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## Dates To Remember

*Important dates to remember:*

*Dec 3-7, 2007*

Last week of fall lessons  
Families and guests may observe

*January 26, 2008*

New volunteer orientation & training

*February 4, 2008*

Start of spring, 2008 lesson session

*May 3, 2008*

2008 Derby Dash Bash fund raiser  
for RHR

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## Note from the Executive Director:

At this time of year, when we take stock of our good fortune, those of us associated with Rocking Horse Ranch have much to be thankful for. It was only 4 years ago that we took a leap of faith to turn what was then a small part time program into a full time operation; financially responsible for its own facility and its future.

Despite all logic, RHR has grown and prospered since then, doubling the student enrollment that we began with in the fall of 2003. All of this has been possible because of the commitment and dedication that has been shown by so many members of our community, who help with lessons, maintenance projects, and, so importantly, fund raising to keep Rocking Horse Ranch in operation. Some of these people you see at the barn every week, helping with lessons or chores; many others are listed on the donor page of our website.

Please, if you have the opportunity, take a moment to thank them for their contributions to Rocking Horse Ranch, because each of them has played an important part in making a high quality therapeutic riding experience available to children and adults in eastern North Carolina. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays!



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### **Rocking Horse Ranch Staff**

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Executive Director, NARHA  
Registered Instructor  
AHA Member Therapist



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## News to Know

- Enrollment for the fall 2007 lesson session has set a new record at 95 students per week.
- Join us in welcoming our new staff members Rachael Moore and Melissa Phillips. Rachael will be working part time at RHR as our equine manager and Melissa is now part of our weekend barn crew. Also, thanks to Sherri Deeds who has taken on the additional responsibilities of part-time property manager.
- RHR is proud to have 75 community volunteers come out weekly to assist in the lesson program, as well as 1 ECU intern from the Dept of Rehabilitation Counseling, and 3 ECU practicum students from the Dept of Recreation and Leisure Studies. In addition, 4 Pitt County high school seniors are using volunteer time at RHR as part of their senior projects.
- Thanks to Brent Anderson and Evolve, Inc. for renovating the RHR website. In order to save paper and postage, we are going to post "Hoofbeats" on our website in the spring and fall. If you would like to share your e-mail address with us, we will be happy to send you a copy as well.



## Fall Ride-A-Thon is a Raving Success!

Thanks to all of our RHR families and friends who contributed to our Fall 2007 Ride-A-Thon, held in late October. Sponsors for 40 riders donated a total of \$4,500 which will help us meet operating expenses for this year. We also would like to congratulate our student winners, Kaitlyn Chesnut and Alex Stancill, each of whom raised over \$400 from more than 40 individual sponsors. Each of these students will receive their own riding helmet in recognition of their outstanding participation.





## Help with Derby Dash Bash

The Derby Dash Bash is our single most important source of operating funds for RHR, raising about 1/3 of our income for the year.

If you know local businesses that might be willing to participate as sponsors or donors, or if you would be willing to volunteer in some capacity before or during the event, please inform Linda and she will put you in contact with the appropriate Derby committee. You may contact Linda at 252-752-0153. Make sure to encourage all your friends and family to attend or to become a sponsor. Remember, all donations are tax deductible.



## Food Lion Funds for Rocking Horse Ranch



For those of you who shop at Food Lion and have an MVP card, please consider registering as a Rocking Horse Ranch supporter in the Food Lion Shop and Share program. This program contributes a portion of your dollars spent at Food Lion to the designated charity of your choice. Registration cards are available in the barn waiting room and we can register your information for you, if you like. It is an easy way to help raise some dollars for RHR and every dollar we receive helps us meet our budget!!

