

Parent/Caregiver Resources



Many of the day-to-day activities at Chariot Riders are focused on the participants in our programs, but a strong, subtle achievement is also taking place: support and encouragement are being provided to parents and families. This is something beyond the more visible advantages of therapeutic riding. Living in the world of a disability can often feel lonely and isolating. It is not always easy for friends with typical children to appreciate what happens when disability enters someone's life. Parents who come to Chariot Riders find an instant network of others who have children with disabilities. The opportunities for parent involvement are boundless at Chariot Riders. Whether it's attending the annual horse show and sharing in the participants' accomplishments, or making an appointment to meet with instructors and review the goals and plan for a rider, parent input is welcomed and cherished.

Many parents become volunteers as a way to get involved and learn more about "behind-the-scenes" aspects of Chariot Riders' operations. Workshops and other opportunities are also available to parents, and notices of upcoming activities are posted on the bulletin board in the participants' lounge.

Parents are treasured resources at Chariot Riders. They are invaluable as members of our Board of Trustees, as well as in day-to-day interactions with our instructors and volunteers. We want Chariot Riders to be a place where parents can have a break (albeit brief) from the home routine. For those who are looking for support, growth or camaraderie, Chariot offers that as well. If you would like to use your experience and talent at Chariot Riders, please contact **Linda Fazio, Executive Director**, to discuss the options. Linda can be reached at 732 657 2710, Ext. 2 or email info@chariotriders.org