

The Lovelane Post

Annual Roundup June 2006

Special Needs Horseback Riding Program, Inc.

Hoedown II Planned

Event Will Benefit Endowment

Yee-Haw! Dust off your cowboy boots and get ready to have some fun! On Saturday, September 30, 2006, there is going to be one big party goin' down...Hoedown, that is. If you were lucky enough to be at the first Hoedown, you know what we're talkin' about. In addition to being a great party with the best food ever and totally awesome music (check the photos on our website), the first Hoedown raised enough money to finish the new facility! Yee-Haw and Thank You very much!

Now that we have such a wonderful new facility, the next logical step is to ensure that we are able to maintain and protect our incredible new home for future generations of Lovelane students. Hoedown II will help us do just that! Tickets to this shindig are \$500 per cowpoke and all proceeds from the event will be used to build our Endowment Fund. This Fund will help to ensure that Lovelane will be here for tomorrow's cowgirls and cowboys who need a special place to ride.

Hoedown II will feature excellent BBQ victuals, more totally awesome music, and some real cowboys. So break-in your boots and find your cowboy hat—this is going to be good. *Yee-Haw!*



Reflections on Our First Year of "Settling In"...



I guess it goes without saying that there have been changes at Lovelane since we moved into our wonderful new home a little more than a year ago. The program has grown—we have more students and more horses—and we have begun several pilot programs such as offering traditional therapy in our therapy room; horsemanship workshops in a small group environment; and a program for students from the Carroll School.

The biggest change is that we now own and operate a sizable facility. With that comes the daily details of managing the facility, the property, the horses, a growing staff, and lots of meetings and committees, etc. Sometimes, with all of these new responsibilities, I wonder what happened to that fun little program that used to be at Elsie's stables and in my back yard? Sometimes I look around this magnificent new building and I wonder what we are doing here? And why?

The answer today is the same as it was almost twenty years ago when Lovelane started. We are here because of the kids. We are here because of these amazing kids and their families, the energy they bring, their willingness to work, and the passion it inspires in everyone. We have the honor of witnessing these kids striving for and attaining their goals. It is a privilege and a pleasure.

I can't say it has been an easy transition from the little program to what we have today; however, I can say that each time I walk into the ring to work with the students, the instructors and the volunteers, any doubt about all the changes dissolves. I mean really—how could it get any better than this?

Each year, the highlight for me is the annual horse show. It presents a compact picture of all the reasons why we are here. You witness the passion and dedication of the staff. You see in each of the volunteers what is generous and wonderful in people. But most of all, you see the best in each of our students, see their progress, see them shine. And, the love, support and dedication from their families is palpable.

So, in a way, I guess you could say that the past year of settling into our amazing, sometimes overwhelming, fantastic new facility, has really just been a year of the same old stuff. And I wouldn't have it any other way. Here's to the next twenty years!

Debby Sabin Kanzer
Founder/Program Director

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Our mission is to provide high-quality therapeutic horseback riding in a fun, supportive environment to achieve occupational, physical, speech, cognitive and other therapeutic gains focusing on children with special needs. From its inception in 1988, Lovelane's program has provided traditional therapies in an alternative setting, using the horse to help deliver the therapy. Our program of therapeutic riding utilizes the horse and its movement to facilitate the child's specific therapeutic goals.

Above all else, Lovelane is about abilities: the ability of a student to improve his or her quality of life; the ability of a student to increase self-esteem and confidence; the ability to participate in an outdoor activity that is fun. Each of our students enjoys a program that combines the best aspects of a world-class sport with important occupational, physical and speech therapy goals.

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Over 4,000 Therapeutic Riding Lessons Provided Last Year

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We hope that we have included everyone's name, and we hope the information is accurate. If we have inadvertently omitted or incorrectly spelled a name, we offer our apologies. Please let us know so that we may correct this in future publications.

Student Horse Show Goes On

Rain Pours But Students Stay Dry

On Saturday, October 15, 2005, the day began with an ominous sky, and the weather got worse from there. As students and their families gathered at Lovelane for the Annual Student Horse Show, the skies opened and unleashed a deluge. It rained and rained and rained! The food concession volunteers huddled under a tent with somewhat leaky sides, and the intrepid volunteer chef flipped burgers under an umbrella. But the Horse Show participants and their guests had no problem continuing with the show inside Lovelane's indoor arena! After many years of dealing with rain dates and riding in very muddy conditions, this year's wet weather did not stop the show.

More than 200 family members and friends came to watch students show off their routines and drills. And the results were impressive—blue ribbons were awarded to all! As a special treat, this year's participants each received a very cool horse motif cap donated by some really great folks at Life Is Good®.

We'll put in a request for better weather for the next Student Horse Show (Saturday, October 14, 2006), but no promises. At least we know we have a warm, dry place to ride even if it is very wet outside.

Clockwise from top right:

William Bojanic rides backwards on Trav.

Georgia Burns, on a festive Trav, waves to acknowledge the crowd's applause.

Ben Siedman finishes his performance with a high-five from his instructor.

Daniel Hadelman proudly displays his blue ribbon.

Ashley DeNoble is all smiles.



Photos: Kyle Ganson



Thanks to Life is Good®
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Lovelane Horse Show participants.



Jumper Classic Luncheon

Grand Prix and Champagne Afternoon

Below: Horse and rider clear a huge fence while the crowd gathered under the sun and in the shade of ringside tents to enjoy a spectacular early fall afternoon.



