

HorseTales Get First Graders Ready to Read



Denise Roberts has been teaching for 33 years and has been a first grade teacher all six years. Turning Point has offered the **HorseTales Literacy** program at a Title 1 school, Highland Park Elementary.

In her words:

"The greatest thing I see from this project is the incentive that it gives children to read. The books are excellent. They are on a first grade level, but they are lengthy and tell a detailed story. All of the children enjoy the books, but my struggling readers especially enjoy them. They work very hard practicing their reading so they can read to the horses. Every one can feel success because reading these books is an achievable goal."

Baxter helped pass out books about a Little Black Pony to 94 first graders last month. They will read to horses on April 20.



OPEN HOUSE BARN
 Tuesday **May 1** 6 to 8 385 S Country Club Rd

You're invited to CELEBRATE the riders and horses enjoying **Turning Point's** new home and **Premier Accreditation.**

Enjoy a Cookout, Tours and News about Therapeutic Horsemanship.



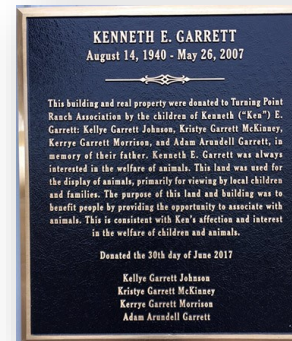
Charlee says:
"You have to see it to believe it!!"



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RIDERS Thrive with New Home & Horses



Jaylee on Batman



Dalani on Cherokee



Gage on Doc

Turning Point **Riders** and **Horses** are finally back in the arena and the barn at our new home on Country Club Road. The Rotary Sensory Trail is a big hit—challenging riders to reach for mailboxes, xylophones and bells on horseback. Now, building core strength and balance is just plain fun! And on days when it's wet and cold outdoors, students practice using body language to move their horses inside the barn.

Emphasizing Independence

Students are also building riding skills. Executive Director Rachel Royston says "We emphasize independence and believe fully seventy percent of our riders will be able to ride patterns without support by the end of the Spring semester." Parents are invited to see the progress the first week in May during the annual Parents' Days sessions.

PATH Premier Accreditation Renewed

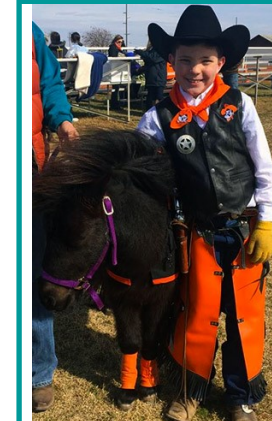


Rachel, Kenzie and Losco demonstrate the safety stirrups, maintenance policies, forms, and horse selection checklists used at Turning Point to meet PATH Standards.

Turning Point Executive Director **Rachel Royston** and Center Representative **Kenzie Oefelein** met with PATH Site Evaluators **Mary Gwinner** and **Tracy McCarty** for a six hour review on March 20th.

The evaluators walked the entire new facility, watched a session and reviewed a 4-inch thick book of policies before renewing Turning Point's Premier status— one of two in the state,

Where Is Baxter



Baxter met a Pistol Pete just his size at an OSU Equestrian meet.

TPR Leadership & Service

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New Board Members

L to R: Thresa Green, Vickie Logan, Jodi Weiberg



LOSCO HUNTER is Facility Coordinator for our new location. He works on everything from moving hay to building the Cowboy Carwash on the Sensory Trail to mowing pastures. We couldn't do it without him.



MORGAN BARNES is an academic intern this semester. She works with sessions, fundraisers, volunteer events and even wood-grained metal doors in the office and classroom.



RACHEL ROYSTON is now the Executive Director. She will add Program Expansion and Fundraising/Grant Development duties to her overall management of Turning Point.

The BIG Difference



Emi is very tiny and **Derby** seemed very big on her first day at Turning Point. His gentle welcome is just one reason he passed his trial horse tests with flying colors and is now a permanent part of the Turning Point herd.

One Dad's Perspective on Turning Point

Delani began riding this Spring and is already able to lead Cherokee to the arena and ride the Sensory Trail without a horse leader. Her dad, Brad, is amazed to watch his little girl control a 1200 pound horse:

"Riding has done wonders for her confidence and has reduced her anxiety now that she realizes she CAN succeed."

She always looks forward to the next lesson and is now eager to try new things.

Horses are all she talks about now."

Brad Watkins



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Turning Point's new bathroom not only meets **ADA standards**, it offers a hand shower for riders who need an extensive cleanup while onsite.

Life With a Little Help from our Friends...

The Ken Garrett Family Trust
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150 Kappa Alpha Theta's packed into the barn on a chilly Sunday to complete 20 jobs including cleaning fences, loading over 6 tons of trash into a dumpster and painting our logo in the volunteer lounge. The massive cleanup was the final touch before the PATH accreditation site visit.



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Dreams are Riding on Your Support



In order to keep rider fees affordable and offer scholarships for families of children with disabilities, **Turning Point** must double every dollar earned in tuition. We could use your help.

Become a Turning Point Partner

A small **MONTHLY** gift can make a **BIG** difference:

- HorseTales Literacy Books**
\$10 buys books for one first grader at a Title One school to participate in HorseTales Literacy. We need books for 90 children.
- Portfolios for the Future**
\$20 pays for students to participate in a job skills program so they are ready to live and work as adults.
- This Ride's on Me**
\$25 pays for a riding session for one child. There are 10 to 12 sessions each semester.
- Hay! I LOVE Horses**
\$30 a month buys feed and supplements for one horse. There are 11 in the Turning Point herd.

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