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Dear Friend,

*My name is Victor. I participate in therapeutic riding program at Equestrian Connection for adults with Multiple Sclerosis or MS. I have always wanted to take part in a program like this but, due to the cost of my illness; it was not within my means until a grant from Baxter allowed me to be a part of this unique therapy. I hesitate to categorize therapeutic riding into one discipline of therapy as it covers so many, all at the same time. Words escape me when I try to describe this form of exercise to others. Rarely, in life, do I feel at the level of peace & harmony that I feel when I enter the barn. There is a very positive energy in this place and it is infectious. Everyone (even the horses) seems to be in good spirits here. When I was first introduced to all the people and the animals almost all of the horses came out to greet me. Oh yes, this is work. It isn't a day in the park where we casually stroll around the arena. I get to push the envelope and I try to make gains every time I'm here. Sometimes my body doesn't cooperate but thanks to the natural motion of the horse's flanks my legs are still simulating walking and my core is constantly working while riding. Shiloh came to greet me in the blocks two weeks ago and she nuzzled her head to my chest. It was a defining moment in my life and exemplifies the Equestrian Connection.*

Clients like Victor succeed in part because of the generosity of our donors and friends like you. Because insurance and state funding do not cover the cost of all the therapies our clients need, Victor and hundreds of other EC riders rely on donors who make annual gifts in support of our riders, horses and programs.

From "Adopt a Rider or Horse," to naming a program or building at EC, our donors are quite generous and have made it possible for us to reach out to hundreds of individuals with illness and disabilities. Since moving to our current facility in 2006, EC has become one of the largest equine therapy centers in the country. Your support in the past has helped us to grow and reach out to more individuals with special needs.

We offer a wide selection of programs to address emotional, physical and mental disabilities. We invite you to further enhance the lives of others by making a gift in 2011. Listed are various giving options to help you with your decision, however, your participation at any level makes a world of difference to our clients.

**Individual donations of all levels can help EC. Here are a few examples.**

- \$100 feeds 20 EC horses for a day
- \$240 sponsors a Lambs Farm rider for 12 weeks
- \$400 pays for a Camp Scholarship
- \$1200 sponsors an art therapy student for a year

**Sponsorship opportunities include:**

- Sponsor a Rider for a year: \$3,600
- Sponsor a Horse for a year: \$6,000
- Sponsor the MS Program: \$30,000
- Sponsor an Event: \$10,000 - \$50,000

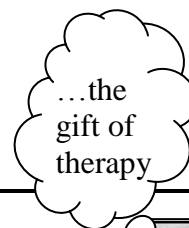
**Naming Opportunities:**

- Name the Sensory Garden \$75,000
- Name the House \$100,000 (Structural improvements/renovation)
- Name the Lake \$250,000
- Name the Barn \$500,000
- Name the Site \$1,000,000

As you can see, there are many giving options. Simply fill out the form below and return with payment. Thank you for helping Equestrian Connection make a difference in the lives of those with special needs. We are proud of our riders and artists and anticipate great gains for them again in 2012. On behalf of Victor and 200+ other EC clients, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Wishing you a Happy Holiday,

Diana Schnell  
Executive Director



***I would like to make a difference!***

*Mail to: Equestrian Connection, 872 S. Milwaukee Rd, #273, Libertyville, IL 60048*

- Enclosed is my check for: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- Please bill my credit card for the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. (CCard information below).
- I would like to \_\_\_ sponsor, \_\_\_ name: \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like to pledge \$\_\_\_ for the next \_\_\_ years.

Please contact me, I would like to donate stock. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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