



December 2021



## Staying Strong - Fulfilling Our Mission – Thanking You!

We are forever grateful to all who have supported us this past year: donating much needed funds, in-kind donations, sponsored participants, supported our fund-raisers and events, volunteered your time. 2021 has brought growth and strengthening to CTREE's core staff and herd. We are committed to providing superior equine-assisted services and therapeutic riding to our east end communities.

[Read](#) how beach mats enabled this picture to happen and more 2021 CTREE stories in our Annual Appeal!

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## NYC Theatre Group Visits CTREE



The Epic Players, a neuro-inclusive theatre troupe, visited CTREE in November. After their first visit in 2019, the group was "ecstatic" and talked of nothing else for weeks. Everyone was eager to make the bus trip from Brooklyn to see and touch their four-legged friends. Epic Players artistic director, Aubrie Therrien, said that having such a unique destination for a group whose social opportunities are limited is so important to their lives. "The staff was kind, patient and most importantly happy to have us."

Need a great holiday gift idea?

## CTREE Candle

Apples, Green Leaves, Bourbon



100% Soy exclusively blended for  
CTREE by Hamptons Handpoured  
All proceeds benefit CTREE  
\$40 each

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## Adopt-a-Horse

A horse adoption makes a great holiday gift! Each adoption comes with a plaque bearing the recipient's name and will be placed on the adopted horse's stall. The recipient will receive updates regarding their horse throughout the year as well as scheduled time to visit their new friend!

[Adopt a Horse](#)

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## CTREE HOLIDAY WISHLIST



We routinely need supplies and equipment to care for our horse and maintain our barn. Please consider purchasing something on our wish list.

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## CENTER AISLE SPOTLIGHT

### *Emma Shilowich*

If you come to CTREE during the week or on a Saturday or one day during summer camp, or attend one of our



fundraisers, you are bound to meet super CTREE volunteer Emma. She is the kind of reliable volunteer who helps anchor our program and makes it all possible. Emma is pediatric occupational therapist. Her first fieldwork rotation at OT school was at a therapeutic riding center where she saw how much the horses brought out in the children. “Although not a horse person, I love watching kids (and

adults) with special needs have the opportunity to participate in a fun activity outside of all their regular therapies.”

### Be Part of the Magic, Become a Volunteer!

If you are interested in joining the CTREE volunteer team please contact us at [info@ctreeny.org](mailto:info@ctreeny.org) or 631.779.2835

## WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

With considerable gratitude, CTREE would like to acknowledge all the time and effort given by the outgoing members of our Board of Directors: Becky Gaynor, Dick Malone and Jill Carney. We greatly appreciate your service! With that, we welcome three new board members.



David Michael is the founder and managing member of Physicians Financial, LLC, a medical and dental insurance service. David lives in Sands Point and Southampton, with his wife, Valerie and sons Aaron and Jacob.



Jesse Stiles rode as a high school student in Connecticut, where she found great satisfaction offering her services to a therapeutic riding program. After attending Boston University, she moved to the east end in 2009 to work for Ralph Lauren and has worked for them for 15 years. After a brief stint in Malibu, she is happy to be back on the East End and part of CTREE once again!

Isabel Adolf, was a 13-year-old rider at Wolffer Estates Stables, when she



became aware of our program and decided to volunteer. She is currently a senior at GW University and founded Atlas Equine, LLC a company dedicated to the development of horses. She splits her time between school, Wellington and Sagaponack.

## Recent Events

### Champions for Charity

Our most elegant thank you to Americana Manhasset and Champions for Charity for choosing CTREE as a charity again this year! And especially to everyone who did their holiday shopping and helped the cause at the same time.

### CTREE Friends & Family Dinner

The annual Friends and Family Dinner was an extraordinary success! Held on a beautiful November night at the amazing Tutto il Giorno restaurant, the Prosecco flowed and the exquisitely flavorsome food had everyone staying late and enjoying the ambiance. A huge thank you to Gabby and Gianpaolo de Felice, and our sponsors who made this evening in Sag Harbor possible!

## Calendar



**Annual Appeal 2021/22:** December 2021- November 2022

**Winter Lessons:** January 18th - March 5th



## Mose Knows...

Ahhh, I see we have a new horse in our midst. The new addition, is a mare (horse talk for girl, by the way) named Gypsy Honey Queen (I just call her Gypsy - well maybe Gypsy Honey). She is a pretty paint

quarter horse who is quite nice and smart. Gypsy is in the paddock across the way from me, so I have all day to tell her about the ins and outs of what we do at CTREE. I hope she likes it here as much as us "boys" do!

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