



"Transforming the lives of individuals with special needs through compassionate therapeutic equestrian experiences."



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Quarter 2 2019:
April, May & June

Newsletter Changes

You may have noticed you have not received a LoveWay newsletter in awhile. That is because we decided to make the newsletter quarterly instead of monthly. Our hope is the newsletter will now be more impactful, contain even more great info, more pictures and stories, and that our supporters will be even more excited to receive it! We hope you all agree!

Student Successes



Kayla

New School, New Riders, New Victories!

We are pleased to say that Brookside Elementary School began attending LoveWay for the first time this semester!

A Brookside student who attends on Thursday mornings, was terrified for the first few weeks of class. Sadly, he could only make it around the arena one time before the fear was so overwhelming that he could not go on any longer. He was so afraid of falling and of heights, that as soon as he would sit in the saddle, he would ask if he was going to fall. He would continue to ask this repeatedly until he dismounted.

Now the phrase throughout the entire 40-minute lesson is, "I'm not going anywhere!" We have seen so much growth in this rider! He is confident and now cannot wait to ride Kayla. With the help of his amazing volunteer team he has faced his fear



of heights and falling, and has even learned to trust his volunteers and horse. We are beyond pleased to say, he is now working on his core strength and direct reining!

New Faces at LoveWay



Nicole Romo, Administrative Assistant

Nicole grew up in Southwest Michigan and earned a Bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University in Special Education. She also attended Michigan State University to earn a Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management.

Nicole has been involved with horses her entire life beginning at the age of three. Nicole now resides on a small hobby farm in Schoolcraft, MI with her non-horsey, but very accommodating and supportive husband, and two amazing children. Nicole says, "I feel very fortunate and blessed to be a part of LoveWay and am extremely excited for this opportunity, it is a dream come true for me!"

Ashley Pooler, Barn Assistant



Ashley has been riding since she was 4 and grew up in Bristol, IN. She began interning and training other horses

Sydney Stein, Barn Assistant



Sydney grew up in southern Indiana, in a town called Stilesville. Growing up and still to this day, she has had a

her sophomore year of high school and also started homeschooling, leading to graduating a year early. It has been a lifelong passion of Ashley's to have a career with horses. Ashley proudly own a 5 year-old Dutch Harness that she has raised and trained since he was 2, in hopes to get him to the national circuit. "The horse world has given so much to me growing up and I believe God wants me to give back. I am so happy to be a part of the LoveWay family!"

passion for animals and recently within the last 5 years, has found a deep passion for horses. She has been an athlete all of her life and basketball is what earned her a scholarship to Goshen College, where she is currently enrolled. Sydney plans to graduate in April with a degree in Exercise Science and hopes to continue the long road of schooling to become a veterinarian. Sydney says "Becoming a vet has been a dream of mine but I never thought I could achieve it. I thank God for giving me the ability to do all the things I can with and in his gracious spirit. Finding LoveWay has been a dream, This is only a start and I'm excited to be a part of this team!"

Volunteer News



Therapeutic Riding Camp 2017

Please be on the lookout for Fall 2019 Semester openings! These dates and times will be included in our next newsletter!

Better Impact

Have you made your account on Better Impact yet? LoveWay has a new system so you can log hours, watch training videos, and connect with the Volunteer Coordinator. To make this process go smoothly we need your help by making an account on the LoveWay website. Thank you for supporting us with this change! Please [Visit our Website to sign-up.](#)

Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of volunteers for our summer horse camps! Please see below for those needs.

- **June 17-21:** Able Bodied Camp- need of 5 Horse Leaders and 2 Volunteers
- **June 24-28:** Therapeutic Riding Camp- need of 4 Horse Leaders and 6 Volunteers
- **July 8-12:** Derby Day Camp- need of 5 Horse Leaders
- **July 15-19:** Therapeutic Riding Camp- need of 4 Horse Leaders and 6 Volunteers

Event News

Derby Day Success



LoveWay
Student with
Board
Member &
Volunteer,
Sue Neuffer

This year's Derby Day Gala was a huge success with the highest number of attendees yet. It was an amazing evening with close to 350 LoveWay supporters in attendance who were able to raise almost \$400,000 for our student scholarship fund! We are truly blessed by the community's support of our organization. Thank you to everyone who helped make this fundraising even a success!

Save the date for next year, February 21, 2020!



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Save the Date

- **April 19th** - Volunteer Training 10am-12pm
- **May 11th** - Last day of Spring Semester
- **May 16th-May 18th** - PATH Region Conference
- **May 31st** - Volunteer Appreciation Banquet
- **Horse Camps** - June 17-21 Able Bodies, June 24-28 Therapeutic, July 8-12 Derby Day, July 15-19 Therapeutic
- **August 22nd** - Gallop for the Green
- **October 12th** - Ride-A-Thon



Gallop for the Green 2018

Equine News



We Say Goodbye to a Great

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Copper. Copper was LoveWay's go to horse; he was steady, level-headed, kind and handsome. He was an amazing asset to LoveWay and a favorite of many. Copper was the kind of horse that doesn't come around very often. There was not a dry eye at LoveWay today as we had to say goodbye to our friend. We pray Copper is now galloping through the fields of heaven.

New Horses

Dolly

Dolly is a 13 year old Morgan/Belgian cross mare. She joined LoveWay in March 2019. Say hello to Dolly if you see this beautiful and friendly girl!



Elvis

Elvis is a 17 year old, 14.3 hand, chestnut Haflinger gelding. He just joined LoveWay in April 2019. He's a very handsome fellow, please say hello to him!

Betty

Betty is a 13 year old Haflinger mare. She is 15 hands and is light sorrel in color. She just joined LoveWay in April

2019. Betty is extremely people friendly, so stop and say hello!



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