

Please help keep STARS

shining by making a

donation toward the following:

- \$731 Sponsorship of a riding student for one 6 wk. session
- \$2924 Sponsorship of a riding class for one 6 wk. session of 4 students
- \$25-100 Program equipment
- Donate \$ _____
- Donate a Wish List Item
- I would like to volunteer

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

If you would like more information contact STARS at:
 Phone: 712.239.5042
 Email: brooke@scstars.org



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STARS
 -Since 1984-



HOOE BEATS & PAW PRINTS

-Winter 2017-

We would like to take a look back at what a great year 2016 was for STARS. In 2016 we saw a lot of change and growth as well as an overwhelming support from the community. Our program continues to operate and change lives daily with the help of all the great people we call the STARS family. With the help of our great list of volunteers, staff and donors, we continue to see the overwhelming impact in the lives of people we serve. With heartfelt appreciation we would like to say Thank You to everyone that made 2016 a great success. Many thanks to the list of STARS family included in this issue for their generous gifts throughout the year 2016. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy of this list. If items have been missed please accept our sincere apology.

Siouxland Community Support

STARS participated in the DQ Great Debate during September and October. For every Apple Pie Blizzard DQ sold, STARS received fifty cents. On November 29th, DQ presented STARS with a check for \$1,646.50.

On Tuesday, December 6th, STARS participated in Scheels "Day of Giving". Scheels returns 10% of its profits back to the community. Scheels presented over \$141,000 to 50 non profits in Siouxland. STARS received a check for \$2,000.

Thank you, Scheels and Dairy Queen for supporting STARS and the Siouxland community.

Larry Schlichte Memorial Ride

The Infernos Motorcycle Club of LeMars presented STARS Board representative Josh Sherer with a check on Friday, January 13, for \$4,000 in honor of their friend Larry Schlichte. This is the Third Annual Larry Schlichte Memorial Ride. It was Larry's wish to make a donation to STARS to help buy hay for the therapy horses. His family and friends have kept that wish alive. Thank you Infernos Motorcycle Club! Ride on!



Perry Creek Elementary School Walk A Thon



To STARS utter delight and surprise, the Perry Creek Elementary School A Walk A Thon raised \$11,610 for the STARS therapy horses. Preschool through fifth grade students walked a mile around the school on Friday, October 20th. In just over a week, the students raised these funds to "Feed the Horses." Perry Creek Elementary teacher Kim Rasmussen said "We talk a lot about doing for other people and when we do for other people we feel good ourselves. So, it really helps with character that they're able to notice that there's something they can do to make a difference in the community." Thank You to Perry Creek Elementary School for their generous support!

Reaching Beyond the Ordinary Every Day!

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 SATURDAY, FEB 18, 2017

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RESERVE YOUR SEATS TODAY!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 712.239.5042
 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.SCSTARS.ORG



2017 Riding Schedule

Session 1

January 30 to March 9 (6 weeks)

March 13 & 14 *Rider Registration/
Parent Orientation at 6 PM*

Session 2

March 27 to May 18 (8 weeks)

Session 3

June 5 to July 13 (6 weeks)

June 24 *Roger Peters Memorial Horse Show*

Session 4

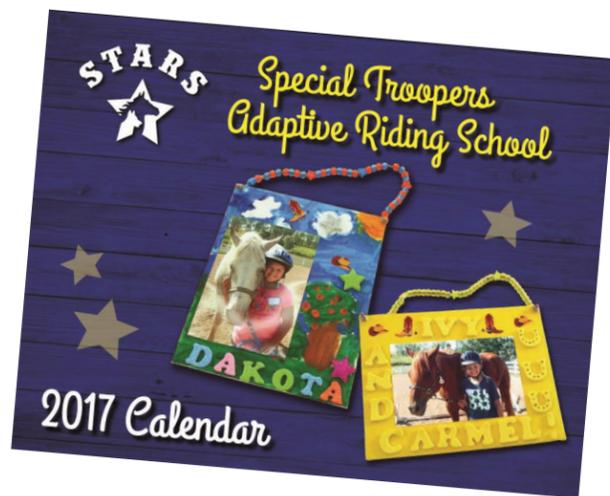
September 11 to October 19 (6 weeks)

Session 5

November 6 to December 14 (6 weeks)

For more information, please call the STARS riding center at 712-239-5042 or visit our website at www.scstars.org

As you get started organizing the new year, don't forget to pick up your 2017 STARS Therapy Horse Calendars at the STARS Barn for \$10.



K9 STARS Update



This has been a very busy winter for the K9 STARS! Not only have we had our regular visits at Unity Point on Thursdays and Saturdays as well as the Sioux City Public Library on Saturdays. We have been in high demand!

Unity Point has also been utilizing Jane Berger & Jimi in the Rehab department where Jimi enhances patients Occupational or Physical therapy sessions and helps the patients to make progress while having fun with a therapy dog. Jimi is a natural when it comes to knowing what the patients need and how to get them to work.

The end of the school year brought requests for the dogs to visit area colleges during finals week. We had visits to Briar Cliff University, Morningside College and St. Luke's School of Nursing. The dogs were very popular during these visits with the students showing great appreciation for having the dogs available to them.

Perry Creek Elementary School organized a



very generous fundraiser for STARS and shortly after that requested that the dogs visit the school to keep the kids thinking about what all we have to offer at STARS. The kids were great with the dogs and it was a mutually enjoyable visits for all involved.

We are still in need of adding members to our group so we can offer our services to more places. In the last month alone I received requests from 4 new places that I, unfortunately, could not add to our calendar because we do not have enough members. If you or someone you know has been thinking about joining our program please contact me. Your dog needs to be at least 18 months old (no maximum age), up to date on all vaccinations, have completed 2 full 6-7 week sessions of obedience classes and have passed the Canine Good Citizen test. This will qualify you to attend our testing - next one to be scheduled February 11th, 2017. If you would like to be added to our email list to receive information on upcoming testing, please send me a note to jrgill@nntc.net.



Volunteer Orientation! COMING UP IN MARCH!

Tuesday, March 7th, 2017 at 6:00pm at the STARS Riding Center.

This is a great opportunity for NEW volunteers to come learn about STARS then stay to watch a therapeutic riding class in the indoor arena.



STARS 2017 Staff & Board of Directors

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Board Update



New
Member:
Lori Marx

Welcome,
Lori Marx, to
the STARS
Board of
Directors.

Lori is an Insurance Underwriter for Great West Casualty Company. *Lori* has been involved in both the STARS K9 program as well as an equine volunteer. *Lori* explains her interest in STARS, "It is a great organization and really helps adults and children with needs."



**- May 13th, 2017 -
STARS Barn**

Start saving those odds and ends!
If you would like to donate items for the Tack & Garage sale, we will begin accepting donations April 17th, 2017! No Clothing items or large furniture items please. Questions contact Brooke at the Barn!

Wish List

(Items needed at the Barn)



- Postage stamps
- HPLaserJet Pro300 Color MFP ink cartridges
- Copy Paper
- Septic system safe toilet paper
- Pet friendly ice melt
- Granular softener salt
- 24 foot Ladder
- Halters & lead ropes
- Safe Choice Senior Feed
- Bomgaars gift card