Joseph Arden shows off his blue ribbon with volunteer Pedrin Villaman, while riding Patience.
Be Brave

GallopNYC riders show bravery every day. It's in their determined faces as they master new skills, in their tall posture as they develop greater strength, and in their voices as they command their horses.

Each year some of our brave riders graduate high school and start college. This year, we congratulate Leah Kest who enrolled at Morrisville State College in Equine Studies. Leah has embodied "Be Brave" since she started riding with GallopNYC in 2008 and is now planning to become a PATH Int'l Certified instructor.

Your generous support allowed Leah to benefit from therapeutic riding throughout her childhood and teens as she grew physically stronger and more confident. Your investment in her development will be multiplied by the thousands of lives she will touch as a PATH Int’l Certified instructor.

Thank you for helping all our riders Be Brave!

In FY 2017 we served 862 riders for a total of 4,858 therapeutic riding sessions. We provided 766 hippotherapy lessons to 67 riders. We gave 203 free public horse education lessons.
Believe in Ability

One of the great pleasures of my role is thanking the many generous supporters who believe in our mission, in our riders, and in their abilities. Our 2017 FY was a particularly gratifying year. With your support we achieved a strategic milestone, acquiring two new dedicated sites, GallopNYC Forest Hills and GallopNYC Sunrise Stables. We’ve worked hard this year with the help of committed donors and volunteers to renovate both, and each are beautiful welcoming homes to our riders.

In January this year, we began offering full-time therapeutic riding at both these sites, and at our other sites in Bronx Equestrian Center and Bowling Green in Brooklyn, moving hundreds of people off our waiting list and into our programs.

Other GallopNYC accomplishments this year:

- Awarded two government contracts, with the NYC Department of Education to serve students from the District 75 schools for children with special needs and the NYC Department of Mental Health and Hygiene to serve children with autism.
- Mentored four instructors in training to PATH Int’l certification.
- Launched the GallopNYC Equestrian Team.
- Won the Brooke Mahoney Award for Board Excellence.
- Hosted our first Two-Day Ride with Pride Horse Show – Day One was at GallopNYC Sunrise Stables, and Day Two was at our traditional Central Park location.
- Expanded our herd of therapeutic horses to more than two dozen horses and ponies.

We are also so proud that our Board Chair, Suzy Marquard, won the prestigious 2017 USEF/Equus Foundation Humanitarian award, which recognizes humanitarian achievements by a member of the equestrian world.

We could not have achieved such a remarkable year without the passion, commitment and generosity of our supporters. You have belief in our ability to meet our mission, and you have belief in the abilities of our riders. And it is my great pleasure to say, “thank you.”

—Alicia Kershaw, Executive Director

GallopNYC provided fee waivers to 78% of our riders in FY 2017

22% 32% 46%

- Full Waivers
- Partial Waivers
- Full Tuition

GallopNYC is committed to serving low-income and middle-income families. Generous donors allow us to offer fee waivers to 78% of our riders.
Donor Spotlight – Give Back for Special Equestrians

In 2013, a group of equine enthusiasts, led by Sissy DeMaria, Isabel Ernst, and Dr. Heather Kuhl, who were inspired by the healing power of horses, banded together to form the fundraising initiative Give Back for Special Equestrians in Vero Beach, FL. GallopNYC is grateful to be their NYC partner. Their generous support is making a difference in the lives of New Yorkers with disabilities.

Young Philanthropists!

GallopNYC is honored that many young philanthropists choose to support our mission and our riders. The young dancers of The Dance Studio of Park Slope produced a special night of dance raising over $1000 for our riders. Queens Girl Scout Troops 3221 and 4060 hand delivered donations to GallopNYC Forest Hills. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you to...

• New York City Council Members Karen Koslowitz, Brad Lander, Eric Ulrich, James Vacca, and Speaker of the New York City Council Melissa Mark-Viverito
• The NYC Department of Education
• The NYC Department of Mental Health and Hygiene
• The NYC Department of Youth and Community Development
• The NYC Department of Parks and Recreation
• The Prospect Park Alliance

Faith enjoys being groomed on "groundwork" day at lessons
Instructor Dana Fairbairn working with rider Joey Arden
Instructor Amanda Gallo and Gitelee ride with pride at our Central Park Horse Show
Director of Operations James Wilson helping with construction at GallopNYC Sunrise Stables
Financial Report for FY ended June 30, 2017

Financials subject to Board Approval

**FY 2017 Support and Revenues**

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**List of Donors**

**Foundations:**

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- Citizens Committee for New York City
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- Downtown Brooklyn Neighborhood Alliance
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- Pennsylvania National Horse Show Foundation
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- Taft Foundation
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**In-kind Donations and Pro Bono Support**

