



TARA'S CHANCE
PRESENTS

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022

Tara's Chance

219 E Claire Avenue, Fullerton, CA

ABOUT TARA'S CHANCE

Tara's Chance Equine Therapy Program provides children with special needs the opportunity to participate in a unique educational and therapeutic program designed specifically to help meet their physical, cognitive, behavioral, and social needs through equine assisted activities and therapies. Children with autism, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), developmental delays, genetic syndromes, traumatic brain injuries, and other special needs have all benefited from the program.



Tara's Chance serves 65 individuals with special needs through two programs and provides 1,718 hours of individualized equine therapy annually. Tara's Chance serves individuals ages 3-37, 90% of participants are between 6 and 17. Tara's Chance is tasked with a growing waiting list of 46 individuals with special needs. This waitlist has grown 100% organically through word-of-mouth testimonials of our program from parents to other families in the special needs community. Currently the average wait to join our program is 10 months.

TONIGHT'S AGENDA

EVENT

TIME

IN PERSON SCHEDULE

Check In / Tours	5:00 - 6:00
Call to Demo	5:45 - 6:00
Horse Intros	6:00 - 6:02
Demo	6:02 - 6:35
Call to Tables	6:35 - 6:40
Dinner	6:40 - 7:05
National Anthem	7:05 - 7:08
Tara's Chance Board	7:08 - 7:13
State and City Awards	7:13 - 7:30
Online Schedule & Live Auction	7:30 - 9:30

ONLINE SCHEDULE

Rider Demonstration	7:00 - 7:30
Tara's Chance Overview	7:30 - 7:35
Introduction to Vinny Lopez	7:35 - 7:40
Ranch Update from the ED.	7:40 - 7:45
Bella Spotlight	7:45 - 7:50
Auction Items	7:50 - 8:10
Bianca Spotlight	8:10 - 8:15
Auction Items	8:15 - 8:30
A word from the Presenting Sponsor	8:30 - 8:35
Diego Spotlight	8:35 - 8:40
Auction Items	8:40 - 8:55
A word from the Diamond Sponsor.	8:55 - 9:00
A word from the ED	9:00 - 9:02
Bao Heffron	9:02 - 9:05
Fund A Need	9:05 - 9:25
Winners Choice & Moneyball Drawing ..	9:25- 9:30

BIDDING INFORMATION

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2. Mail to 219 E Claire Ave. Fullerton CA 92835

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A YEAR IN REVIEW

Over the past year Tara's Chance has had some exciting updates as we continue to grow to serve the needs of our community. In the last year we doubled our program participants by expanding our staff and volunteers, acquiring more horses, improving our facilities, and developing a new training certification process.

In February we launched the Equine Assisted Riding (EAR) program. This new program allows us to continue to serve riders who have met their goals in the Equine Assisted Therapy (EAT) program, serve a broader range of individuals with special needs, and increase our weight limit.

Sixty-five children with special needs receive equine therapy at Tara's Chance every week. They make extraordinary progress in their physical strength, cognition, behavior, social ability, speech, and more. None of this would be possible without your support. Together we are creating the opportunity for miracles to happen at Tara's Chance.



These amazing accomplishments are only possible with your philanthropy and support of our mission. With your investment we have been able to grow and change the lives of so many children with special needs, their families, our volunteers, staff, and community.

WHY YOUR DONATIONS HELP

\$41

COST TO FEED 7 HORSES EVERYDAY

The price of hay increased 20% this year alone, due to drought and supply chain issues

\$175

WATER AND BEDDING EACH MONTH

Horses drink 10 gallons of water a day and go through 5 pounds of bedding

\$10,000

VET AND FARRIER COSTS

This includes shoeing for all horses, vaccines, and all veterinary visits each year

\$25,000

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS TO RIDERS

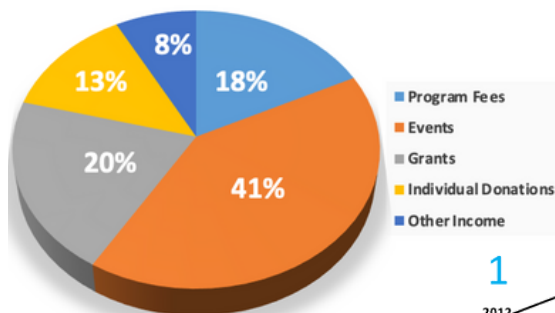
To keep our program affordable and accessible to our families we never turn riders away for financial reasons

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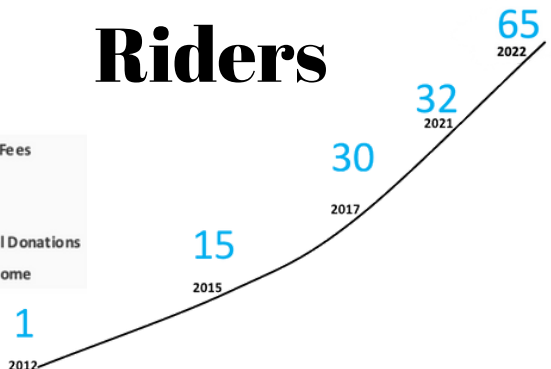
COST TO RUN TARA'S CHANCE

To care for our horses, staff, and our facilities while continuing to grow our program and meet the need in our community for equine therapy

Revenue



Riders



TONIGHT'S STARS

BELLA



When Bella first came to Tara's Chance, her program was focused on building overall strength. After 10 years with us she progressed from being unable to ride for longer than 30 minutes with support to riding a full session with minimal support. Bella brings so much joy to everyone here at Tara's Chance every time she rides. The dedication she shows to making progress continues to inspire us every day.

