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# STABLE TALK

Spring 2014



## Celebrating 40 Years of Pride!

### Where It All Began— A Look Back at the Past 40 years

Central Ontario Developmental Riding Program (C.O.D.R.P.) became incorporated in 1974. Originally operating out of several locations including Pineview Stables in Shakespeare. Horses and arena use were leased from the stables. As the public's demand for the service increased, the board of directors voted to

expand, this time to a facility all their own.

#### *A Place To Call Home*

On April 1, 1988, the program moved to our current facility operating at Pioneer Tower Rd in Kitchener. This land became known as Pride Stables. Originally 100 acres of property were leased from the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA).



1988, Official Ribbon cutting at Pioneer Tower Rd

When they were ready to open their doors they had 9 horses in stalls, a riding arena, paddocks, 120 students and a waiting list.

Among the original 9 horses the first was a young grey pony donated by Mel & Peggy Hunt.

This little lady named Peg-o-my-heart, known around the barn as Peggy still happily carries around our youngest riders today!



Peggy

The year 1988 proved to be a busy year with a visit from Princess Anne to Canada allowing many of our riders that chance to meet her.

In 1990, we got new neighbours as construction of Deer Ridge Golf Course began.

Just 10 years after moving to Pride Stables, the program continued to grow with 19 horses, 200 volunteers, 160 riders but had a 4 year waiting list.

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### Monthly Giving Moves Us Forward!

#### Did you know...

\$4,200 (\$350 per month)

- Sponsors one horse for a full year

\$420 (\$35 per month)

- Sponsors one rider for a full session

\$1,200 (\$100 per month)

- Maintains one paddock for one year

\$900 (\$75 per month)

- Maintains one stall for a full year

\$120 (\$10 per month)

- Buys 40 Bales of hay
- Buys one safety helmet
- Buys 6 bags of grain for our horses

*Join our easy and convenient monthly giving program.  
 Please call Heather at 519-653-4686 for details or visit  
[www.pridestables.com](http://www.pridestables.com).*

# How Great Thou Art

It was a fun filled night with art, friends and laughter as close to 100 people came together to raise money for 3 charities, bidding on a huge selection of art pieces. Donated by local artists exquisite art pieces included paintings, sculptures, stain glass, clay, quilts and wood.

We would like to say a big thank you to Adrienne MacFarlane, Dave Westfall and Sandy and Jamie Hill, for all of your efforts organizing and hosting How Great Thou Art and to everyone that came out to raise money for the 3 charities of choice. An impressive \$12,000 was raised! The proceeds supporting Pride Stables, St. Paul's Church and The ALS Society.



Dear Max,

I've heard all horses sleep standing up, is this true?

-Michelle

Dear Michelle,

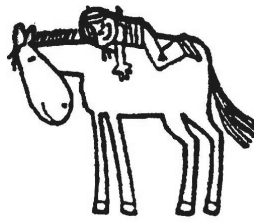
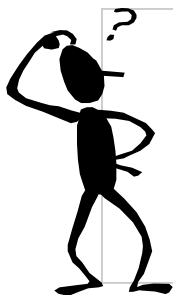
Horses sleep most of the time standing up and in the day time. They can lock their legs so that they do not fall over. However, you will also see horses often laying down enjoying the sun in Pride Stables paddocks, they often lay down for short periods of time taking quick cat naps. Excuse the pun.

-Max

Have a question for Max?  
Email them to  
[info@pridestables.com](mailto:info@pridestables.com)

## Did you know...

Adult horses sleep for about three hours each 24-hour period.



**CAMP PRIDE**

## Join us at Camp Pride!

### New this year :

- Aug. 5th-8th is "**Independent Week**" for campers age 10-14 with previous riding experience that are looking for a week full of horses.

- July 28th-Aug 1st we are offering a week of camp to **youth and adults with a disabilities** that are young at heart! This week is designed for campers 13+ with a disability.

In addition to our 2 new weeks this summer we are offering 5 weeks of our traditional Camp Pride. Camp Pride is an integrated day camp for children 6-12 with or without a disabilities.

**Check out [www.pridestables.com](http://www.pridestables.com) for more information!**

## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME...

Baseball season is here and Pride Stables is joining the Kitchener Panthers at their home field again for the season. We are once again running the concession stand at all the Panthers home games. All the money raised at the concession stands is used to support Pride Stables programs. So come out and join us for some great baseball and yummy hotdogs and snacks!

We are also looking for volunteers to help us in the concession stand.

