



Celebrating 30 Years

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Therapeutic Horsemanship Center

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Dear Friend of Three Gaits,

As the end of 2013 rapidly approaches, we have an opportunity to reflect on the past year, and to say thank you to the people who have shared their time, talents and many resources with Three Gaits.

2013 was a milestone year for Three Gaits – we celebrated our 30th anniversary and had many opportunities to reflect on just how much Three Gaits has grown during those 30 years. Regardless of the changes, our riders remain the constant. Seeing their amazing accomplishments; first words spoken, steps taken, or even something as simple as a smile at the end of a ride. This is what drives us to continue.

Our equine partners are invaluable to this process. Beau, our steady friend who can always be counted on. Nora & Marcus, the faithful driving ponies who also work hard in therapeutic riding and hippotherapy sessions. Mercedes is the pony whose quiet, steady demeanor gives first time riders a great ride. Emma, the go to girl for just about everything...each of our horses has their own personality, their own specialties that they offer our riders.

2013 has also brought challenges to Three Gaits. Our barns require constant upkeep and repair. While hay is more plentiful than last year, prices haven't lowered to previous lows. Even though expenditures are closely monitored, the cost of operating Three Gaits continues to increase.

I'm writing to ask you for your help this winter. Every dollar counts. Please know that no contribution is too small or insignificant. We recently received a gift from a young child who requested donations be made to Three Gaits in lieu of her receiving her birthday gifts. Her gift was as touching as any we received throughout the year. A gift of \$4 feeds four horses their breakfast hay for a morning. A gift of \$30 covers the cost of de-worming a program horse for a year.

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YES, I would like to make a donation and support the work of Three Gaits.

Please accept my tax-deductible gift in the amount of: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I would like my donation to:

- be used where it's needed most.
- be used toward scholarships for riders who demonstrate need.
- be used toward the Three Gaits endowment fund at the Madison Community Foundation.
- be used to support: _____
- be made in honor/memory of: _____

If you would like an acknowledgement of your gift sent to another person, please provide their name and address:

(Note: Please complete both sides of this form)

Year after year we see an increase in requests for scholarships. A gift of \$300 provides a scholarship for one rider who demonstrates need to participate in 12 weeks of lessons. Gifts can be made as a one-time gift, or payments can be arranged as well. As always, we'll respect your requests and use your gift as you designate it.

I hope you take this opportunity to celebrate the many successes of the past 30 years at Three Gaits, and help to make more possible in the future. Please consider a gift today to support those smiles, steps and words made possible through activities at Three Gaits.

Sincerely,

Dena Duncan
Executive Director

p.s., To read more about Three Gaits, view our wish list, or to give online, please visit our website at www.3gaits.org and like us on Facebook at facebook.com/ThreeGaits. Thanks again for supporting Three Gaits.

Photos from the Three Gaits 30th Anniversary Celebration courtesy of www.ShortHorseStudios.com



Three Gaits Staff



Silent Auction



Country View Veterinary Service



Carriage Rides



Three Gaits Founder Gail Brown



Lottery Cork Pull

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- My **check** payable to Three Gaits, Inc. is enclosed.
 - Please charge my **credit card** in the amount of: \$ _____ :
Credit Card Number: _____
Expiration Date: _____
Signature: _____
 - I have made a secure donation **online** at www.3gaits.org using PayPal (you do not need a PayPal account)
 - My employer offers a matching gift program. Please contact me for further information.

All donations are tax deductible to the extent provided by law and will be used to support Three Gaits activities. You will receive an acknowledgement letter for your records. Thank you!

Please return this form to Three Gaits in the pre-addressed envelope or mail to:

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