



## Therapeutic Riding through Discovery, Growth, & Learning

Dear Guidance Counselors,

I am writing on behalf of Horses with Hope, a non-profit organization for therapeutic riding, to notify you of a volunteer opportunity for students.

Horses with Hope opened its first center in 2007 and was incorporated in 2011 by Anne Davis, a certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor, to help children, youth and adults with disabilities. Their programs seek to improve the lives of riders by assisting them to reach beyond their abilities, allowing daily success and milestones to be accomplished through the partnership developed by horse and rider. Horses with Hope operates in two locations: in conjunction with Horse 'N Soul at Paradise Hills, 115 Gretna Road, Washington, PA 15301 and South Park Fairgrounds.

Horses with Hope has multiple openings for volunteers. These opportunities are listed below:

1. Side-walkers: Volunteers will walk next to the horse and assist riders with completing various motor skills tasks.
  1. Washington Location: Starting March 2013
  2. South Park Location: Starting May 2013
2. Horse leaders: Volunteers will lead the horses through the course.
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  2. South Park Location: Starting May 2013
3. Demolition/Construction: Volunteers will help demolish and rebuild the buildings at South Park Fairgrounds
  1. South Park Location: Weekends starting in May 2013

To be a side-walker and/or horse leader, Volunteers between the ages of 14 and 17 must complete paperwork and 3-hour training (held once per month on Sundays) to be eligible to participate. Volunteers 18 and older must complete the paperwork and training, as well as obtain Act 33 clearances to work with children.

Horses with Hope seeks dedicated student volunteers. For more information, please visit our website at [www.horseswithhope.org](http://www.horseswithhope.org) or contact Joanne Murdy by phone 412-607-8075, email [jmurdyhwh@gmail.com](mailto:jmurdyhwh@gmail.com) – or Anne Davis by phone at (615) 513-4106 or by email at [annehwh@gmail.com](mailto:annehwh@gmail.com).

Thank you,

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