If you are interested in helping us out call the Pride Stables office at 519-653-4686 or email [info@pridestables.com](mailto:info@pridestables.com)



## It's is time to test your Pride Stables Knowledge once again!

1. Who/ what was Styro?
2. What was the name of the donkey that used to live at Pride Stables?
3. What was Hershey's name prior to coming to Pride?
4. Besides horses what other animals live at the barn?

Answers on page 6

# 40 Years of Pride Stables History Continued

Over the past 40 years there have been many memories big and small. Here are just a few:

- In 1992, several riders from our competitive riding team the "Hoofbeaters" travelled to compete at the first CanTRA Canadian National Dressage Championships in Langley, B.C.
- In 1997, Hope took one of multiple trips to the Royal Winter Fair
- Former Police Chief, Harold Basse, donated his horse to Pride
- A former RCMP horse, Turf, joined our crew of therapy horses
- We shared the barn with the Waterloo Regional Police mounted unit horses King and Watson
- Raz competed in the Para-Sports games in Toronto

As the program continued to grow in size and popularity, the office space at the time was getting tight so in 2005 we jumped at the chance to move into the white house at the corner of the property.

In the summer 2009, Pride Stables field was struck by lightning and three of our program horses were tragically lost. We were quickly reminded how much support we had in the community as everyone came together for our 35th anniversary helping us move forward from our loss. We were joined by Police Chief Matt Torigian and some Waterloo Region Police officer as they competed in a series of relay races on horseback with our riders.

In 2014, we have 26 horses, over 350 riders, 300 volunteers, 2 pigs, 7 chickens, 1 rooster and a cat named Max.

Our priorities have not changed over the years: to provide a safe, high quality riding program for persons with disabilities and a fund development program that will provide financial stability for long term growth opportunities.

It has been because of our donors, volunteers and community that we have become the program we are today.



## Join us Saturday June 21st to celebrate our 40th Birthday!

The day will include a horse show for our riders, family fun day filled with games, raffles, crafts, a bbq lunch and of course birthday cake! Check out our website for more details [www.pridestables.com](http://www.pridestables.com)

Do you have a part of C.O.D.R.P/Pride Stables history that you would like to share, such as photos, scrapbooks and newspaper clippings?

Call or email the office 519-653-4686  
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## Kids Helping Kids 29th Annual Waterloo Roadbreakers Road Hockey Tournament

This April marked the 29th annual Waterloo Roadbreakers Road Hockey Tournament. It was a cold and windy day, but it didn't keep 350 players from coming out to compete for the top spot and raising money for Pride Stables!

This grassroots organization has raised close to \$375,000 for local youth charities in the past 29 years and we have been very fortunate to have built a long standing relationship receiving proceeds for the past 18 years and is our biggest fundraiser each year!

Game Asylum added some extra excitement to the event, we found many players and parents sneaking off to get a video game break out of the cold in between games!

We would like to take this time to thank the Waterloo Roadbreaker committee, CKMS FM for keeping the



players pumped up with music throughout the day as well as the event and prize sponsors, players and volunteers who make this tournament happen every year!

Next year will mark 30 years for Waterloo Roadbreakers and we are already looking forward to a great event! If you or someone you know played has in the tournament in the past 30 years, we want you! We are looking for alumni teams to join us for a day of road hockey fun,

visit [www.roadbreakers.ca](http://www.roadbreakers.ca) for more information!

We are also looking for enthusiastic committee members to help with the 2015 tournament. If are interested in being on the Roadbreakers committee please contact Heather at [waterloo@roadbreakers.ca](mailto:waterloo@roadbreakers.ca)

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### Sponsorship Opportunities

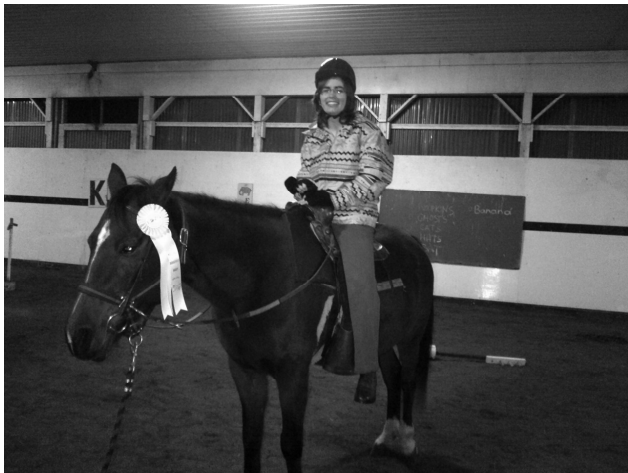
Adopt-A-Horse \$4,200  
 Maintain-A-Stall \$900  
 Sponsor-A-Paddock \$1,200  
 Sponsor-A-Rider \$420

