

Fun for Families and Friends at the Fall Fundraiser 2010

On Saturday, October 9, ETC hosted its first annual Fall Festival featuring an old-fashioned barn dance with music by the band 'Easy Street', pumpkin painting, a marshmallow roast, a hay ride, and of course, . . . horses!

The night began for guests at 5 p.m., but volunteers and sponsors began their preparations for the evening long before October 9.

The idea behind the event was to host a fundraiser that—rather than being a fancy dinner with an auction—was more of a family-friendly event allowing families to enjoy the ETC ranch. We had perfect weather and a great turnout.

By the end of the night, ETC families and friends were able to experience many aspects of the ranch and the Equine Therapy program firsthand. Participants had the opportunity to purchase riding gear, sponsor at-risk children in the program and see the animals in action among the many other activities that evening.

Thanks so much to all of you who were able to come. We appreciate your support very much. The financial support and volunteer work is what makes the entire ETC program a reality.

We would like to thank our sponsors for the event: SandRidge Energy, Inc.; Ideal Homes, McAfee & Taft; Digital Transcription Services, Meridian Exteriors, Bar S Foods, Autodrive USA, Lori Engel, Robert Barnes,

EOG, James and Susan Fletcher. Also, a great big thank you to our volunteers who made the event possible!

ETC is continuing selling Kerritt riding gear, accepting financial support and sponsorships of children and horses participating in the program.



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- 1) A family takes Fall portraits at the ETC Festival.
- 2) A young artist shows her pumpkin pride!
- 3) Easy Street's sound fills the evening with fun.
- 4) Hanging on tight, a child enjoys a horse ride.

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Sponsorships needed! Will you help this child?

Mariana is a child who participates in the Equine Therapy Center's First Indian Church After-school program for at-risk innercity youth. She is in need of a sponsor for the 2011 year. Without sponsorship, ETC may not be able to continue the after-school program.

Marianna wrote that she likes to see the horses and dogs. She gets very excited to meet with them! And she specifically asks for your help to go to the ranch.

What an adorable child! What an amazing need! To sponsor Mariana, see page 3.



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From the Director's Desk: A Year of Change

2010 has been a very changing year: a new partner and husband, new programs, new faces and friends. However, many things haven't changed like never having enough money and time, but God is good and He always comes through at the twelfth hour and gives us just what we need. We are all blessed because of His faithfulness.

In January 2010, we started a Reading Riding program with 10 children from Guthrie Public Schools that has been a great success. With kids reading much better, the teachers were saying these children were better in school all around because the horses taught them what self-control was all about.

Summer camp was wonderful with more than 500 children participating. Many kids accepted Christ, but also learned valuable lessons of trust, hope and the true joy of interacting with 1,000 pounds of horse!

I love having a faithful and wonderful partner, my husband David. He is heaven-sent! God is good all of the time. We were married this spring at the ETC ranch, an amazing highlight of 2010 for me.

This fall, we started back with our after-school program and have 23 children involved. We desperately need people to sponsor these kids. If we can't get sponsorships, we will have to cut programs. It is sad to see kids excel through a horse program no longer participate simply because there is not enough money. If you can help, please! We have a great need.

I pray everyone has a Merry Christmas, great New Year and many blessings in 2011. Please pray the needs for ETC are met. Pray for David and myself, our volunteers, board members and horses.

In Christ,
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ETC Horses Change Lives at Camp

ETC invested eight weeks during the 2010 Summer by helping area youth at the Shiloh summer camp. ETC provided horses and volunteers, as well as, training in the spiritual and social development of more than 500 children. This type of training continues at the Ranch with many of ETC's other programs.

Riding Lessons begin in January

ETC volunteer and horsewoman, Christine Pournader, will begin horseback riding lessons for novice/beginner riders at ETC on Saturdays starting January 8. Lessons will be \$45 each with all proceeds going to ETC. Tips accepted! Please call Christine to schedule at (405) 412-5196.

Kerritt Riding Gear for Sale

ETC has a large selection of NEW Kerritt Riding Clothing for sale at discounted prices. Please contact Laurie Weathers at (405) 590-5481 to see and try on the clothing or gear.

ETC Needs for 2011!!!

- ◆ Fly spray system for barn
- ◆ Desktop computer & printer
- ◆ Barn addition with classroom, bathroom and additional tack room space
- ◆ Gravel for driveway
- ◆ Hay/Grain for horses
- ◆ Kerosine for heaters
- ◆ Diesel for tractor
- ◆ Tack/Helmets
- ◆ Volunteers for after-school programs
- ◆ Volunteer for administrative clerical assistance
- ◆ Funding for new and current programs

- 1) Golliath captivates youth at camp.
- 2) Riders must remember to keep safety first.
- 3) David and Prim married at the Ranch.
- 4) Smiles from ear-to-ear, Mariana seeks a sponsor.
- 5) Fears faced and lessons learned on horseback.
- 6) Friends of ETC smile for a picture at Festival.
- 7) Even the smallest child can learn from horses.

Meet Our Board: Lori Engel, Member

Lori Engel, an ETC board member since 2007, is President of Ultimate HR Ultimate Challenge, a total solutions accounting, human resources and training firm in Edmond, Okla. Raised on a farm in Minnesota, Lori had an early love for horses and she raised, trained and showed them in county fairs. Lori has personal experience with equine therapy in Phoenix, AZ, at the Remuda Ranch.



Sponsorship Form

Sponsorship Level: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$500 Other

Name _____ Credit Card No. _____
 Address _____ CVV No. _____ Exp. Date _____ Amount \$ _____
 Phone _____ Signature _____
 E-mail _____ Please Return Form to the PO Box on Page 4. Issue # 1



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- 1) Success comes in many forms. A high five is shared for a job well done.
- 2) The rewards from ETC kids are endless with breathtaking smiles.

Our Need is Great.
Our Mission is Priceless.



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Are you wondering how you can help with the ETC programs? We are always in need of financial donations and sponsorships of children and horses in our programs. Volunteers to work with the children and care for the horses at the ranch are a major necessity to ETC's success, also.

Above all, prayer is our most valuable and appreciated need. Prayers that our volunteers, board members and director are equipped to provide Godly teaching to the youth our program touches. Also, we need prayers for our horses and facility, that these will be properly provided for. Finally, we request prayer for the children for whom we impact.

If you can financially, physically or spiritually support ETC, please write, call or send a message to us and let us know. We truly appreciate anything you can do to help realize the mission of ETC.

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