



#GIVING TUESDAY
December 1, 2020



Turning Point puts safety first right on the front door! Even our "horse wreath" wears a mask.

Classes Ride Despite Covid Challenges



It was "back in the saddle" if not "back to normal" this Fall. Masks, temperature checks, cleaning between classes and hand washing were just a few of the new protocols to keep everyone safe.

Riders missed getting to groom their horses, but they stayed out of the barn to keep numbers down and went straight to the arena to get helmets and ride. Riders are allowed to take off masks once mounted and the smiles revealed made it all worthwhile!

B.J. loves to ride, and he's a good example of riders who are particularly struggling with virtual school. He needs the physical stimulation of riding as well as the encouragement of an actual instructor and his favorite volunteers.

Special Olympics Takes the Trail Course "Virtual"

Eleven Turning Point Riders pulled on starched shirts and matching silk wild rags to compete in Special Olympics Equestrian this Fall.

Since the Trail Course event was done on video at Turning Point, the horses felt right at home and more riders were able to go independent. It still takes a TEAM... in masks.

The results and medals came later, but we still had a medal celebration for each one.

Kylee with Doc, her volunteer, William, AND her medal.



And then there was ICE Before Halloween!



Trick or Trot—Amanda won the costume contest as Hermione Granger with Baxter as her Harry Potter.



The Turning Point Feed Team made sure EVERY horse was blanketed, fed and given fresh water when the October ice storm hit. Then the Facility Team stepped up to haul away tree limbs that broke fences. Unfortunately, an underground waterline break wasn't easy to find and fix. The bottom line: classes canceled—cutting revenue while costs from utility bills to repair costs increased!

Hearts for Helping!

The Riders and Volunteers who come to the barn weekly love to make a difference.

They donate toilet paper, grooming brushes and necessities that save budget \$\$\$. Larry the horse thought toilet paper was pretty scary until he took a closer look. The truth is, running out is much scarier!

Lexi saved her money to buy Isaiah a new halter with his name on it.



GI VING TUESDAY Spotlights Year End Needs

On December 1, Turning Point will join non-profit charities around the world to tell stories of life-changing impact and support like yours that makes it happen.

Your gifts to Turning Point mean riders facing challenges are building life skills to live and work in our community.

While families and businesses everywhere are struggling to cope with the results of the pandemic, Turning Point needs your help to continue critical services in the face of the expense examples shown below.

Please consider making a donation before December 31st by either mailing the enclosed card or online at turningpointriding.org/give/
Futures are truly Riding on Your Support.

Your support could help fund two new sessions on Wednesdays to serve the nine riders on a waiting list. Donations are needed now to fund:

- Scholarships for new and continuing riders
- Special care for special horses
- Facility upgrades

5 WAYS TO GIVE TO TURNING POINT

- 1 GIVE TIME**
Volunteers are ALWAYS needed to support riders, feed horses, and keep Turning Point turning.
- 2 GIVE VOICE**
Share Turning Point posts on your Facebook or Instagram pages. Or tell your friends about the program.
- 3 GIVE MONEY**
From \$10 a month to a check for \$1000, every gift builds futures for riders and ensures special horses are ready to serve.
- 4 GIVE SKILLS OR STUFF**
Can your group build fences or weed eat or could you spare paper towels or toilet paper or tack you no longer use.
- 5 GIVE YOURSELF A GIFT**
Buy a t-shirt or a cap or a ticket to a Fundraiser or a chance to win a prize basket.

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Arena Lights \$2000

The larger arena and time change demands additional lighting



Special Shoes \$100 x 9

Several horses need special shoes to keep them sound.



Masssge \$75 x 8

Equine massage or chiropractic treatments help Doc and Isaiah.



Scholarships \$25—\$300

One class or one semester, scholarships give more riders a chance to thrive.



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A Little Help from our Friends....



OSU's Pre-Vet Club came out and scrubbed the barn from top to bottom as a service project. They wore masks the WHOLE TIME then we took this picture outdoors to escape the bleach fumes. Vet students floated teeth at the barn—a lab that really helps the Turning Point herd and gives them experience handling horses.

