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Dear Friends of CKRH,

We thank you so much for your continued support of Central Kentucky Riding for Hope in 2011. This year was marked by many milestones and accomplishments for our program which could not have been achieved without our friends, volunteers and supporters.

In March 2011, CKRH was evaluated by our international membership organization, PATH International, for continuance of our Premier Accreditation Status. Just as other professions use accreditation and licensing systems to improve the well-being of their industries, professionals in the field of equine-assisted activities and therapies have a distinction of their own through the Premier Accredited Center Program (PAC). The PAC Program gives centers the chance to demonstrate their excellence in providing quality equine-assisted therapeutic activities. CKRH passed this evaluation with a score of 100%, and our status was renewed for another five years.

CKRH is proud and humbled that construction on our new facility has come to a close. The Community Development Block Grant received in 2010 enabled us to stretch our financial resources and bring the building phase to a close. We've only recently completed the moving process in its entirety and already we are growing. Whoever said, "Build it and they will come" had that right! For those of us who remember services in our inspiring black tobacco barn, this is quite a change. Our numbers of 60+ participants a session has grown to 120+ a week.

Programming has expanded with impressive community partnerships: Hospice of the Bluegrass Bereavement, Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital, Veteran's Medical Hospital, Fayette County Public Schools, Woodford County Public Schools, Neuro-Restorative, Markey Cancer Center, Rape Crisis Center of the Bluegrass, etc. The participants at CKRH are what this program is all about. The special brand of magic that happens with a team comprised of therapists, instructors, volunteers and our equine therapists is truly unique.

As always, the single sign of progress in one participant is what drives this program. It could be from a veteran who finally left his house for the first time in years, from a small child who sat upright for the first time ever on a horse, or from another non-verbal child who volunteered an "I love you" to her horse. Imagine the possibilities that can happen after these huge initial steps.

In closing, I thank all of you for the generous support over the years that have allowed us to work with such inspiring people and build this wonderful facility. However, the work goes on...and we need your support to continue it. Please note that **100%** of our Board of Directors and staff give to the Annual Fund each year. We hope you will consider joining us so that we can continue the journey. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Walter E. Palmer
President – Board of Directors



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