Hello Path WV Centers, Members, Volunteers and Followers:

It looks like 2015 is going to be the year for information sharing and education. PATH Region 3 has an updated Facebook page that is being updated and maintained by WV’s own Carol Petito. It is easy to find in Facebook, just search for “PATH Intl. Region 3”. There are currently 24 members. I know we can add to that number. So please find the page and join.

WV has an up and coming Therapeutic Riding Center, Stars and Strides. Stars and Strides is located in Bridgeport, WV and was founded in September 2014. Watch their FB page for updates and exciting information. Let’s follow their progress and cheer them on in true WV fashion!!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

**2015**

- **MARCH 7 – 9** – PATH Region 3 conference is March 6 through 9th at St. Andrews University in Laurinburg, NC. Hope to see everyone there!
  - Region 3 conference registration will open up in the next few days…please save the dates March 6th thru 8th! Plan on joining your friends from Region 3 at St. Andrews University in Laurinburg, North Carolina!
- **NOVEMBER 4-7** – PATH International Conference is in Cleveland OH this year!
  - http://www.pathintl.org/path-intl-conferences/international

**UPDATES FROM PAST EVENTS/ NEWS:**

**Horses with Hearts** – The 2015 Calendars are in and are now available for purchase. Go to [www.horseswithhearts.com](http://www.horseswithhearts.com) and order yours today! You won’t want to go through 2015 without one of these inspiring calendars!

**Beyond Wishes** - HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM BEYOND WISHES TRP!! Definitely too cold for a selfie, so this is the best we could do. Truly a great New Year for the McQuaig Family as they recently received a donation from the Skewes Family Foundation for $10,000 to help with the Beyond Wishes Therapeutic Riding Program. These funds will be used for student sponsorship, liability insurance, operating expenses and their 2015 project of building or purchasing a wheelchair ramp. Best Wishes to all!!
On Eagle's Wings— There is plenty happening this year for On Eagle’s Wings…

- New year-round On Eagles' Wings facility is under construction, and should be completed in 2015!
- On Eagles' Wings is officially partnered with West Virginia University as part of a new equine-assisted activities and therapies minor as part of the equine studies minor!
- Received a grant from the Mollohan Charitable Trust to purchase a mini hauler for our new "Minis with Wings" mobile unit program.
- Our annual family and friends fundraiser is Sunday, Sept. 20th at the Sagebrush Roundup in Fairmont.
- Please check out our revamped website and let us know your thoughts! www.oneagleswingswv.org

Stars and Strides— Exciting announcement for Stars and Strides! We are now accepting submissions and referrals for an additional Mental Health position on our board in seat. We will open a few "at large" positions at a later date. We are very specific on what we are looking for in the individual. First--Mental Health Specialist. This person needs to be a Practicing Mental Health Counselor familiar with a wide range of experience and training in Psychological and Emotional issues and treatment, including PTSD. We are searching for a positive, smiling, fun person who is truly in it to change lives not to read as much as possible in the manual (there won't be one here). We need a progressive, forward and out of the box thinker who is willing to cry with joy when a 5 year old speaks for the first time. If you have anyone who might be interested. Please let us know.

Please remember that I am happy to forward any information that you would like to share (appropriate material only). Send me special dates to add to our “Mark Your Calendar” section. (b.rine@citynet.net)

Also, Facebook is a fantastic way to keep up with WV’s centers. If you would like to share your center’s Facebook address in the next newsletter, please email me.

- https://www.facebook.com/HorsesWithHearts
- https://www.facebook.com/OnEaglesWingsTherapeuticRidingCenter

Thanks for everything!
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