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Special Equestrians Closed But Still Connected

Special Equestrians (SE), a therapeutic horseback riding center for children and adults with disabilities in Warrington has responded to State and local officials' call to shut down nonessential businesses due to the COVID 19 crisis, and has cancelled lessons and group activities, but remains in operation to care for its herd of 12 therapy horses until further notice. SE's instructors and program staff have created "Rider Recess", a series of online activities to keep their majority school-aged participants engaged. Rider Recess features fun, educational activities including puzzles, games and videos of staff reading horse-themed children's books.

SE's four legged partners are being kept in top shape by skilled barn staff, working round the clock to feed, exercise, groom and care for the daily medical needs of the horses. Workers are also on hand when farrier and veterinarian care are required. SE's administrative personnel are working from home managing financial activities and communications but remain in constant contact with staff.

SE's Executive Director Jill Rawlins says of the situation, "We're taking all necessary steps to ensure the health and safety of our employees and we are continuing to fundraise to keep SE strong through this crisis. I am deeply grateful to our staff, our many volunteers and the generous donors who have come forward to support us at this critical time. We wish our riders, families, volunteers and the community at large the best and hope for everyone's continued health and safety. SE's 2-legged and 4-legged family look forward to resuming programming as soon as it's safe to do so. "

For more information or to donate visit the Special Equestrians website

www.specialequestrians.org. To access Rider Recess go to the Special Equestrians Facebook page www.facebook.com/specialequestrianspa/



Dedicated Special Equestrians barn personnel Piper with 3 of her charges.

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Special Equestrians is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located in Warrington, PA. For 38 years, Special Equestrians has provided services designed to improve the physical, mental, and emotional well being of individuals with disabilities through the equine experience. For more information, please visit our website www.specialequestrians.org or call 215-918-1001.