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## “DON’T LET HIS SHOUTS DISAPPEAR IN THE WIND!” (Patch Adams) (Robin Williams 1998)



It is with much sadness that I write to you, dear readers, with the passing of **Mr. William (Bill) Ballentine**, one of the Center’s **FOUNDING BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBERS**, 37 years of service and support, an untimely and senseless ending by the Covid 19 virus. Bill, a heroic advocate for equal rights for all citizens, with a mantra to care for one another. Bill’s biggest agitation: to enter the front entrance doors of the bank barn, unencumbered by his oversized scooter chair, to enter by himself and not to become stuck! This scenario happened often in restaurants, and Bill was ushered to the service entrance or kitchen entrance, which he found to be most undignified for a restaurant patron “to be slipping and sliding on celery leaves and vegetable skins. I am your guest; treat me like one!” Thus, we are asking you to support the **BILL BALLENTINE WIDER DOOR FUND AT THE BANK BARN**

(\$3,890). To welcome all citizens through the front door! If you would like to donate to this **Memorial Fund** in memory of **Bill Ballentine**, use the yellow tab on the left side of the main page “**Donate to TRRC**” on our website: <https://www.trrcmd.org/> and in the comments section, indicate the donation is in memory of **Bill Ballentine**. Or you can call **Dr. Helen Tuel** at **410-489-5100** and let her know you want to donate and she will call you back, or you can also write a check and mail it to **TRRC, 3750 Shady Lane, Glenwood MD, 21738** and specify in the memo section it is for **Bill Ballentine**.

## REMEMBERING AN OLD FRIEND

By Ashley Whitlock



We are dedicating this month’s *Hoofprints* to remembering a longtime member of our TRRC family. Our beloved pony **Lily** passed over the Rainbow Bridge to join her best buddy **Jimmy** on April 20, 2020. Lily originally arrived at TRRC from a rescue program, and

her kind nature and spunky personality under saddle quickly made her a lesson favorite. Her lesson kids will remember her love of adventure, always ready to go for a ride on the track or through the woods. Her naturally fast walk could challenge even our fittest volunteer leaders, but the smiles she brought to her students' faces were always worth the workout. Her great movement allowed her to be a core member of our therapeutic team, helping in both our hippotherapy program and our recreational lessons for many years. More recently, even well over 30 years old, and ready to retire from under saddle lessons, her empathetic and kind nature made her a favorite for ground work. She was always happy to stand patiently for grooming lessons, or helping a new student get the hang of leading a horse. The staff and volunteers at TRRC will always be grateful for getting to be a part of the journey of such a pure soul as Lily. While it is hard to lose our equine friends, we will always carry the lessons they taught us in our hearts, and feel grateful for the time we were able to spend with them. Thank you for a life well lived, Lily.

## RAISING TRRC'S HOSPITALITY QUOTIENT

So many “worker bees” have joined forces, as the Center prepares for an international **nine day clinic** here **August 17-26** with rental of the bank barn and cottage and professional teaching staff participating with all the



clinic attendees. **Steven Novick** tackled the Herculean task of power washing the cottage and farmhouse and removing the jungle of weeds, bush overgrowth and tree trimming, so take time to notice the transformation of this space. **Ted Tuel** and grandson **Henry** prepared the cottage and farmhouse porches for a new coat of redwood paint. Of course, the mowing never ends with **John Tuel** and **DuBois Murphy** working on the grounds almost every day! **Dave Furman** is overhauling the RTV, another daunting task! And **Billy Harrison, Master Plumber**, for his endless plumbing repairs and being available as needed. So, a tip-of-the-hat to all of you!



But the village has to deliver, and deliver it did to **TRRC** to create a reopening protocol after

the pandemic closure. A team of experts assisted the TRRC staff, regarding re-opening safely and within **CDC Guidelines**. **Tim Tuel, MD, Lt. Col. Air Force**, **Jeff Allison, retired FBI, campus safety advisor**, **DuBois Murphy**, grant applications and submittal, virologist **Pat Harrington, PhD**, TRRC's attorney, **Matt Pavlides**, who reviewed new virus release forms, **Tim Daniels**, insurance agent to advise liability coverage during the **COVID 19** pandemic, **Mark Rodriguez, CPA**, who provided accounting documents for the numerous grant opportunities, and **John Tuel, Accountant** to collate the numerous accounting documents attached to each grant proposal. A salute to all of you for a job well done!

