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Fall/Winter 2010

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From the Director's Desk.....

As we enter this holiday season we would like to thank all of those who have contributed in any way to CIRT in 2010. Our doors are open because of the East Peoria Fondulac Park District and your generosity. And we are truly grateful.

Your generosity is still needed. Now more than ever. It is a struggle to provide a quality program and it has been a challenging year at the barn.

Many classes were cancelled due to the extremely hot weather in July, August, and even into September. Resulting in lost revenue. In addition, 2010 saw a greater number of riders on scholarship due to the economy. CIRT strives to

provide this type of therapy to all who would benefit.

We saw lower income from our annual fundraising event. A common difficulty among non-profits and charities given the current economic environment.

At the same time our expenses have continued to rise.

Sawdust for the stalls and the cost for manure removal are two new expenses that have added

over \$11,000 to our expenses this year. The cost of caring for the horses increased due to the aging of the horses .

CIRT relies on donations, grants, fundraising, and rider fees to cover operating expenses.

We know we can count on our regular donors and new donors to provide the economic assistance that will allow us to continue offering a great program.

Please consider a tax deductible donation to CIRT. Mail your check with the form below to CIRT today.

Please be generous,
Judy Kruse
Executive Director



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Tazewell County 4-H Horse Show



Pekin, IL — Despite the extremely hot weather a good time was had by the riders and volunteers alike!

Ten CIRT riders braved the heat and showed in the CIRT Classes. Erika Burdette, Hayden Davis, Sara Kane, Megan Hinthorne, Joshua Lamere, Bobby

Riffle, Jaimee Ruschau, Brook and Andrew Taylor, and Christy Stauthammer all did a great job.

Volunteers Erika Burdette, Lizzi Barry, and Barbara Mercado showed in the Horseless showmanship.

The Costume Class is always a highlight of the

4-H Show. CIRT students and volunteers collaborated once again and did an outstanding job showing with the theme of "There was an Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe". Thanks to Tom Keeley for helping the group with the theme.

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe....

Youth Charity Horse Show



"Kids Helping Kids"

Our thanks....

To the YCHS Committee for all their help, for allowing us to be a part of their show, and for choosing CIRT to be the beneficiary of this year's show.

To the CIRT riders for attending and showing what CIRT is all about: Erika Burdette, Geneva Powell, Jaimee and Katie Ruschau,

Tori Smith, and Jeremy Quintiliani.

To our many volunteers who helped with the show.

All CIRT riders participated in the Trail Class. Erika, Jaimee, and Jeremy also competed in the United Professional Horseman's Association Exceptional Challenge Cup.

CIRT Kicks up Their Heels at Stone Country



Just having fun!

Bartonville, IL — On November 13, Stone Country Saloon, owned and operated by Laura and Dan Stone, hosted a benefit concert for CIRT.

The Shotgun Dixie Band, the official

house band for WFYR-FM 97.3 River Country, provided an evening of boot scootin' music!

We appreciate all who attended and for their support. With part of the door cover charge and donations we raised \$536.12.

A special thank you to

Laura and Dan, the staff of Stone Country, and the Shotgun Dixie Band for making all of this possible. Everyone had a wonderful time!

Stone Country is an all age country dance club located at 4208 W Pfeiffer Rd in Bartonville, IL



THANKS A BUNCH ...FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS TO CIRT



CIRT's doors are open because of the many generous individuals, organizations, corporations, bequests, and gifts in kind. We thank you and look forward to our partnership in the future.

Thank you for your donations

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Ed Papis of the East Peoria Rotary presents CIRT a check for \$250.



Karl Glueck & Lawrence Simms work to install the round panel gate donated by Karl & Velda Glueck.

Max McCammon Celebrates 90 Years.

Open House to Celebrate
Max's 90th Birthday

Sat. January 15, 2011
1 pm to 4pm

First Presbyterian Church
(1020 E. Jackson Street, Morton, IL)

Please call CIRT with any questions.



A special thank you to **Bob & Virginia Weaver** and **Chuck & Laurie Weaver** for inviting CIRT to participate in and benefit from this event.

Thanks to **Bosch Tools** for allowing CIRT to use their parking lot ❖ **East Peoria Fondulac Park District** for the use of their vans ❖ **Kim McEntire**, announcer for the polo match ❖ **Dusty Polhemus**, Auctioneer for the live auction ❖ the **Peoria Pilot Club** for the desserts for dinner, ❖ **East Peoria Speedy Printing**, for printing the invitations and program.

