

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rocky Rockholm, Supervisor, District 1 and Kirk Uhler, Supervisor, District 4.

DATE: January 22, 2008

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING – Approve appropriation of \$400 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Ride to Walk *Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program* as requested by Supervisor Rockholm (\$150) and Supervisor Uhler (\$250).

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve appropriation of \$400 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Ride to Walk *Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program* as requested by Supervisor Rockholm (\$150) and Supervisor Uhler (\$250).

BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS: In approving the following contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants therefore a benefit results to the County.

The Board of Supervisors is being asked once again to approve appropriations to help support the Ride to Walk *Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program*. Ride to Walk is a local therapeutic riding program for children and adults with neurological disabilities such as Autism, Cerebral Palsy and Muscular Dystrophy. The physical and occupational therapists on staff custom design therapy programs for each rider. The funds designated towards this popular program will help support the fundraising event and pay for one week of riding costs for one child or adult.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.



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Dear Friends of Ride To Walk,

The Ride To Walk program is a non-profit organization providing therapeutic horseback riding for children and young adults with neurological impairments. The program is in operation from January through the second week of December. Riding is offered four days a week and is designed to coordinate physical and emotional therapy into a unique experience. The goals of this program are based on therapeutic intervention to achieve balance and postural control, improve language and socialization skills, enhance self-esteem and provide exercise and enjoyment for the riders.

Therapeutic horseback riding involves significant costs. The minimal fee we request per week from the families of our riders covers less than fifty percent (50%) of the actual cost of each riding session. It is our goal to continue to keep this fee to a minimum as most of the families in our program struggle financially as a result of the many costs incurred with caring for a child with disabilities.

Ride To Walk was originally funded by bake sales. Today, in addition to seeking funding support from corporate, individual, and foundation grant sources, we host a monthly Bingo game, an annual Barn Dance, BBQ with Raffle, and an annual Golf Tournament to help raise the funds necessary to cover the costs of providing therapeutic horseback riding.

We have survived over the past twenty years by making the most of whatever funds were available to us. We will continue to do so, but need your help. Please consider joining our family of dedicated supporters by sending a donation, becoming a volunteer and/or participating in one of our fundraising events.

Ride To Walk is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization and your donation is tax deductible. Please send your donation or volunteer information to:

Ride to Walk
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If you would like more information on the Ride To Walk program, please call us at (916) 434-0693, or visit our web site at www.ridetowalk.org.

Your help and support is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Susie A. Malloy

Ride to Walk Tax ID Number is 68-0058893.

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