



HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

The rebuilding of our association has been very supportive through the encouragement of parents, students and the generosity of our donors. We would like to acknowledge and thank all the employees of **SaskTel Telcare** for their generous donation of \$4,333.00 and **SaskTel** for their generous donation of \$2,167.00!



This invaluable relationship ensures that your funding provides maintenance, care and ongoing training of our therapeutic horses.

In addition, we cannot thank our many private donors enough for their continued support. Without them, we could not exist. All donations are gratefully acknowledged with a letter of appreciation, a receipt with our Charitable Registration number for tax purposes and will be listed in our newsletter.

We have a new look thanks to Chris Jordison who created our Logo. We also have a new website www.rtra.ca. Our web designer is Les Dickson. Check out their profiles on our Home page.

Our new website is a combination of the "old and the new". We hope you find all the information you require to know about this wonderful program. All the required application forms are downloadable to get you started if you are interested in becoming involved as a rider or volunteer. Our contact information and google map of our location is on the website. Please email us ahead of time to set up appointment if you would like to come out and visit us. We'll be glad to give you a tour and introduce you to our therapeutic horses, the *backbone of the program*.

We are also excited to have Lynn Woods-Nordin volunteer her talents in creating our new bi-monthly RTRA Newsletter to keep you informed. Newsletters are found in the "What's New" page on the RTRA Website and are also downloadable. They are both informative and entertaining!

On January 8th, 2012, our Instructor Dana Zubko enjoyed the opportunity to meet some students and parents who were invited out to Setting Sun Stables where they received the new information packets containing forms for enrollment. Reactions were positive and Dana is looking forward to instructing her first 2012 therapeutic riding lesson. With permission, that first student's name and photo will be published in the next RTRA submission to ShowTrail and our newsletter.

We are currently looking for a Registered Physiotherapist (s) on a voluntary basis to be part of the assessment process, with our Medical advisor, in evaluating a prospective rider's acceptance into the program. As a volunteer, you will help make a profound difference in the lives of those facing a physical, cognitive, social or psychological challenge. You can help change a life and make a dream come true! Please contact us if you are interested in becoming a valued member of our team.



We are a member of CanTRA, the (Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association) formed in 1980. Patron is H.R.H. The Princess Royal. CanTRA provides our Instructors with continued education while maintaining high standards for Therapeutic Riding Instructor Certification. We currently have (3) individuals who have submitted their certification registration forms and are looking forward to obtaining their required volunteer hours to be eligible qualified assistant instructors.

Our riders are very fortunate to have these young women assist Dana in providing enjoyable riding instruction. Look forward to more news in spring.

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From The Board of Directors