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In a year when foul weather put most of Lovelane's fundraising efforts to the test, the Jumper Classic Luncheon was once again blessed with a near perfect sunny fall day. Lovelane guests enjoyed complimentary champagne and a leisurely buffet luncheon under the shade of a ringside tent right next to the action as gorgeous horses and skilled riders attempted to master the challenging Grand Prix jump course.

The Fidelity Investments Jumper Classic is the only Grand Prix horse jumping competition in the Boston area. For the past three years, Lovelane has been invited by the Jumper Classic to host a benefit luncheon as part of this world-class equestrian event. This year, the Jumper Classic also provided a complimentary morning event for families of Lovelane students and volunteers.

As always, we extend our sincere thanks to Melissa Lovasco, President of the Jumper Classic, for this extraordinary opportunity and for all her support. We are also very grateful to this year's sponsors who generously supported the Lovelane Jumper Classic Luncheon. And, once again, we owe a huge thank you our unflappable Committee Chair, Ellie Howe, her energetic Vice-Chair, Cecile Delvaux, and our enthusiastic committee members who helped make this event so successful.

Mark your calendars for the next Jumper Classic Luncheon, Saturday, September 9, 2006. We'd love to have you join us!

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To request an invitation to the Lovelane 2006 Jumper Classic Luncheon,
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Cecile Delvaux

Susan McDaniel Run For Love Inaugurated

Runners Feel the Love

It had been a gray and miserable week, and the forecast for Saturday was for very wet weather. Not a great day to inaugurate the new Run for Love in memory of Lovelane student Susan McDaniel. At least that is what race organizers thought as they set up tents on the Weston Town Green and made provisions for the registration tables to be placed in a sheltered area on the Town Hall steps. Event staff was prepared for the worst, but some guardian angel held the rain at bay. Several hundred runners showed up in spite of the forecast, and the first Susan McDaniel Run for Love was underway!

First off was the Diaper Dash with several dozen (mostly) enthusiastic tots traipsing across the lawn on the Town Green. There was a great sprint (toddler style) to the finish and prizes for all! Next off was the Kids Fun Run with a large turn-out of (mostly) serious contenders for the half-mile course around the Green.

Finally, with the weather continuing to hold, runners and a hand-full of hearty walkers took their places for the main event, a 5K loop through the winding roads of Weston. The race, sanctioned by the USATF-NE drew its share of competitive runners as well as many who were there for the fun of it, for the worthy cause, and to honor and celebrate the memory of Susan McDaniel. Appropriately, Susan's father, Jim McDaniel, gave a poignant tribute to Susan as the runners—including Susan's mom—lined up for the starting signal.

The first place finisher, Bob Collins from Wellesley, crossed the finish line in just over 17 minutes, with eight more runners posting times under 20 minutes. Prizes were awarded to the top three men and women in each of several age groups. Winners received Susan McDaniel Run for Love sweatshirts plus great prizes from New Balance Shoes, Bertucci's, Marathon Sports, Longfellow Sports Club, and much, much more!

The real winner of course was Lovelane. The event raised more than \$30,000 in sponsorships, donations, and registration fees! The proceeds will be used to establish the Susan McDaniel Tuition Assistance Fund. Needless to say, this is a huge and well-deserved tribute to Susan and her family.

As the last runners and walkers headed up the hill to the finish line, a light rain began. It's nice to know that someone was watching out for us.



Photos: Kyle Ganson



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Above: Hannah Piersiak, the event's top pledge raiser—bringing in a cool \$2250—wins an Apple iPod.

Left: Friends of Susan McDaniel show their support along the race route.

Annual Valentine Party Gets New Name

Valentine Gala Renamed the Hearts for Heroes Gala



On Saturday, February 11, 2006, two-hundred guests attended Lovelane's annual Valentine Day fundraising gala. The sold-out event included excellent food, a silent and a live auction, and wicked good dance music provided by the inimitable Marsels. The only disappointment of the evening was that we could not keep the party going longer. But the forecast of a major snowstorm thinned the crowd soon after dinner as partiers headed out to get babysitters home before the storm hit.



Once again, the Silent Auction was a huge success with over 65 excellent items up for bid. Restaurants, local getaway packages and trips to far away places; tickets to sports events and the theater; ski and outdoor adventure packages; some impressive sports memorabilia; and much, much more was on the bidding table. Some guests, as well as a number of people who could not attend, placed their bids on-line during the week before the Gala. Many on-line bidders took advantage of the new "Buy-It-Now" option to make sure they got what they wanted by removing their item of desire from the auction table.

New to the Gala this year was the addition of a live auction. This was co-hosted by two truly entertaining guys, Bill Littlefield of WBUR/NPR's *Only A Game*, and Ted Wayman, Host of the UPN38 *Morning Show*. Doug Stinson, a professional auctioneer who lives in Lincoln, did the official auctioneering. What a trio! The few and the brave battled it out for ten top-notch items including a vacation week in Puerto Vallarta; a custom poster signed by Michael Jordan; a private practice session with the Boston Celtics plus four courtside seats; and four nights at the exquisite Miraval Resort and Spa in Arizona.

The dinner and the auctions raised more than \$90,000, all of which will be used to support Lovelane's general operating budget and provide subsidies and tuition assistance for families not able to pay the full cost. As always, we offer our heartfelt thanks to the Gala Committee who orchestrated this year's event, to all those who donated their time and talent to make it truly special; all those who provided such great auction items; and all those who contributed so generously to make it such a successful fundraiser. Thank you.

Hearts for Heroes



Above left: Doug and Julie Macrae loaded up with some of their goodies.

Left: Guests bid at bedecked Silent Auction tables during the cocktail hour.

Above right: Lovelane volunteer Emily Lovering offers prize-drawing hearts to auction guests.

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Heroes Gala

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