volunteer that had a hand in the success of this event!

The drawing was held at the Center on Sunday, June 16th at 5:00 p.m. Tim Ivey

with the Effingham County Sheriff's Department drew the winning ticket. Several volunteers were present to witness the drawing.



Congratulations to Tina B. We know you'll enjoy it!

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## Trinity Lutheran Church Returns

The Trinity Lutheran Church from Circleville, Ohio returned to Faith Equestrian again this summer to help with numerous projects around the Center.

The group came the first week of June. They labored building a goat barn, as well as provided all the materials used in its construction. Check it out next time you're here!

In addition to their work on the barn for the soon to be newest members of the

Faith Equestrian family, they worked on painting the existing barn, working on the sensory integration trail and did numerous cleanup tasks.

Its because of organizations and people like them that we are continuing to expand and meet the special needs communities' needs.

Our heartfelt thanks to Tim Stevenson, Trinity Lutheran Church's Director of Youth and Family Ministries. He and members of this church have taken a special interest in Faith Equestrian and we say, "God Bless You All".

# A Little Bit of Knowledge is a Dangerous Thing . . .



**Bonnie Gentry**  
pictured above

Keep up with training . . You never know enough!

It is a real joy working with horses and watching children learn the basics during our summer horse camp fundraisers for able-bodied children. As I teach the little ones and see their enthusiasm and love of the majestic horse, it makes me realize how important ongoing knowledge is.

Children live in a fantasy world where everything is automatic . . . they think. We instructors call this "Unicorn fantasy land" - they think just by being near the horse they know all there is to know. "I know how to ride, I have been on a horse twice!" or "My aunt has horses and I sat on one a few times, I can ride!" My favorite one is "I saw it on TV" (that one scares me!) These are some quotes we get at the beginning of each horse camp. I have heard this from some adults too. Once I observe them on a horse, I often see a different story.

I told you all the above to make a point. A little bit of knowledge is a dangerous thing. Knowing just enough to get on a "good" horse and sit there or to handle them on the ground "some" is not horse knowledge. If you are serious about riding (and ground handling is part of riding, by the way) then get good lessons from a trained certified instructor and keep up the training. Learn all you can, you will never know it all. I have been training and teaching for over 41 years and still a horse will teach me something new every day and so do "horse" people! Why train?... for the horses comfort and your safety, besides if you really love horses, its fun.

Every athlete of any sport who is serious, trains on a regular basis, riding is no different. How does this apply to volunteers at the center? Well if you are one of the horse exercisers for the center it is required to get ongoing training! If you are a side walker or horse leader, the more you know about handling the horses safely on the ground the more enjoyment you will get and the more helpful you become to your rider, the center and the horse! Ride on!

## Civil War Experience Benefits Faith Equestrian

The Civil War Experience in Rincon attracted several hundred people last month, which organizers considered a good turnout for a first-time event.

But that's not the only reason the festival was a success. Through a donation from Fuller Chevrolet and proceeds from the Civil War Experience and a golf tournament the day before the festival, the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce contributed more than \$13,000 to four local non-profit organizations.

Fuller Chevrolet General Manager Tommy Arden and Effingham Chamber Executive Director Rick Lott presented checks to Habitat for Humanity, Treutlen House at New Ebenezer, Faith Equestrian Therapeutic Center and the Effingham Museum and Living History Site.



Pictured left to right are Beverly Ginn Poole of the Effingham Museum, Fuller Chevrolet General Manager Tommy Arden, Faith Equestrian volunteer Dale Wolfe, Historic Society Treasurer Charlie Arnsdorff, Habitat for Humanity of Effingham County Executive Director Jimmy Rutland, Treutlen House Director Bobbie Tootle, HES President Norma Jean Morgan and Effingham Chamber Executive Director Rick Lott.

# Sincere Thanks to All Our Donors

We at Faith Equestrian Therapeutic Center are so happy and excited to see the signs of growth and success here at the Center. The Education Center, the addition of a weekday class during regular session, becoming a United Way designated charity, four consecutive and very successful Horse Camps, etc. None of which would be without the help of our generous donors.

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize our many supporters.

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There are also in excess of 75 additional **Friends of Faith Supporters** who gave \$500 or less each, and our 40+ active volunteers who give so freely of their time and talents.

We can't thank you enough. May God bless each and every one of you!

If I inadvertently failed to recognize your contribution, please know that I am sorry. Each and every one of our donors is of great importance to us and our success. If I failed to mention you or your organization, please let me know by email to [jwolfefetc@yahoo.com](mailto:jwolfefetc@yahoo.com)

We encourage you to give through your employer's United Way campaign in the fall. Just look for us in the list of designated charities.

We also send out a yearly appeal letter to our faithful supporters in December of each year.

Again, thank you. Thank you for all you've done to help FETC grow and meet the needs of our special needs community.



## Our Mission

Faith Equestrian Therapeutic Center, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization formed to:



### United Way Agency of the Coastal Empire

We are an agency of the United Way, listed in health and wellness !!

Please make Faith Equestrian Therapeutic Center YOUR designated charity when the United Way comes to your workplace during the United Way campaign. Support local community services through the United Way!

- Offer equine assisted riding and educational activities for children and adults with all types of mental, physical and emotional challenges.
- Help build life skills, confidence, and self esteem in a family friendly social environment.
- Offer these activities without regard to race, color, creed or financial need.

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## Veterinarian Spotlight—Reese Myran, DVM

Reese Myran works with the Edisto Equine Clinic in Yorges Island, SC. Dr. Myran was raised in Forsyth, Montana, and spent much of his youth farming and ranching. During those hours in the saddle working cattle, he decided to pursue a career in veterinary medicine. Dr. Myran graduated from Rocky Mountain College in 2000, and Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2004. His first 5 1/2 years in practice were spent on the border of North and South Dakota, working on beef cattle and ranch and western performance horses. He also spent 2 summers as the backside veterinarian for the North Dakota Horse Park in Fargo, ND. He and his family moved to the low country in December 2009 after being hired by Edisto Equine. He enjoys all aspects of

equine medicine, but his particular interests include routine and complex equine dentistry, nutrition and pasture management, emergency care, and partnering with area blacksmiths while treating difficult foot lameness cases.



Above: Dr. Myran working on Cody's teeth!  
 And check out Banjo's smile in the next column.  
 "Aren't I pretty?"

You can see him at work recently here at FETC. Thank you Dr. Myran!



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