

I SAW A CHILD

by John Anthony Davies

I saw a child who couldn't walk,
Sit on a horse, laugh and talk,
Then ride it through a field of daisies
And yet he could not walk unaided.
I saw a child no legs below,
Sit on a horse, and make it go
through wood of green
and places he had never been
to sit and stare, except from a chair.
I saw a child who could only crawl
Mount a horse and sit up tall
Put it through degrees of paces,
and laugh at the wonder in our faces.
I saw a child born into strife,
Take up and hold the reins of life
and that same child was heard to say,
Thank God for showing me the way.

*"There is nothing better for the inside
of a person than the outside of a horse."*

– Will Rogers



WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN



physical
development



sensory experience



emotional connection



spiritual
awareness



North American Riding for the
Handicapped Association (NARHA) Center.



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Helping People Get on TRAK

Therapeutic Riding Academy of Knoxville



MISSION

Our mission at TRAK is to provide those with a wide range of disabilities a “whole” treatment of mind, body, and soul through physical, occupational, nutritional, and speech-language therapies provided with therapeutic horseback riding. All therapies and counseling will be provided in an atmosphere with an underlying Christian influence where God can be recognized as our ultimate physician. We are here to fill the commission given to share the good news of the gospel and to heal the sick.

SERVICES

TRAK serves individuals age two through adult and accepts referrals from physicians and other healthcare providers.

We serve those with:

- Speech-language disorders
- Developmental Delays
- Sensory-motor and Neurological disorders
- Head/brain trauma injuries
- Attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder
- Down syndrome
- Autism and Asperger’s Syndrome

We Utilize:

- Therapeutic Horseback Riding
- Hippotherapy
- Speech-language Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Nutritional Counseling
- Horseback riding lessons
- Peer Interaction

We Believe:

- In creating a loving environment
- In treating the whole person
- That riding provides numerous physical, psychological and emotional benefits

FOUNDER/DIRECTOR



Stacie A. Hirsch, MA, CCC-SLP, holds a Masters Degree in Speech-Language Pathology with professional experience since 1995, horse experience beginning in 1979, and is a NARHA Instructor. She is passionate about children and horses and the proud mother of a son and daughter.

VOLUNTEER

TRAK continues to grow and serve because of the individuals and organizations that share their time, money, and talents. Contact us to:

- Volunteer
- Sponsor a student or horse
- Refer a Student

FUNDING

Please remember that TRAK is a chartered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible. Our operational budget comes primarily through donations of:

- Money
- Time
- Materials

FEES

Fees are determined by disability. Some private insurance companies do provide assistance for therapy and scholarships are available.

TESTIMONIALS

“His whole demeanor has changed since coming to TRAK. The way he carries himself, the way he walks, the way he stands, his upper body strength, and his confidence level has improved.”



He says more words in an hour on the horse than he says all week. We saw more improvement since coming to TRAK for a couple of months than in 6-8 months of traditional therapy.”

– Heather Ritchie

“We’ve had both behavioral and physical needs changes come about more quickly through the horse therapy than traditional therapies. His ability to focus and concentrate during a session shows that more is being accomplished.”

– Michelle Ward