17 Horses are hoping for sponsorship  
 8 Horses stalls are available for sponsorship  
 Paddock will be available for sponsorship  
 296 Riders are hoping for your sponsorship

Horse	Horse Sponsors	Stall Sponsors	Paddock Sponsors
Angel		Cambridge Highland Lions	Cambridge Shrine Club
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Hope		Optimist Club of Twin Cities	
Ivy			
Lyonel		The Elcome Family	
Molly			
Mya		Ken & Gail	
Nahauni		Kiwanis Club of Elmira	
Peggy		Family of Mel & Peggy Hunt	
Pepper			
Pipper	Steele Family Foundation		
Prince	Marion Jean Wellwood	The Elcome Family	
Queen	Rick and Norma Brock	Daisy Chris	
Raz		Fred & Mary	
Remington		George Chris	
Skye			
Tass		The Kinette Club of Preston	
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# GIVING OUR RIDERS A VOICE

Some of our riders shared with us what riding means to them. If you would like to share what riding means to you please send us your story!



## Why I Love Pride Stables

To me, riding is freedom. For that hour, it's goodbye wheelchair! When I am on the back of "my" horse I feel free like I can do anything. I also feel pride in myself when I attempt things I thought I couldn't do. Nothing is too hard! I get the courage to do these things from the volunteers and staff at Pride Stables through their constant support and encouragement. These special people give their time helping others, like me. I know that it costs a lot to operate Pride Stables and I really appreciate all the donors who support all the riders. I can't thank you enough.

Samantha Quesnelle

Hi I'm Brandon. I love riding and I love Hershey. He is so gentle. He lets me pet him. It is hilarious how he moves his lips as if he's trying to talk. Hershey waits so patiently as I struggle to get my tight legs across his back. Riding gives me such a good stretch for my tight leg muscles. I'm having fun while I get stretched. Thanks to all the side walkers that make sure I stay safe while riding and trotting. Thank you for sharing jokes with me. I have a great time riding!

Love Brandon Brubacher

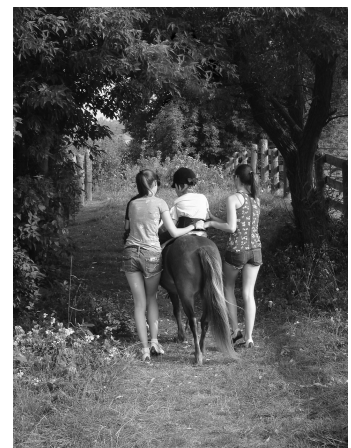


## Sponsor-A-Rider

Are you looking for other ways to help? For \$35/month you can give a child the chance to receive the benefits of therapeutic riding. Each week that rider will get the chance to not only ride, but interact with others, play games, laugh and have fun in a group environment while receiving stimulating therapy.

\$420 (\$35/month) allows a rider to receive the benefits of therapeutic riding for 1 year.

*296 Riders are currently waiting for sponsorship.*  
Call the office 519-653-4686 to see how you can get involved!





## Every Little Bit Helps

Hay  
Hay Cubes– Timothy/Alfalfa Mix  
Fence Boards & Posts  
Shavings  
Lg. Salt Blocks– Blue & Brown  
Wintec Saddles  
Covered Stirrups  
Stirrup Leathers  
Wheelbarrows  
Electric Hot Water Tank

Corn brooms  
Shovels  
Canadian Tire Money  
Copy Paper  
Cat Food  
Tractor  
Toilet paper  
Paper Towels  
Camp Craft Supplies  
Annual & Perennial plants

\*A charitable tax receipt may be issued for some donations\*

## VOLUNTEERS WE NEED YOU!

### CAMP PRIDE & SUMMER SESSION TRAINING DATES

Check [www.pridestables.com](http://www.pridestables.com) for all updates on training sessions

Wednesday June 4th, 2014	6:00-8:00pm
Wednesday June 11th, 2014	6:00-8:00pm
Saturday June 14th, 2014	12:00-2:00pm
Wednesday June 18th, 2014	6:00-8:00pm
Wednesday June 25th, 2014	6:00-8:00pm

*Volunteers MUST be 15 or older for regular program and 14 or older for Camp*

**For fall session training dates please check the website**

Answers:

1. Stryo was our wooden practice horse
2. Crackers
3. Le Bowl
4. pigs, chickens and a cat

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