



When you support any of the following events, you are supporting the riders we serve. Please visit www.thorncroft.org for more information.

**April 7, 2018:
33rd Annual Victory Gallop
at the Bellevue -**

Watch your mail for an invitation and our website as we announce the newly launched after party. *Buy a ticket or a table.*



**May 26, 27:
39th Annual Therapeutic Riders
Division of the Devon Horse Show -**

Hosted Saturday at Thorncroft. Sunday, the Hope Montgomery Scott Championship and presentation of the Brushwood Trophy at the Devon Horse Show grounds. *Sponsor a rider or a class.*

**May 31-June 2:
Special Olympics at Penn State -**

Teams from Chester and Delaware Counties compete during the annual competition at Penn State. *Support a rider.*



**September 7 - 9:
22nd presentation
of the Radnor Hunt
Concours d'Elegance -**

From BBQ to black tie and to world class car show, with everything in between. *Support the event.*

**October 14:
9th Annual Lobstah Bake
& BBQ -** New this year, lobsters will be accompanied by BBQ. *Buy a ticket or a table.*



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In 1969 Quaker farmer Saunders Dixon pioneered a therapeutic horseback riding program ... today Thorncroft has evolved into a multi-faceted 70 acre community which serves over 350 children and adults weekly. Our "mainstreamed foundation" ensures riders and friends of any and all abilities are welcomed into a nurturing and nonjudgmental environment of equality, peace and love.



**With your support...
we will continue to serve.**

THE PETER D. QUICK VETERANS EQUESTRIAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

OUR STORIES

Sponsored by George Rubin and Perc Moser in honor of their friend, a fellow Thorncroft Board member and Vietnam Veteran, the Peter D. Quick Veterans Equestrian Scholarship Fund was founded to ensure our Vets may enjoy the equestrian therapy they need and deserve.

Last fall, Thorncroft welcomed Dave, a tall, quiet, giant of a man. He was living at the Coatesville VA and working through some horrific problems- Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome was just the tip of his iceberg.

Every Friday, he quietly came to the Farm. He started grazing horses, and finally, with the support of our instructors and volunteers, gathered the courage to ride. He rode through the winter and into the spring and when the program stopped in May for the summer, Dave kept coming.



He rode in private lessons, and began volunteering in the barn...earning the respect of all he met. In July he proudly announced, "I have a job, I'm taking care of horses at a private farm AND I have an apartment."

Last week Dave shared a few moments and a thought... **"the VA helped me get my head on straight... but Thorncroft filled the hole in my heart."**



My name is Andrew. Four years ago, when I was 21, my mom found Thorncroft. She thought I could benefit physically from riding. But, could they accommodate some of my challenges? I am very hearing impaired, wear a hearing processor, use sign language, wear a leg brace and have breathing issues. Could I get on a horse? Would I stay on the horse? Could an instructor communicate with me? Would I even like riding? The answer of course is YES! Of course I benefit physically from being on Buddy. But I've also learned to RIDE!!



My wonderful instructor is Missy. She uses sign language to give me directions. She has modified the reins and a stirrup so I am more independent on Buddy. This stable is full of miracles and I am one of them! **By the way, if you hear a rider at Thorncroft laughing in the arena, or out on the trails, that's me!!**



My name is Sophie. Thorncroft is like a home away from home. The people there are like family to me. I love spending time with the horses there. I spend more time at Thorncroft than I do at my own home... it's a barn like no other. **I can't imagine what I would do if I wasn't there.**

My name is Genevieve and I'm eight years old. When I came to the Farm... my instructor Tori introduced me to Bagel. Bagel is a little grey pony and I LOVE him! The first day was hard... I had to learn how to lead Bagel, brush him and put on his saddle... it's very heavy!

We walked all over the place... thru the orchard, around the fields, back to the barn and into the arena. I saw baby deer and lots of geese. Back then that's all I could do... walk. I had never ridden before... but knew I LOVED horses! Friday is the day I ride and I carried my tack (that's what the saddle and bridle are called) all the way down the aisle by myself. Today I trotted... by myself! Tori said I'll canter soon. **Thorncroft makes me feel great.**

