



CHESAPEAKE THERAPEUTIC RIDING

*"SHARING GIFTS TO ENCOURAGE HEALING AND CELEBRATE LIFE."*

## **CTR Seeks Interested Instructor Candidates**



***Being a therapeutic riding instructor is an extremely rewarding, fun, and life changing experience!***

CTR depends upon the dedication and quality services of its volunteer instructors and instructors in-training. As a NARHA affiliated center, CTR must insure that all lessons are conducted by or under the supervision of a NARHA certified instructor. Instructors must advance their knowledge, fulfill continuing education requirements, and acquire the expertise necessary to achieve and maintain NARHA certification. As the program strives to serve more riders, it is essential that CTR expands its instructor base.

A certified instructor enhances the lives of individuals with special needs through the healing power of horses. As an instructor, you help riders achieve individually designed goals through various equine assisted activities. The instructor facilitates the rider's success and ensures the safety of the lesson for all participants. By becoming a NARHA certified instructor, you demonstrate your competency and commitment to meet national standards, best practices, and professionalism in the field of therapeutic riding. CTR needs *YOU* to become an instructor, to help us fill our mission and grow.

CTR provides a supportive, educational, and fun environment where you may acquire the knowledge and skills you need to become certified. Its staff of NARHA certified instructors, physical therapists, a NARHA Mentor, and knowledgeable volunteers afford valuable assistance and support. CTR's diversified programs, varied client base, and endearing equine herd offer exciting opportunities to develop, apply, and enhance your teaching and equine proficiency.

Interested instructor candidates must be 18 years old, become a NARHA member, actively participate in CTR programs, and be willing to dedicate the time and effort necessary to achieve the required skills for certification. Essential qualities include empathy, enthusiasm, patience, willingness to share your talents to help others, and a strong sense of safety. Riding and horse experience are very desirable but not required. Familiarization working with or teaching individuals with special needs is beneficial.

To learn more about becoming a certified therapeutic riding instructor, come to **CTR's Instructor Open House on June 5, 2010 from 3:30 - 5:00 PM** at Tuckaway Farm. For questions or if you plan to attend, please contact Cathy Schmidt at [cschmidt@chesapeaketherapeuticriding.org](mailto:cschmidt@chesapeaketherapeuticriding.org) by May 31, 2010. For additional resources on therapeutic riding, visit the websites of NARHA [www.narha.org](http://www.narha.org) and Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding [www.chesapeaketherapeuticriding.org](http://www.chesapeaketherapeuticriding.org).