JAMESON



Jameson has been riding with the program for five years. His main goals when he started were working on his balance, focus and two-way conversations. Through his work at Tara's Chance, Jameson has been able to take on more responsibilities like raking hay and pushing the wheelbarrow. When he comes to the barn, he loves being around the horses and giving them big hugs to show the horses how much he loves them.

LOGAN



Logan simply lights up the entire stables when he arrives. He loves to show off his muscles, his new skills and working on his speech. He loves to tell his horse what to do and where to go, "go Bailey go!" He has shown such a boost in his confidence and loves to show off his new skills every ride. It's hard to think that he's only been riding for a year because he fits perfectly into our Tara's Chance family.

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BAO



Bao was one of the first riders at Tara's Chance. His goal then, was to have the strength to get into a bounce house. Now he rides Bailey independently. He loves to come here, always smiles, and pushes himself as he says, "to the next level." He has a heart of gold, a wonderful sense of humor and is incredibly smart.

DIEGO



Diego has been riding with Tara's Chance for six years. His main goals were improving his core and stretching out his hips. While riding here at the barn, we discovered that Diego can stand up while riding! Here at Tara's Chance, Diego always makes us laugh with his excited energy and happy face.

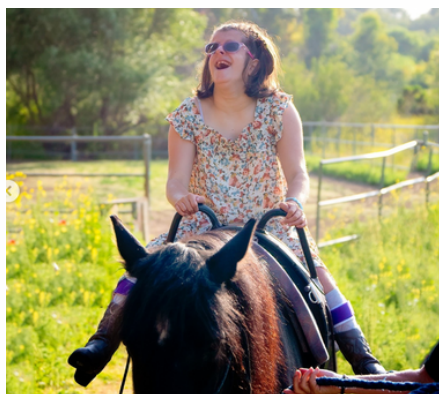
BIANCA



Bianca graduated from our EAT program after five years and has since returned to participate in our EAR program. When she started at Tara's Chance, her goal was to improve strength and muscle tone. She is now able to ride Riley independently and continues to work on achieving her goals. Bianca always brings a warm smile and positive attitude to her riding.

ALL OF OUR TARA'S CHANCE STARS

Adelyn • Annie • Ariana • Asa • Austin • Axl • Bao •
Bianca • Bryson • Caleb • Camilla • Carter • Charlotte •
Colton • Dakota • Daniel • Dean • December • Diego • Eli
Eliana • Enzo • Gabby • Gabe • Gabriel • Grace • Isabella
• Jacob C • Jacob S • Jameson • Jason • Jean-Luc • Joaquin
• Jojo • Jones • Jude • King • Kyle • Leslie • Logan • Lukas
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Salma • Sarah • Selah • Sora • Steel • Stone • Tianyu •
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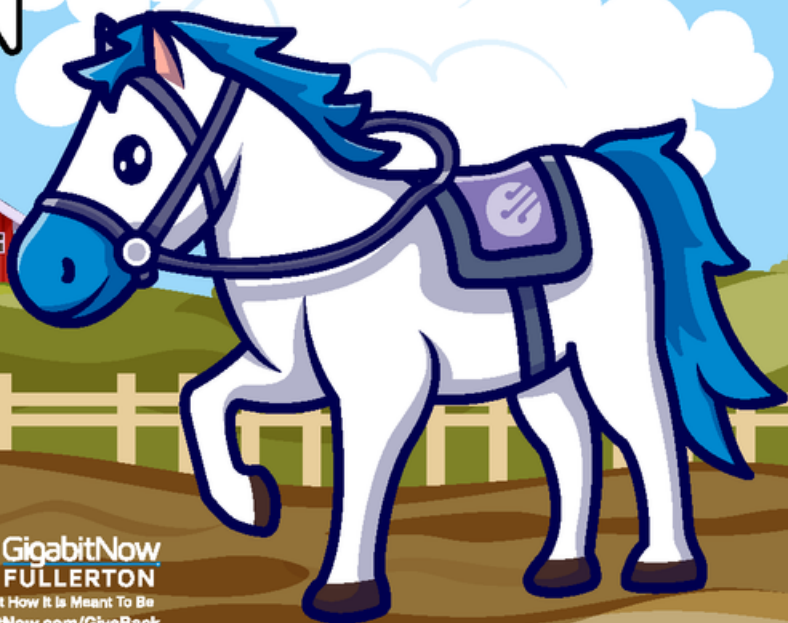
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A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In the last year Tara's Chance added 31 new riders to our programs! In March 2021, Tara's Chance worked to bring all our riders back from the COVID-19 shutdown. We met that goal 9 months later and began growing to serve the sixty-two children on our waitlist. In the last year we doubled our program participants by expanding our staff and volunteers, acquiring more horses, improving our facilities, and developing a new training certification process. In February we launched the Equine Assisted Riding (EAR) program. This new program allows us to continue to serve riders who have met their goals in the Equine Assisted Therapy (EAT) program, serve a broader range of individuals with special needs, and increase our weight limit. We currently have 11 participants in the EAR program. In July we added 12 new riders in our EAT program, totaling fifty-two riders. Our waitlist was reduced from sixty-two riders to forty-five. It is amazing to see all the new riders, parents, volunteers, and staff members at Tara's Chance. We could not have grown to serve more children without you and we continue to need your help to reduce our waiting list and serve the need in our community for equine therapy.

