

News From the "Neigh"bourhood

November

~Dates to Remember~

December

December 4
Volunteer Potluck

December 5
Session 3 Therapeutic Begins

December 24 - December 31
Christmas Break Office Closed

January

January 1 - 2
New Years Office Closed

January 5
Session 3 Youth Leadership Begins

January 7
Session 3 Public Riding Begins

February

February 16
Session 4 Youth Leadership Begins

February 25
Session 4 Public Riding Begins

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GIVINGTUESDAY™

NOVEMBER 29, 2016

~Stay In Touch~





PARDS 19th Annual Dine and Dance Fundraiser "Hoofprints & Heartbeats" was a magical evening celebrating all that has been and can be accomplished when we share a common goal and vision.

We hope that everyone who attended this evening honouring our riders and the volunteers, community members and businesses who help to keep this essential service available in our community had a wonderful time.

To our event sponsors, donors and volunteers a huge thank you for your support in making this event an amazing success.

All proceeds raised through the event stay within the PARDS organization and directly benefit our riders by supporting our therapeutic programs. Your generosity helps children and adults within our community access Equine Assisted Therapeutic Services in pursuit of living their best life.

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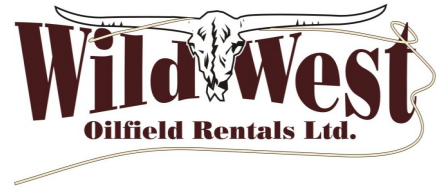


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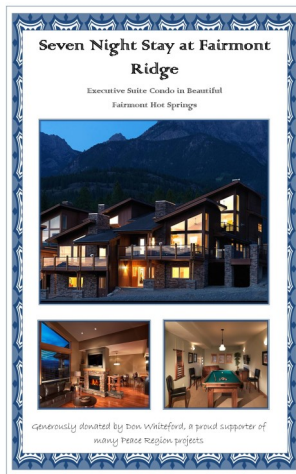
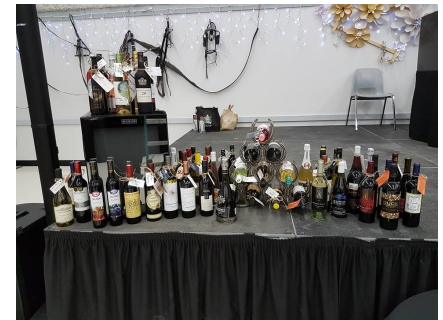
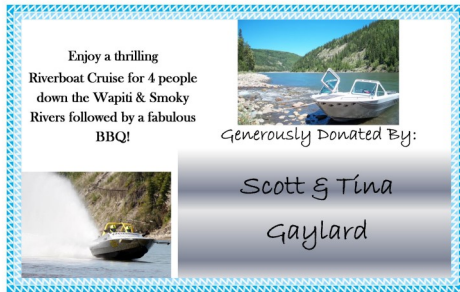
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Midnight Lunch

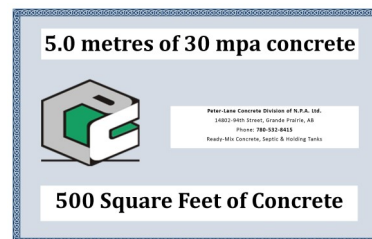


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Thank you to the following for their donations to PARDS' Live Auction

- ~Bear Creek Animal Hospital~
- ~Carolyn Sinclair ~ Chris Wolf~
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~Dine & Dance Auction Donors~

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Thank you!

~Volunteer Spotlight~



Mort Timanson - PARDS' 2016 Volunteer of the Year!

It was an honour for PARDS to present Mort with this award at our Annual Dine & Dance event for all of his hard work and support of PARDS riders!

Mort has been a PARDS' volunteer for many years, helping in lessons and the barn with his granddaughter. He has been a long time member of the Fund Ride Committee and keeping the trails safe and rewarding for the riders. He is also a member of the Peace Wapiti Corridor Planning Society as the PARDS' representative. Thank you Mort; we are so lucky to have you in our PARDS family!

Thank you to all of our generous donors and sponsors for your continued support. We would like to extend a special thank you to the following individuals and businesses for your commitment in making PARDS 19th Annual Dine and Dance a huge success.

- ~ Tom Pura for emceeing the event
- ~ Kathy Crough Catering & crew for the mouth watering meal
- ~ Dave Neale and his entourage for auctioneer services
- ~ Cloud 10 Music for donating the evening's DJ services

This Evening's Volunteers

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- ~ Robyn Boudreau ~ Shelby Douglas ~ Leilani Gaylard ~
- ~ Sarah Gunter ~ Mona Merkley ~ Walter Merkley ~
- ~ Karen Neufeld ~ Nicole O'Flaherty ~ Bree Palasty ~
- ~ Louie Percell ~ Megan Schur ~ Trish VanDuinen ~ Barb Wald ~
- ~ Dine & Dance Committee Members ~

### *PARDS Dine & Dance Committee Members*

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Jenn Ash, Carol Balcome, Nichol Buchaski, Nicole Crowley, Jennifer Douglas, Marge Elliott, Tina Gaylard, Berit Graaten, Shirley Kyle, Gayle Mayer, Rick Parsons, Jim Rawlek, Natalee Rawsthorne, Barb Wald, Sue Wasylchew, Kelly Wilson and Jennifer Wolf

Thank you for volunteering your time, ideas and expertise to make this evening a success!

