

Mary Diana

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To: Mary Diana
Subject: Quantan Leap Park

Ellie,

First of all, I want to thank you for your generosity by inviting Patrick to participate in the riding program for the last two weeks at Quantan Leap Park. I understand that you are trying to make the program as more especially in those areas as it affects everyone. I am sure that you are not making any attempt to source funding, as our boys had financial difficulties. I am sure that you have thought he was best receiving Speech and Language (S/L) therapy. I am sure that you will find a way to be your program to it for funding consideration. As a result of my failed effort, we must discontinue the program. We will continue to look for funding can be addressed.

Your volunteers, and especially Cheryl whom he spent the most time with, worked with Patrick and accomplished more than I originally imagined. Notable improvements have been made in most behavior issues, self confidence, and maturity as well as physical ones such as strength, balance, and coordination. He has developed a fondness for horses and an appreciation for other animals as attested to by the numbers of books he checks out weekly at the local library most of which are about horses.

Patrick has also exceeded my expectations as it relates to Hippotherapy in its broadest sense and as it applies to Speech and Language Development. After reviewing his S/L history and comparing the last two years of his S/L goals and results, I can see a marked improvement in not only the amount of verbalization but his ability to understand and string words into sentence's. I am convinced that this was, at least in part, made possible through the interaction of horse and rider and was the impetus for his progress in the weekly S/L therapy he is receiving.

Again, thank you for your patience, understanding, and contribution in Patrick's development. You and your staff do great work for the developmentally and physically challenged and certainly deserve more recognition for your dedicated service.

I am an eternal optimist, and as such, perhaps Patrick may be able to rejoin your program in the near future.

Sincerely,