

CHAPS Equine Assisted Therapy  
PMB 201 1842 Sugarland Dr., Ste. 108  
Sheridan, WY 82801

To:

Join the CHAPS Power of 500  
to support  
CHAPS Equine Assisted Therapy

***Your generous, tax-deductible gift will  
help CHAPS in so many ways by  
directly and positively impacting the  
life of our clients. . .***

- Sponsorships for clients so that no person is denied the opportunity to participate. because of financial difficulties.
- Providing a safe, appropriate facility for equine assisted activities and therapeutic riding for people with special needs.
- Care for our equine staff – stall bedding, grain, supplements, veterinary care.
- Equipment and adaptive tack for clients with physical challenges.
- Expansion of programs: interactive vaulting, equine facilitate mental health, hippotherapy, CHAPS Horses for Heroes veterans program, CHAPS Horses 4 Heroes Kids for children of deployed soldiers, work therapy program (developing employment skills) and more.
- Continuing education for staff and volunteers to assure the highest quality service for our clients.

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*Would you like to help provide  
a life changing experience  
for a member of our community  
with special needs?*



*Have you ever experienced the  
power of the horse to change lives?*



Join the CHAPS Power of 500  
to provide possibilities for  
exceptional equestrians in  
Sheridan and Johnson Counties.



**CHAPS**

**Children, Horses and Adults in PartnerShip**  
CHAPS Equine Assisted Therapy  
307-673-6161

## About the CHAPS Power of 500...

CHAPS recognizes that there is power in numbers – and that in today's world, many people would like to offer support but are intimidated by requests for large donations. The CHAPS Power of 500 is designed to make it comfortable to support Equine Assisted Activities and Therapeutic Riding in our community with two donations of \$100.00 each, or a one-time donation of \$200.00 per year for five years. If at any time a donor finds that their financial situation has changed, it is within their rights to suspend or cancel their membership, just by contacting CHAPS.

Our goal: by December 2012, to have 500 members contributing regularly.

What benefits can CHAPS Power of 500 members receive? In addition to knowing that you are supporting a program that values your contribution by dedicating finding to direct client services, each person who pledges will receive:

- A CHAPS Power of 500 baseball cap
- Personal tour of CHAPS and an invitation to one of our "Breakfast at the Barn," educational and fun get-togethers for Friends of CHAPS.
- Additional \$20.00 in "Pony Bucks" to use for wagering at the 2010 Nite at the Races, the annual fundraiser and the place you will want to be on Kentucky Derby Day.
- Each member will be listed on a plaque posted at CHAPS.

CHAPS is dedicated to continuing to provide life-changing experiences for members of our community – with your help. Would your business or organization like to know more about CHAPS and the CHAPS Power of 500? Please contact the Board of Directors for more information, 307-673.6161 or email, [chaps@fiberpipe.net](mailto:chaps@fiberpipe.net).

Please consider a visit to our facility for a tour, or have a CHAPS representative to come to your business or organization to make a presentation.

## About CHAPS

CHAPS stands for Children, Horses and Adults in PartnerShip and is a 501(c)(3) charity that serves people with special needs in Sheridan and Johnson Counties. Our program has provided Equine Assisted Activities and Therapeutic Riding (EAAT) since 2005.

Our programs include:

- Therapeutic Riding:** A traditional riding lesson in English or Western style riding and basic horsemanship skills with lesson plans designed to address various issues that each individual is working on with their therapists, educators or case workers. Therapeutic riding suits a wide range of special needs by offering an opportunity to improve social skills, physical fitness, self esteem and cognitive thought process.
- Equine Assisted Activities:** For participants who – for a variety of reasons – cannot ride: bonding with an equine partner by grooming, leading, feeding and other non-mounted activities that are designed to increase levels of confidence and self-discovery.
- Interactive Vaulting:** A group activity proven to strengthen social and teamwork skills, balance, confidence, and appropriate risk-taking.
- CHAPS Horses 4 Heroes:** Serving Veterans with Therapeutic Riding and Equine Assisted Activities, a partnership with the Sheridan Veterans Affairs Medical Center.
- CHAPS Horses 4 Heroes Kids** A partnership with the Sheridan Family Readiness Group, serving children of deployed military personnel in our community.
- Competition:** Special Olympics, local horse shows and rodeos.

We serve clients presenting with a variety of diagnoses, including but not limited to:

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| ◆ Aspergers Syndrome   | ◆ Multiple Sclerosis                  |
| ◆ Autism               | ◆ Post Traumatic Stress Disorder      |
| ◆ Behavioral disorders | ◆ Quadriplegia, paraplegia, paralysis |
| ◆ Cerebral Palsy       | ◆ Traumatic Brain Injury              |
| ◆ Developmental Delay  |                                       |
| ◆ Down Syndrome        |                                       |

Therapy instructors at CHAPS are required to be certified by the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA) and have Bachelor level degrees from accredited colleges or universities in equine studies, health services, education or other related areas of study. They must complete 20 hours of continuing education yearly. Volunteers receive extensive training and continuing education as well.

The equine staff is carefully screened during a 90-day trial period to determine their suitability for work in the program. Once accepted into the program, they receive continuous training to assure the highest level of safety and provide an appropriately challenging experience for our participants.

CHAPS is located on a 400-acre working ranch with a 6-stall barn, indoor and outdoor arenas, with trails and fields to ride in.

**Please detach and mail to CHAPS at PMB 201 – 1842 Sugarland Dr., Ste. 108 • Sheridan, WY 82801**

**THANK YOU for your support!**

I would like to join the CHAPS Power 500. I understand that this is a 5-year commitment but under special circumstances I may cancel or suspend my membership. By returning this card I am pledging to contribute \$200 per year in  one donation or  in two installments.

I would like to make my contribution by:  US Postal Service  Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (date/month) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_