

Fall 2018

A PATH Premier Accredited Therapeutic Riding Center

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## Special Olympic Riders Capture Silver & Gold



2018 Riders include: (l to r) **Matt, Randi, Olive, Luke, Emily, Kody, Lane, & Rylee**. Coaches are **Rachel Royston and Kenzie Oefelein** with volunteers Tyler, Karen, Shelby, Becca, Katya, Samantha And Lisa.

*Every Turning Point rider medaled in Working Trail this year.: 4 Golds, 2 Silvers and 2 Bronze. All but three rode independently at the Walk/Trot.*

**Wild rags flying**, Turning Point riders competed in Barrels, Poles and Working Trail at Special Olympics Nov 3 at the Totusek Arena at OSU.

We had a great cheering section thanks to all the parents who were able to watch their riders.

And hats off to Cash, Cherokee, Chiquita and Dude, the horses who did us proud.



*"Watching our son ride at Special Olympics was such a joyous experience!"*

*To see his confidence grow and carry over into other areas of his life has been life-changing for our family"*

*Lane's Parents  
Shannon & Amy*



# Garrett Family Sees Gift Build Futures



Kellye Johnson, Kristy McInney, Kerry Morrison and Adam Garrett donated their late father's ranch to Turning Point to honor his life.

In the 18 months since Ken Garrett's barn and 22 acres became the permanent home of Turning Point Ranch, a lot has changed!

A classroom, office and equine education area now occupy places Garrett family gatherings used to happen.

A bronze marker honors the family and their life-changing gift. Inside, a large picture of Ken Garrett and his pet rooster Roho overlooks all of the daily activities in the barn.



Even **Derby** managed to get in a few "Thank You's" during the Garrett's tour on Nov 7.

"Our dad loved animals and I think he would be happy to see the place he enjoyed so much finding a new life helping people with challenges.

We could certainly feel the passion the folks at Turning Point have for their work "

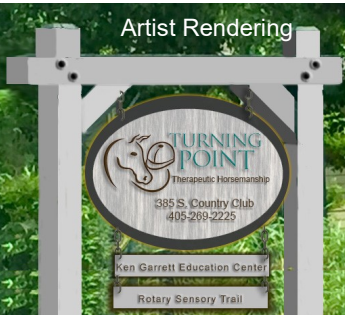
*Kellye Johnson*

Executive Director Rachel Royston said, "Getting to show them how the barn has come alive as a therapeutic riding center was the best Thank You!"

## First Methodist Funds a Firm Foundation



We had to dig out the gravel footing outside the barn. It wasn't working for riders with mobility issues still determined to lead their horses to the arena independently. Ruts from turning buses and trucks were making it worse until a grant from First United Methodist allowed us to pave this critical teaching area. A gift of independence is PRICELESS to Horses Building Futures!



### "Hay" Grace, Thanks!

Stillwater High School student **Claire Grace** brought a check from her "**Show Compassion Foundation**" that will buy a month of hay this winter!

She held a concert to raise money for programs like ours that build futures for folks who are "differently abled."



### Who Are You?

We know it's important to have signage on Country Club Road that tells what we do. This is our dream. We are trying to raise \$3,000!



### Watchin' Large!

Future movie nights and conferences will be awesome thanks to the gift of a retracting screen and projector from:

**ford**  **AV**  
Helping People Communicate!



## "Ridin' Shotgun" Clayshoot Supports Horses & Riders

Seventeen teams competed in the annual Clayshoot to fund Turning Point at the Fairgrounds.

### Q: What was new in 2018?

A: Thirteen OSU Coaches sponsored First Responder Teams competing for a traveling trophy

### Q: Why a Clayshoot?

A: Turning Point relies on donations, grants and fundraisers to keep sessions affordable for our rider's families.

Photos by Larry Green



The Winning Coaches Challenge First Responder Team was the Highway Patrol with a team total of 156. They were sponsored by Soccer Coaches Colin Carmichael & Karen Hancock and Tennis Coaches Jay Udwadia and Chris Young.



**Bison Drilling** was the overall High Point Team with a 163 powered by the Individual Top Score of 41 by **Jeff Franklin**.

## Event Sponsors:

**Young Investments**

**Pickens Auctions**

**Exchange Bank**

**Dr Corbi Smithton**

**Wentworth Operating Co**

**Robert Maddox**

**Anonymous**

### Food & Prizes:

**Have Wagon Will Travel**

**RedRock Bakery**

**Academy**



### **Baxter Does Stillwater:**

- **Homecoming**
- **Wondertorium**
- **Cowboy Radio**



## Coaches Challenge:

**Men's & Women's Basketball**

**Coaches Boynton & Littell**

**Stillwater Police Department**

**Baseball & Softball**

**Coaches Holiday & Gajewski**

**Stillwater Fire Department**

**Men's & Women's Tennis & Soccer**

**Coaches Udwadia, Young,**

**Carmichael & Hancock**

**Oklahoma Highway Patrol**

**Men's & Women's Track & CC**

**Coaches Smith, Pukstiene, Langley**

**LifeNet EMS**

**Men's & Women's Golf**

**Coaches Bratton & Young**

**OSU Police Department**





## OK Americorps Grant Supports Kenzie & Volunteer Management

Kenzie Oefelein arrived as a volunteer in 2009, served 3 years as Herd Manager and became a PATH registered Instructor in 2013.



September 1, 2018 she was named Volunteer Coordinator to train and manage 130 weekly volunteers and up to 200 volunteers who come to do special projects. Turning Point won an AmeriCorps Oklahoma in Action grant to cover the salary for this critical job. Kenzie works tirelessly to make volunteering safe, fun and rewarding.

## Volunteers Put Hearts into Turning Point

"I watch rider's faces light up when they spot their special volunteer. Each volunteer puts ideas and encouragement towards rider progress.

Those hours of caring change lives and offer more than \$100,000 value to Turning Point each year."

*Kenzie Oefelein*

*Volunteer Coordinator*



*The Perkins & Heritage 4-H Clubs cleaned tack before Special Olympics—the secret behind the medals.*



*Jay Dee Richards comes every Monday to groom George and oil tack.*



*Every week volunteers mentor riders, lead horses, feed the herd and serve on the schooling team.*

Email Kenzie: [volunteer@turningpointriding.org](mailto:volunteer@turningpointriding.org) to find a spot.

# #GIVING TUESDAY

## A Day to JOIN the TEAM NOVEMBER 27, 2018

After shopping Black Friday and Cyber Monday, consider this: On **Giving Tuesday** you can **Build Futures**. **Turning Point** hopes to **BUILD A TEAM** of recurring givers. We have a Donor Match for \$5000 and are eligible for both Facebook and PayPal matches. Even **\$10** a month buys a bag of feed, one set of Literacy books or one rider scholarship. Please **JOIN THE TEAM**.

*"I can't write a giant check but I know even a small amount makes a difference when it's there every month"* *Stephanie*



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