



LITTLE BITS

THERAPEUTIC RIDING ASSOCIATION
for persons with disabilities

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June 2016

Construction Begins on the New Whitemud Equine Centre!

A huge audience attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new riding arena on May 1, 2016. A pair of Belgian horses pulling a plow performed the groundbreaking. Onlookers were able to pose for photos after the initial ceremony.





Six helmets and a Wintec saddle were donated by Hearts of Blue, Alberta Blue Cross' employee-led charity. The 2:00 p.m. Sunday Little Bits class pictured above includes horses (*left-to-right*) Mandy, Frost, Lola, and Rizzo.

One Week of Riding

It is that time again! We will need volunteers to help our riders succeed for the one week of riding August 8th to 12th. There are 4 classes of 1 hour each with 5 riders. Please check off the times and dates you would be available (on the chart in the meeting room).

Dates: Monday August 8th to Friday August 12th 2016

Times: 10:00 am - 11:00 am/ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm/ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (13:00)/
1:00 pm (13:00) – 2:00 pm (14:00)

Location: Whitemud Facility



New Little Bits Volunteers *Dawn & Erika*

My name is Dawn and my daughter's name is Erika. We started volunteering at Little Bits just over a month ago. My daughter needed to find an organization to volunteer for since she didn't have any extra activities to do, and Little Bits just fit.

Since we both enjoy horses and have horse experience, what better way to spend some good quality time together, as I did with my mother. I have great memories of that time and I want to share the same experience with my daughter.

We look forward to every Tuesday evening and have made some really awesome friends, both 2- and 4-legged !

Little Bits Classic Horseshow Pancake Breakfast

The Little Bits Classic Horseshow Pancake Breakfast on Sunday June 5th was a resounding success! With a generous donation of \$5000.00 from the RBC Foundation, tickets sold and bought by our fabulous Little Bits riders and families, tickets sold at the door, and another donation from the Pemberton family, we will be depositing a healthy amount to help subsidize our riding program fees. The whole event would not be possible without the expert direction and planning of Flo Lanctot and Sharon Sutherby (LBTRA parents) who spearhead this event.



BBQ PICNIC FOR SPRING 2016 VOLUNTEERS

This "THANK YOU" BBQ is for all of you who have volunteered with us this spring session! We really appreciate your help! Please mark down on your calendar the time, date and location because we want to see you there.

Location: Willliam Hawrelak Park (9930 Groat Road NW, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2A8) - Spot #1 (this is the first canopied picnic site area on your drive in and will be on your right hand side).

Time We Have This Spot: 4:00 to 8:00 pm

Eating Time: 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Date: TUESDAY June 21, 2016

Burgers, hotdogs, salads and other items will be served. There is a washroom nearby for your convenience.

Please email us at volunteers@littlebits.ca if you have not already registered to come. We look forward to seeing you there.

2016 Fundraising

Sharon (LBTRA Honorary Director), Wally Breitreuz, Sharon's niece Carla, Jo-Anne and Linda attended the Stony Plain Tack Sale on Saturday, March 12th, and we ended up clearing about \$900.00 after expenses. The items we sold were donations to Little Bits from people no longer riding or using their riding equipment.

In February, we received an email from Fred Gruenheidt with the Edmonton Sheriff's Posse Association. He said the Posse would like to make a donation to Little Bits. Linda went and met him in the parking lot of the Falun Coop on Highway 13 where he presented us with a cheque for \$22,800.00 from their Casino funds! Thanks so much to Fred and the Edmonton's Sheriff's Posse for their continued support.

Little Bits received a \$5000.00 donation from the Society for the Education of Rural Indian Children (SEARIC) on March 16th. This money came from an application we made in 2015, as was recommended by a Tuesday evening parent.



2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LITTLE BITS THERAPEUTIC RIDING ASSOCIATION

SUNDAY JULY 3RD 2016: EDMONTON PROSPECTS BASEBALL GAME AND 50/50 TICKET SALES

FULL JULY 22ND TO 31ST 2016: KLONDIKE DAYS ACT/UCT STROLLER/WHEELCHAIR RENTAL FULL

FULL JULY 30TH, 31ST and AUGUST 1ST 2016: EDMONTON HERITAGE FESTIVAL ACT/UCT STROLLER/WHEELCHAIR RENTAL FULL

AUGUST 8TH THRU AUGUST 12TH 2016: SUMMER WEEK OF RIDING FOR RIDERS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN PROGRAM

SATURDAY AUGUST 20TH, 2016: DAISY SALES AT THE CANADIAN DERBY AT NORTHLANDS PARK

AUGUST 31ST, 2016: VOLUNTEER TRAINING FALL SESSION AT WELCA CLASSROOM AND ARENA 7:00PM UNTIL 9:00PM.

CASINO – SATURDAY October 1st and SUNDAY 2nd 2016 – Palace Casino

DATES FOR THE FALL 2016 RIDING SESSION:

Sunday: September 11 to November 13 – ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Tuesday: September 13 to November 15 – ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Wednesday: September 14 to November 16 – ACHIEVEMENT DAY