## SIMMS' FAMILY HELPS WITH GARDEN RESTORATION AT TRRC

My name is **Brent Simms** and I just finished fifth grade at Freedom Elementary School in Sykesville, MD. I am



now eligible to earn service hours to my high school graduation. Due to the pandemic, my usual summer activities were cancelled and I decided to turn my energies to community service. I rode at TRRC when I was in first and second grade. I learned to ride on **Twister**, a very persnickety pony! I no longer ride, but I am now a Boy Scout 2nd Class working towards 1st Class Rank with Troop 716 in Carroll County, MD. By the end of this month, I will have over 20 hours completed around the TRRC grounds. My family (mom **Alysa**, father **John**, and brother **Brock**) also come to help alongside me during my service hours. So far I have learned how to weed, mulch, garden, and power wash! This week I will work to install 12 bluebird birdhouses that were donated by a local farmer. I am looking forward to learning more new skills as I continue to volunteer at TRRC this summer.



## TRRC ARTS EVENT AND SILENT AUCTION!

By Teresa Girod

After all of the isolation created by the coronavirus please join us for a **Community Gathering Arts Event** at the Therapeutic Recreational and Riding Center (TRRC). We serve the community where everyone lives, works, plays, learns, and grows by providing a strong and healthy place for the community to thrive.



Imagine an "Enchanted Forest" with dreams of all types of horses that create magic for special needs riders, recreational riders, and visitors alike. TRRC is a mystical, natural setting with beautiful acres of land in Howard County that includes horses in their pastures, brooks and streams, rainbow like trees in Autumn, and a spiritual environment that brings peace and happiness to anyone who enters. TRRC has all natural riding arenas to watch ever-growing riders display their riding skills and natural playgrounds to entertain the children. There are many pieces of art that bestow beauty, wonder, and nature, as one takes their own personal journey through a hidden treasure of this world. TRRC is truly a work of art unto itself. We will be hosting an **Arts Event and Silent Auction** on **September 19, 2020**, from **1:00** until **5:00**. We have invited artists from Howard County and surrounding counties to exhibit their works of art including, but not limited to, paintings, sculptures, jewelry, painted furniture, handmade shawls, afghans, quilts, and photography.

We will be serving food, beverages, and wine, and we are hoping to have the **Redskins Cheerleaders** cheer for us and for you, in recovering from coronavirus and for the success of our fundraising event. Our current plan is to host an exciting live event, but we are also preparing for the reality that the coronavirus may still be with us.

If so, we will be hosting a virtual version of the event, to share the skills and talents of our wonderfully creative community of artists. Please put the date and time on your calendar and we look forward to celebrating the arts with you at the beginning of Fall!

## LOVE IN ACTION!



A TRRC family came by the farm to enjoy a picnic lunch and some soothing moments in nature with the Center's new horse **Tanner!** It was a nice respite to be able to enjoy nature and forget the pandemic!

## HELP WANTED!

Our fundraisers (**Helen Tuel, DuBois Murphy, and Pam Osborne**) need some help with fundraising. Do you, or anyone you know, make time to help us out in terms of developing project budgets (calling specific vendors for costs, time estimates to completion from the time the money gets to them (3 months? 6 months? etc.) or maybe funding the **FDO Online** for 1 to 3 months for \$90.00 a month, to help us use our time more effectively? Also, we need some help in finding new possible and targeted searches to find viable funders, to help us expand our programs and upgrade our capabilities. Training and written instructions will be provided! If **you have already donated** to TRRC to help with the Covid-19 pandemic fundraisers, we **greatly appreciate** any and/or all help that you have been able to provide to TRRC in the past 2-3 months or even years!

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