In-kind donations and pro-bono support from individuals and partners allow GallopNYC to drive far more of our financial donations directly to our programs and riders. We are deeply grateful to those who have strengthened our organization and enriched our program with their generous time and talents. Thank you to Capstone, Taproot, and Lawyers Alliance for helping to build our capacity and to Politi + Siano Architects, Blackburn Architects, Home Depot, Anne Marie Sowder, and Jay Gorman for their tremendous donations of time and skills.
Collaborate
“Whatever the disability, the horse has the answer”

Meet Noah
Meet Noah, a nine-year old charmer with an inquisitive mind and a strong connection with horses. Noah’s riding skills have progressed quickly and he has developed an understanding of complex equestrian concepts and a strong awareness of the physical cues he is giving his horse.

Noah’s success in the riding arena is carrying over to his success in the classroom. Noah, who has learning challenges, is more focused in school, more willing to ask questions and participate in discussions. Only a year ago he tended to be reserved and shy in school, but his social skills and confidence have grown tremendously, allowing him to realize his full potential.

Meet Jariel
Meet Jariel, a bright 6-year-old boy with a high IQ and brilliant grades in school. Jariel, now 7, struggles in the areas of socialization, motor control, sensory processing and speech. He started therapeutic riding at GallopNYC at age 5.

“GallopNYC is helping our child grow in so many ways – emotionally, physically, and socially. Jariel has more strength in his body and better coordination, he is more confident with himself and what he is capable of doing, but most importantly he has the opportunity to interact with new friends and of course the horses.” - A proud mom

Meet the GallopNYC Equestrian Team
The GallopNYC Equestrian team launched this year. As part of our therapeutic riding programs, the goal of the team is to build life skills. Our team members learn to challenge themselves in new ways, build teamwork and sportsmanship and learn to present themselves to judges. We are thrilled that our team performed so well, taking home Grand Champion and Reserve Champion in their divisions at the finals of the Hampton Classic. We are even more proud of their tenacity, focus, and grace under pressure.

Congratulations to GallopNYC Equestrian Team!
Our Volunteers Show Compassion and Respect

GallopNYC could not offer therapeutic riding without our volunteers. They greet our riders, help them mount, keep them safely balanced on the horse, and participate in activities that help riders meet their goals. They devote their time and energy to help change the lives of New Yorkers with disabilities. We rely on an extensive network of volunteers for crucial roles in therapeutic riding and in our special events. Their collaborative and generous spirits accelerate our impact.

In FY 2017, 1,360 volunteers donated 14,393 hours of their time to our riders. The monetary value of that time would equal $347,447!

I Volunteer Because...

...it’s wonderful to see the connection between the horses and the children who come to ride. As a young boy I always loved horses, and drawing them. At the age of 16, I began riding right here in Forest Hills. In 2013, I returned to take lessons and to volunteer and I am still here volunteering, a dream come true!
- Edward Ronald LaPlant

...I love being able to spend time with horses and children while giving back to the community. - Catherine Groene

...it is fun and rewarding. I’m happy to volunteer my time because I know GallopNYC can’t have lessons without volunteers. I feel my time is well spent and I’m there making a difference.
- Pedrin Villaman

GallopNYC Sunrise Stables Renovations

We transformed GallopNYC Sunrise Stables this year, thanks to the time and talents of volunteers and volunteer groups who logged many hours renovating our new home. It is now a beautiful, welcoming and comfortable home for our riders, horses, volunteers, instructors and visitors. Just a few of the renovations include a new roof for the barn, new stall doors, improved arena footing, the removal of 10 cartloads of trash and debris, landscaping, new lighting and electric installation, plumbing, and a mounting ramp. Enormous thank you to teams from Home Depot, Team Tim (Tim Zietara, Tim Callahan, Bruce Lenihan, and Brian Kittle), Sean Mansfield, Sol Mills and the Brooklyn Women’s Rugby Club, Sol Reischer, Suzy Marquard, Jim Breckenridge, Clinton Kershaw, RBC and GallopNYC Staff - for your time, talents, and materials.

We Love Our Corporate Volunteer Groups

It’s a win-win for corporate volunteer groups who support our riders and program. Our riders and instructors benefit from motivated volunteers who encourage progress and help riders reach their goals. Our corporate groups benefit from a deep sense of teamwork, purpose, and the satisfaction of giving back to their community. GallopNYC hosted groups from KKR, Simon and Schuster, Virgin, Ares, Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan Chase, BuzzFeed, Home Depot, RBC, Zocdoc, Blackstone, DEED, Moody’s, Zenith Media, Ogilvy & Mather.
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