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We are both process and results-driven. Our process is welcoming, inclusive, and nurturing. We take the musician from where they are and uplift them to become more. The RESULTS are powerful. Great music and great people are created. The majority of our students receive full scholarships to the university of their choice! Our students become great musicians, doctors, attorneys, community activists, humanitarians, teachers and retain the lessons learned. The RESULTS are measurable, palpable, and powerful. The process continues as a legacy to future generations. We teach the individual and the results are communal.



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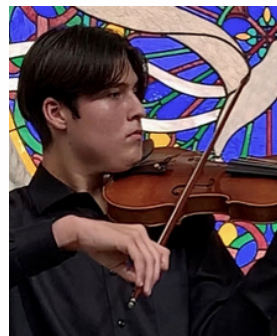
TONIGHTS SOLOISTS



Zachary Gerhart, cellist, age 9: Zachary is in the principal cellist for both the Musique Sur La Mer Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Musique Sur La Mer Honors Chamber Orchestra. He attends Los Cerritos Elementary School in Long Beach. Zachary is the son of Dave and Cynthia Gerhart. He was the principal cellist for the 2022 Arrowbear Music Camp Elementary School Orchestra. He has been studying the cello for 3 years and is the student of Lief Woodward.



Julian Leon, violinist, age 17: Julian is the concertmaster of both the Musique Sur La Mer Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Musique Sur La Mer Honors Chamber Orchestra. He is a senior at the Orange County School of the Arts, majoring in violin performance. Julian was awarded the 2022 Gold Medal for the NAACP ACT-SO Solo Competition and the concertmaster for the 2022 summer orchestra at Interlochen School of the Arts. Most recently he was the featured soloist for the NAACP Legacy Hall of Fame honoring Congresswoman Maxine Waters. Although Julian has been playing the violin since elementary school, he has been taking private lessons for 3.5 years with Marcy A. Sudock.



Andrew Gerhart, violinist, age 11: Andrew is the principal second violinist for both the Musique Sur La Mer Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Musique Sur La Mer Honors Chamber Orchestra. He attends Hughes Middle School in Long Beach, CA where he plays in the school's string orchestra. Andrew was the concertmaster of the 2022 Arrowbear Music Camp Middle School Orchestra. He is the son of Dave and Cynthia Gerhart. "Drew" is also a very fine young pianist. He has been studying the violin for 2.5 years and is the student of Marcy Sudock.

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Tara's Chance would also like to express gratitude to all of our board, staff, and volunteers who worked to make this event a reality.

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We are so thankful to CEO Michael Galliano, Kinsley Brittain, Susan Stagno, Fernando, Lemuel and the entire staff at My Day Counts.



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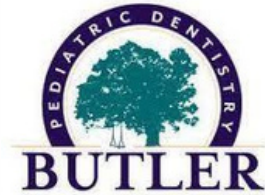
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The EAR program is a therapeutic riding program tailored to each individual rider. This program utilizes horsemanship skills required to groom, tack up, and ride a horse independently to accomplish physical, cognitive, and social therapeutic goals.

The program enables students to develop a deep connection with horses. Students will learn horse psychology, safety, care, riding techniques, and barn duties.

Riding session options are 30 minutes or an hour. Rides ride in a saddle and dictate the horses movement. Program activities include mounted and unmounted activities.

Riders who participate includes but not limited to those with

- Autism
- ADD/ADHD
- Learning Disability
- Developmental Disability
- Cerebral Palsy
- Emotional/Behavioral Issues

For more information, check out
Tara's Chance website



WHAT IS EAR?

The EAT program is a therapeutic riding program tailored to each individual rider.

This program utilizes the sport of vaulting (gymnastics on a moving horse) to meet physical, cognitive, and social therapeutic goals. The program provides students with additional support on both sides of the horse for safety and therapeutic assistance. Students ride outside of a saddle and use a surcingle. Riders participate in the program each week for 30 minute therapy sessions.

Program activities include vaulting positions (kneeling on the horse, riding backwards, standing up, and more) interactive games with balls, medicine ball exercises, situps, and more. The goals and benefits are different for every child and tailored to their individual needs.

Includes but not limited to those with
Autism

- Cerebral Palsy
- Down Syndrome
- Muscular Dystrophy
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Genetic Conditions/Disorders

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WHAT IS EAT?



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