

Maryland Therapeutic Riding Receives Grant from the Brian & Patricia Giese Foundation to Support Day on the Farm Program

Crownsville, MD – **Maryland Therapeutic Riding (MTR)** is proud to announce that it has been awarded a generous grant from the Brian & Patricia Giese Foundation to support its Day on the Farm program. This funding will enable MTR to continue providing transformative experiences to community groups through equine-assisted services, fostering healing, learning, and personal growth.

MTR is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals through the healing power of horses. By offering equine-assisted services such as adaptive riding, equine learning, rehabilitative therapies, equine-assisted psychotherapy, and other special programs, MTR provides a safe and supportive environment where participants can develop confidence, strength, communication skills, and emotional resilience.

The Day on the Farm program allows community organizations to bring groups to MTR's 25-acre farm in Crownsville, where they engage in hands-on experiences through a selection of opportunities and direct interactions with MTR's equine partners. In 2024 alone, MTR welcomed more than 300 participants from 16 different community organizations, providing them with opportunities for personal discovery and healing.

Billy and Carolyn Giese shared their inspiration for selecting MTR, stating, *“Horses have been a defining part of Carolyn's life, from her early years in equestrian competition. Supporting MTR was a natural choice for us, as their mission resonates with us. We are honored that the Brian & Patricia Giese Foundation is contributing to expanding access to the Day on the Farm program, which we believe will provide children with the incredible healing power of horses—leaving a lasting and transformative impact on their lives.”*

“The generosity of the Brian & Patricia Giese Foundation makes it possible for us to extend the profound benefits of equine-assisted services to more individuals and groups in our greater community,” said Kelly Rodgers, Executive Director of MTR. *“Day on the Farm is an introduction to the incredible healing power of horses, and with this support, we can provide even more opportunities for participants to connect, heal, and grow.”*

The Brian & Patricia Giese Foundation is a grant-giving family foundation dedicated to supporting faith-based initiatives and partnering with local nonprofits that advocate for youth. With a focus on making a lasting difference, the Foundation is committed to creating and implementing God-loving causes, specifically related to the future generations.

MTR is deeply grateful to the Brian & Patricia Giese Foundation for recognizing the importance of equine-assisted services and investing in the Day on the Farm program. This partnership ensures that individuals of all ages and backgrounds can experience the life-changing impact of horses, making lasting strides in their personal journeys. This is the beginning of what we believe will be a meaningful and enduring collaboration to serve those who need it most.

For more information about Maryland Therapeutic Riding and its programs, please visit www.horsethatheal.org or contact Lisa Zehring at Lisa@mtrinc.org. To learn more about the Brian & Patricia Giese Foundation, visit www.GieseFoundation.org.