Thanks to the following for donating items for our door prizes, raffles, live and silent auctions: Baum Investments, Wayne Baum, Bill & Terry Joerger, Exhibit A Gallery, Arrowhead Country Club, Avanti's Ristorante, Bob Lindsay Honda, Dixon Fisheries, Inc., Eastlight Theatre, Floral Designs, Ltd., Lynda & Jim Gustafson, Heartland Bank & Trust, Hickory River Smokehouse, Jody Hoerr, Teresa Kitson, Krogers, Ron & Judy Kruse, Kuhl & Company Insurance, Lakeview Museum of Arts & Sciences, Maui Jim, Monical's Pizza, Morton Buildings, Darlene Noerenberg, Peoria County Sheriff's Department, Quail Meadows Golf Club, Six Flags-St. Louis, Skin Dimensions Day Spa, Susan Palmer Studio, Target, Texas Roadhouse, The Fish House, Dee Tucker, Rick & Myra Walker, Weaver Ridge Golf Club, Wildlife Prairie State Park, Paws, Claws and Hooves 4-H Club, Shermans, and Spirit of Peoria.

Also, thanks to the following for their support throughout the year: East Peoria Fondulac Park District, Ron Kruse, Chuck Walker, Michael Sanders, Hoerr Veterinary Service, Rob Grahek, Amy Koch, Dawn Alwan, Kris McCormick, Roy & Mickie Welsh, all who brought cookies for our volunteers, those who have so generously fulfilled our "wish list", and to all of our wonderful volunteers who come weekly to help,

And to the Polo Committee for their dedication and hard work. **Co-chairs Lynda Gustafson and Teresa Kitson.** Anita Burdette, Margina Ditch, Kathy Griffin, Terry Joerger, Nan Kleffman, Judy Kruse, Sharon Simmons, Agneta Stanesa, Carolin Wagner, Jenna Walker, and Chuck Weaver.

Thanks to the 100 dedicated hard working volunteers without whom CIRT could not continue to serve those who benefit from our program and to the generous individuals who have shared their horses with CIRT.



Thank you to our 2010 Spur Sponsors



Platinum Spur - \$5,000

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Thank you to Lois Sahn, our 50/50 Raffle Winner, for donating the winnings back to CIRT! She donated extra to make it a total of \$100!

Congratulations to Winner of the TV Raffle

Mildred Zimmerman, James & Barbara Burtis, Kathy Wilkerson, Leslie Jones, Lynne Walters, Diane & Terry Hinthorne, Richard & Marjorie Dodson, Jennifer & Christopher Sewell, Lois Sahn, Mark & Ruth Getz, Laura Walters & Family, John Lamere & Family, Charles & Laurie Weaver, Jody Hoerr, Jill Mattern, Charles & Kristen Rickenberger.

Calling it Home.....

East Peoria, IL — Seeing the quiet deer with her

fawn. The sunlight flickering thru the leaves as we ride in the woods. These are special moments for both rider and volunteer.

Thanks to the Fondulac Park District and its maintenance crews, CIRT has a place to call "home" with a beautiful park for our classes and pasture for the riders and horses to enjoy!

And for our guardian angels, the Fondulac Park Police. They keep a watchful eye over the building and the horses when we are not at CIRT.

We appreciate all you do. Thank you!



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CIRT
Horses
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A Beautiful
Day



Santa's Gift Ideas/CIRT's Wish List

For the Horses:

The horses love these and the riders love giving their favorite horse a treat! Help us keep them on hand.

- Peppermints
- Carrots
- Apples

For the Cats:

The barn cats earn their keep by keeping the "varmits" away. And the riders enjoy playing with them while they wait to ride.

- Cat food

For the Barn:

These items get a lot of use and wear out over the course of the year. Help us stretch our budget by donating one (or more) these items.

- Muck Buckets
- 2 gallon plastic buckets
- Push Brooms
- Pitch Forks

For the Office:

These items can always be used for the office. When one of these items is donated it is one less expense for CIRT which leaves more money for the program!



- White or colored copy paper
- Postage Stamps
- Printer Inkjet Cartridges HP 28/57 and HP 27/56 Canon 50 and Canon 51
- We are still in need of USB Flash Drives (1 G or more)

These items are always in need throughout the year. Just like home we work to keep the office, kitchen area & waiting area clean.

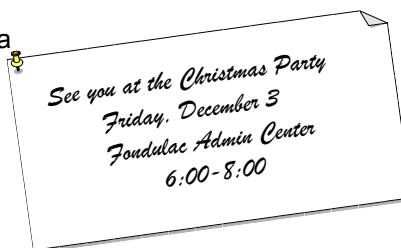
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- Kitchen Paper Towels
- Paper Plates
- Napkins
- Clorox or Lysol Wipes
- Windex
- Bleach
- Liquid Laundry Soap
- Vinegar
- Swiffer Refills
- Electrolux Vacuum Bags Style C

For the Waiting Area:

- Talking children 's books
- Kleenex

No Time to shop? Make a donation for:

- A bale of Hay (\$4)
- A tube of dewormer for 1 horse (\$10)
- A bag of grain (\$11)
- Farrier fee for 1 horse (\$35)
- Spring Shots for 1 horse (\$100)
- Sawdust for stalls for 1 week (\$100)
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