

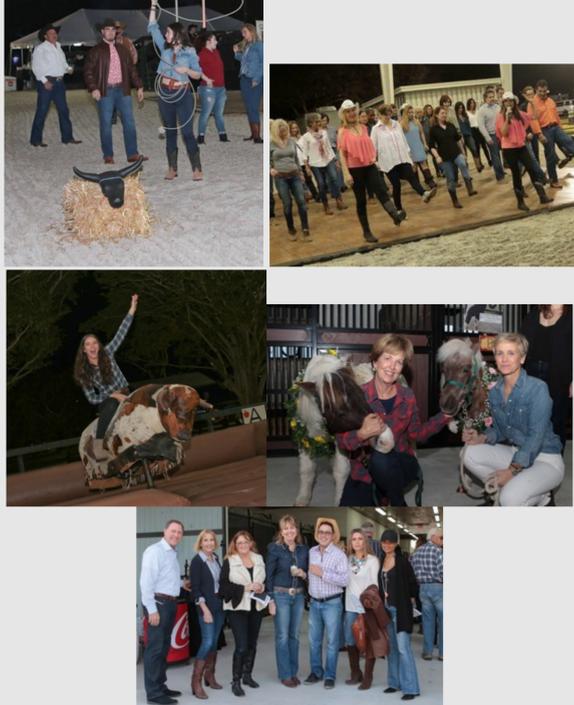
Seen and Herd Newsletter  
April 2018



Whispering Manes  
Therapeutic Riding Center  
Building Abilities. Empowering Lives.

# Blue Jeans & Boots

Inaugural Celebration

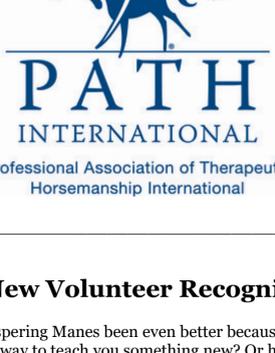


Blue Jeans & Boots was the inaugural celebration of Whispering Manes and a great way to ring in the New Year! Over 230 people joined us at Whispering Manes for a fun-filled evening of line dancing, bull riding, and steer roping (with a plastic steer head). Sunny and Chloe, our beloved miniature horses, got dressed up too and were very cooperative selfie-partners for all who wanted their photos with them. Special thank yous to **Daphne Plug Photography** for capturing the evening with beautiful photos, and to **Southside Stampede** for making the line dancing instruction something we could all try.



## PATH International Premier Accreditation

We are pleased to announce that Whispering Manes Therapeutic Riding Center is now a PATH International Premier Accredited Center. Accreditation is a voluntary process that recognizes PATH International Centers that have met established industry standards.



## Introducing New Volunteer Recognition Program

Has your experience at Whispering Manes been even better because of a special volunteer? Has someone gone out of their way to teach you something new? Or have they made your child's lesson extra special?

Each quarter we will recognize an outstanding volunteer in our newsletter. We are accepting nominations from parents, families, riders, volunteers, and staff members. If you've been touched by a special volunteer, please see a staff member and complete a brief nomination form.

Who will be the first? Check back in the next newsletter...



## In The Spotlight- Honey

Many of you know Honey. She is a rock star in the Whispering Manes herd. Honey joined the family in January 2012 after being discovered at a small rescue in Miramar. Honey was in the very first class taught at Whispering Manes and has continued to be our go-to horse ever since. Honey is gentle with the little kids, smart enough to learn that the motorized lift system to transfer people from wheelchairs to a saddle isn't a monster trying to eat her, and she is patient and kind with all. To help celebrate Whispering Manes' sixth anniversary, we decided the little quarter horse with the unassuming personality should be the spotlight of this newsletter. If you don't know Honey, stop by and say hi, she's a special girl.



## WANT BE A MORE PEACEFUL PARENT?

We are very excited to welcome Pat Donovan, M.S. Ed, Life Coach and parent of a child with special needs, to Whispering Manes. Pat will be leading a workshop called "A Map to Peaceful Parenting: a workshop series for parents (and other caregivers) of kids with special needs". Pat is currently a volunteer at Whispering Manes and her son is now riding with us. Pat is also a blogger and began blogging about her experiences with her son at Whispering Manes. Check out her blog at <https://breathemom.com/?p=617>, and if you have some time, please join Pat at Whispering Manes for one or all of her workshops. The Peaceful Parenting flyer is attached below.

**A Map to Peaceful Parenting: workshop series for parents (and other caregivers) of kids with special needs**

Date: Every other Tuesday—April 3rd, 17th, May 1st, 15th and 29th  
Time: 10:00-11:00 a.m.  
Hosted by: [Whispering Manes Therapeutic Riding Center](#)

6105 SW 125th Avenue  
Miami, FL 33183  
Cost: \$20/session or all 5 for \$75 (\$15/session)  
Please call to pre-register: 305-298-8026

Come learn easy, hands on strategies that will help you become a more peaceful parent. Sessions will be led by Pat Donovan, M.S. Ed, Life Coach and parent of a child with special needs.  
Contact Erin Bauer, Executive Director of Whispering Manes at [ebauer@whisperingmanes.org](mailto:ebauer@whisperingmanes.org) with any questions.

Join Pat as she leads insightful discussions on these topics:

- April 3rd- Learning to use your compass: breath, body awareness and being in the present moment.
- April 17th- Planning your route: setting positive intentions and committing to the journey.
- May 1st- Navigating your emotions: anger, sadness, fear and joy - how they all help us get where we're going.
- May 15th- Exploring new territory: what lights you up and how to include it in your life.
- May 29th- Celebrate your arrival: using gratitude and other practices to help you be a peaceful parent.

Pat Donovan, M.S.Ed, worked as an educator and administrator in early childhood and special education for over 25 years at the University of Miami, Mallman Center and Debbie School. She is a certified Martha Beck Life Coach and the mother of a child with special needs. She provides group and private life coaching sessions, and specializes in helping moms of kids with special needs reclaim their lives and rediscover their joy!

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## GRANTS FOR VETERANS SERVICES

We are extremely proud to announce that we have been granted funds from the Veterans Administration and Wounded Warrior Project through PATH International to extend even more scholarships to veterans during this spring and summer.

## GIVE SOMEONE THE GIFT OF RIDING

Silver Palm Feed has very generously donated a package of **10 group therapeutic riding lessons** to be raffled at the Ride For The Roses Student Horse Show. If you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket for a family member or a friend with a special need who might like to give therapeutic horseback riding a try, you can purchase your tickets here, <https://www.whisperingmanes.org/rfrtr2018/rfrtr2018affle/>. The raffle winner will be announced at the horse show. You do not need to be present to win.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Ride For The Roses 6th Annual Student Horse Show Presented by Hialeah Park Racing & Casino May 5th, 2018 10 AM- 1 PM**  
We are excited to host the Ride for the Roses Student Horse Show for the 6th year. We've come a long way since the first show. Come out and see how much the riders have learned!

**Summer Camp** is just around the corner! Whispering Manes will have camp the weeks of **June 11, June 18, and June 25**. Space is limited so sign up soon. For more information, contact Robin at [rbramson@whisperingmanes.org](mailto:rbramson@whisperingmanes.org).

**Blue Jeans & Boots, Saturday, March 2, 2019**  
Had an awesome time riding the bull or line dancing? More fun than a black tie formal? Or, couldn't make it in 2018?  
Make sure you save the date for next year!

Calling all volunteers!  
Are you, or do you know anyone who is interested volunteering in classes or around the barn? Be a friend, share our contact information!

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