



Fall 2024

PONY EXPRESS

Sunrise Therapeutic Riding & Learning Centre

CELEBRATE SUNRISE! June 23, 2024

Our signature fundraiser cleared a record \$132,634 after expenses!! This is the best year ever, and all due to our amazing Auctioneer, Robert Milburn, of Milburn Auto Sales and Service, in Aberfoyle, and our generous donors, who Robert encouraged to go above and beyond to open their hearts to Sunrise, and raise the roof on this year's fundraising goal.

Over many years Robert has raised millions of dollars to support Sunrise, Guelph Rotary Clubs, Guelph General Hospital, St. Joseph's Health Centre and numerous other community organizations. He was honoured by Rotary with a Paul Harris Fellow award at Celebrate Sunrise! Rotarian, Helmuth Slisarenko, Rotary Club of Guelph, presented this prestigious award.



Helmuth. S and Robert. M



Robert. M in action



Parent Deb. A & son Ryan tell our guests what Sunrise means to them



Best friends Jack. I & Nicholaus. C, riders from the Life Skills Program



Capital Steering Committee Chair- Peter Cummins acknowledges the Singer Family Foundation

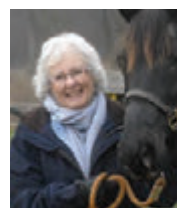


Carrie Ann Ireland with son Jack participating at the event

Your fundraising support is greatly appreciated



Lynne O'Brien
Executive Director



Ann Caine
Advisory Council Chair
& Volunteer Fundraiser

CAMP SUNRISE

Another great camp season at the Sunrise farm has been enjoyed by campers in Farm Discovery Camp, 5 to 8 years, and Horse Camp, 8 to teenage. Learning to groom and care for the horses, and then riding them, is always a top favourite.

Campers also enjoyed swimming, archery, the low ropes course, accessible playground, visits to the frog pond and other fun and creative activities.

Now it's over for another year - but good memories are captured in our camp photographs.



With thanks to all the summer students who made camp fun, in leadership roles, as camp counsellors, leaders-in-training, and personal support workers. And to the Sunrise hard working year-round staff, a huge thank you for sharing your experience, skills and expertise that makes Camp Sunrise so popular year after year!

THERAPY & MEMORIAL FOREST

In 2019 Sunrise received a Provincial government grant to plant 20 acres of seedling native trees as the foundation of a Therapy and Memorial Forest.

We have been fortunate to receive annual donations of saplings from Green Legacy since then. Also, donated mature trees have been transplanted at the entrance. So gradually the vision of this investment in our environmental future is taking shape. To date dozens of supporters have donated to this forest to name both saplings, mature trees and benches, in memory and in honour of loved ones.

Future generations will be able to wander through the trails and "Forest Bathe". This year's ceremony is on Sunday, September 22nd.



Jesse. M & Ted. A plant a sapling



Retired Forester Martin Litchfield (L) & Ted Arcscott (R) of ROTO-MILL, have both donated their services.



(L to R): Willy. K, Matt. K, Ted. A and Martin. L pose with ROTO-MILL's tree spade.

PARTNERSHIPS

Over the past 42 years, Sunrise has gained respect as a charity serving children and adults with a wide range of disabilities, leading to the following partnerships:

EQUINE GUELPH

Provincial Animal Welfare Services (PAWS). As part of a course led by Equine Guelph Director, Gayle Ecker, participants attend Sunrise for three days of basic horse handling training. The 2024 Sunrise schedule included the Spring- March & May, and this Fall will include, September & November.

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UGDSB: Partners with local stables to provide summer enrichment programming for students.

2024 is the second year that they have partnered with Sunrise, with a total of 88 students having attended over a 6-week period this year. This is a tribute not only to the professionalism of the Sunrise staff, but also to the incredible power of well-trained horses.

IN APPRECIATION

Introducing our three youngest donors



(L) Ryan. A with Instructor Pam, and sponsored horse Peven.
(L) Calvin. P (R) Jackson. P who each donated some of their allowance to help children with disabilities.

WELCOME

Rachel Reeve is the newest member of the Sunrise Staff team. She is working in a part-time position with the Capital Campaign. The remainder of Rachel's time is spent working with CanTRA, as the Head Office Administrator in Guelph. Welcome aboard Rachel!



Sunrise Mission

To develop the full potential of children and adults with special needs through horse riding, therapy, education, recreation, and life skills programs, farm related and social activities.
To further develop and expand Sunrise programming, to support a Residence / Respite Village Community.



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Sunrise is a proud member of:

- Ontario Equestrian
- Guelph Chamber of Commerce
- Cambridge Chamber of Commerce
- Volunteer Action Centre
- SKIC (Supporting Kids in Camp)

Proud Partner of Equine Guelph, through the Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association (CanTRA) Registered Charity 11920 6027 RR0001

