



UPWARD TRANSITIONS



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2011 YEAR IN REVIEW AND VISION FOR 2012—by Shelly Pelet, Executive Director

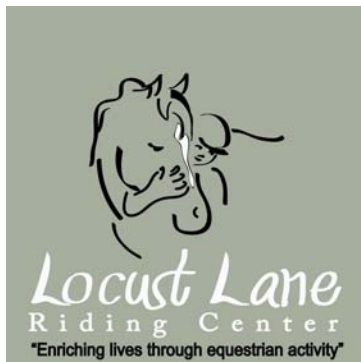
God is looking for people through whom He can do the impossible. What a pity when we plan only the things we can do by ourselves.
A.W. Tozer

"Vision is the pursuit of a cause which is greater than you and yet still lives through you."

I was struck by these two quotes as I began to consider all that the Lord has in store for LLRC in the coming year. I am often amazed by the number of opportunities there are to share the love of Christ and to make a difference in the lives of people here. I am saddened by the thoughts of missed opportunities because I was too busy or too preoccupied or too concerned with 'matters of consequence' to take the time to reach out. I have come to the difficult realization that I often let the 'tyranny of the urgent' keep me from attending to what is truly important.

It is true that the proper care of these animals presents its own set of problems and sources of stress; however, I am reminded that the horses and the farm are really just means to an end. The true mission here is to make a difference in the lives of people...to promote wholeness...physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being...to give encouragement for the journey, to help provide the necessary tools for successful living, to guide, direct, and support as they strive to achieve goals....to empower them to dream big, and be a cheering section as they move in the direction of their dreams. It's a tall order. Impossible if attempted in my own strength.

There is so much for which to be thankful in the past year. 2011



Upcoming Events:

Saturday, May 12

Open House & Festival

May 31—June 3

Strawberry Festival—Brandywine Hospital

Monday, June 11

Wounded Warrior PA Hero Walk

"Our Mission is to provide the opportunity for all people, particularly those with special needs, to participate in equestrian activities, to cultivate a deeper love and understanding of horses, to teach horsemanship in a safe, nurturing environment; emphasizing the value of the human-equine relationship in our goal to help promote physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being."

was a year of progress in many ways. New volunteers, new students, new programs with the Bridge Academy Community Center, the Gordon Education Center, and Eddie's House; the formation of our acting Board of Directors (pending our non-profit status), new relationships with The Peacemaker Center, Wounded Warrior Project, and the Coatesville Youth Initiative. We had the opportunity to serve our community at several events, including Brandywine Hospital Strawberry Festival, Coatesville Appreciation Days

and South Coatesville Community Day. We participated in the Parkesburg Memorial Day Parade and the Coatesville Christmas Parade. Through these events, we were able to make connections with other organizations and begin to develop ongoing relationships.



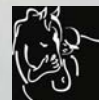
BOARD OF DIRECTORS (pending):

Top (L-R): Joyce Kline (*Treasurer*), Shelly Pelet (*Executive Director*), Meghan Lyons (*Chair*), Carol Levis, Terri Stype (*Secretary*).

Bottom (L-R): Chris Benzing, Mark Smiley, Charles Levis (*Co-Chair*), Kurt Stype

I believe 2012 will be a year of milestones. I am confident that God has brought us together as a team through which He can do the impossible. I am not always certain as to how to go about accomplishing such lofty goals. I do know that it has a great deal to do with taking one day at a time, one task at a time, one decision at a time. It has to do with remaining faithful, even when I feel like giving up; working like everything depends on me and praying like everything depends on God. Most importantly, it involves seeking His face, following His lead, and trusting His promises.

Once again, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of you. I look forward to pursuing the vision of His ministry together in 2012.





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In 2011 we were blessed with many faithful helpers and prayer warriors. A very special thanks to our amazing volunteers and supporters!

Amanda Armstrong
Amber Kearns
Brenda Powell
Carrie Lambert
Carol & Charles 'Stretch' Levis
Chris Benzing
Dave Armstrong
Frances Johnson
Francine Toth
Holly Weeks
Jenn Hennicle
Jenn Hyde
Julie Armstrong
Julie Thomas
Karen Billas

Katie Levis
Kurt & Terri Stype
Liz Fleming
Lori Gillespie
Mackenzie Stype
Mark Smiley
Meghan Lyons
Peter Baillie
Roxanne Bauer
Scott Stoner
Shannon Baillie
Sharon Kearns
Steve Norris
Susan Richman
Vivian Bradshaw



2012 SUMMER CAMP DATES!

June 18-22

June 25-29

July 9-13

July 23-27

August 6-10

August 20-24

Week long camps run from Monday to Friday

9:00am – 3:00pm daily

Cost: \$300 per week.

Campers bring a bag lunch. Water and daily snack will be provided. Each camper will make a scrapbook to take home.

Aftercare is available for no extra charge. Please inform us at time of registration if you are in need of this service.

Call us or go to our website for a full brochure and registration form.



We're on Facebook!



OPEN HOUSE! OPEN HOUSE! OPEN HOUSE!

Saturday, May 12, 2012 12:00pm – 5:00pm

375 Coffroath Rd., Coatesville, PA 19320 (just off the 30 by-pass and Rt. 340)

Hosted by the Bridge Academy and Community Center

YOU ARE INVITED!

Locust Lane Riding Center's Open House

Featuring:

Demonstrations every hour by horse industry professionals including:
Musical Freestyle by 2008 National Adult Amateur Champion, Sue Springsteen
Side Saddle Demonstration by USEF National Reserve Champion, Amy Magee

Jousting by Roundtable Productions

LLRC Student Quadrille

EAL/EAP Demonstration by Kate Black and Shelly Pelet

Activities and Food:

Chicken Barbeque, Hay Rides, Pony Rides,
Games, Face Painting, Bake Sale, Vendors



Come join us for a day of Fun on the Farm and help raise money to support the Equestrian Leadership Program.

A great advertising opportunity for your business or non-profit!

To reserve vendor spaces, please call Shelly Pelet at 484.883.1844

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