...and a HUGE PARDS "Thank You!!!" to you, our guests.

Thank you!!!



Thank you to Tracy and Aly Keay for sharing their story at the Dine & Dance with our guests. You were inspiring, making us all believe anything is possible!



~Rider Spotlight~



Meet Evangeline!

One of PARDS' youngest riders is 4 year old Evangeline Richard. Evangeline began riding at PARDS with a leader and 2 sidewalkers to work on balance, building her core strength and using verbal commands to control her horse. With French being Eva's first language, she says, "marche! marche!", to get her horse to walk; or "1-2-3 GO!" on a day that she is feeling a little silly!

Lessons are planned to meet individual rider needs and skills are often taught in the form of games. After a warm up for both rider and horse, the fun and games begin! Activities can include stretching the body up and arms out to the side (airplane arms) to enhance balance, raising hula-hoops over the body for stretching, throwing oversized dice for gross motor skills development, counting steps to improve numeracy skills, matching colours to promote colour recognition and reaching to put hoops over cones to build coordination; all keep the rider engaged and having fun.



Now that Evangeline's core strength has increased, she has a leader and only one sidewalker. She is learning some basic riding skills like using her reins to make her horse stop and her legs to squeeze the horse's belly to walk .

It is just the beginning of Eva's journey into the horse world and we love seeing her progress. She walks in before each lesson full of confidence, sporting her sparkly pink cowboy boots and eager to interact with the office staff, the dog and anyone else who might be around before her lesson begins. Eva is making great progress in her lessons and we are proud to be a part of her success!



~Donor Spotlight~



We are extremely excited to announce that Northstar Hydrovac has sponsored Star!

Wilf Rast, owner of Northstar, began attending PARDS Annual Dine & Dance a couple of years ago and now continues to attend

the event each year. When given the opportunity to sponsor Star, Wilf jumped at the chance to expand Northstar Hydrovac's support of PARDS' riders!

Star has been at PARDS since the fall of 2015, is a valuable member of the PARDS' team and very much loved by her riders. Star is famous for the end-of-lesson cuddles she bestows on her riding partners. After her rider dismounts, she lowers her head so their little arms can wrap around her neck for a wonderful, warm and fuzzy hug. She is gentle, patient, and very responsive to her riders cues, making her a perfect partner for young riders who are looking to advance their skills. Her personality makes her a perfect match for PARDS and her name makes her a perfect match for Northstar Hydrovac!

Thank you Northstar Hydrovac for choosing to sponsor Star!



~Sponsorship Opportunities~

One very important part of our organization is our equine staff. Not every horse has what it takes to be a PARDS therapeutic riding horse. It takes a specific skill set, combined with strong training and unique character traits for a horse to be accepted as a therapy equine partner. It is sometimes necessary for us to seek out horses who have very specific skills and attributes in order to maintain a well-rounded herd for the benefit of all of our riders and often, these horses are not available as a donation. With this in mind, PARDS created the Horse Sponsorship Program to ensure a safe and beneficial riding experience, we seek community members and companies to sponsor the purchase price including associated costs of a suitable therapeutic program horse.

~Upcoming Events~



Giving Tuesday

We will be running an 'It Takes A Community' campaign beginning Tuesday, November 29, through the month of December in which all monetary or gift in kind donations to PARDS' therapeutic programs will be recognized with an ornament on PARDS' Christmas tree. PARDS' goal is to raise enough to purchase a new wheelchair for PARDS' riders, as well as a new cart and harness for the Cart Driving program. PARDS' Cart Driving program is in its second year and has grown exponentially since inception. It truly does take a community here at PARDS, where over 200 volunteers give 12,000 hours annually to ensure our riders have access to all of our programs. We provide high quality equine assisted therapies to over 350 Peace Area riders aged 3 and up (currently our oldest rider is 71) with physical, social, cognitive, and/or behavioral challenges. PARDS' programs include Therapeutic Riding, Cart Driving, Grooming, Mechanical Equicizer and Youth Leadership. We are the only full time, year round therapeutic riding center in Alberta, one of only three in Canada!

To donate please visit <http://givingtuesday.ca/partners/peace-area-riding-for-the-disabled-society-pards> and click the donate now button! Thank you for your generosity!

~Other Ways to Give~

To see other Giving Opportunities, please visit the PARDS' website:

<https://www.pards.ca/ways-to-give/>