

By now you have heard from most of our staff through the newsletter but I thought I would let you know how busy our staff has been doing during these past months!

Susan (Development Director) has been working mostly remotely leading our fundraising efforts including e-appeals, our Annual Fund appeal and planning for virtual events in the fall! Susan and Nick also worked really hard on building a new website that went live in June. Check it out at ridingtothetop.org. We're really proud of their work!!

Kate (Program Director) has been hard at work with scheduling for our Phase III clients, helping with Zoom meetings for volunteer trainings and keeping our herd fit. Now that we've begun Phase III, Kate is also teaching on the days that she is at the farm. She continues to work from home one day/week.

Kristin (Equine Manager) has been working three partial days/week at the farm and along with additional remote hours. She's teaching on Tuesdays and Thursday evening, and working hard with our Volunteer Schooling team members on our horses' fitness.

Lorena joined us at the end of June as our Interim Office Manager and continues to keep the front office running smoothly – paying bills and receiving payments and donations, along with updating information in our data base.

Denise (Equine Care and Facilities Coordinator), Julia and Savannah (Barn Assistants), have been caring steadfastly for our horses with the help of our barn volunteers. Denise has ensured that all of the horses' needs have been met without interruption!

Nick (Volunteer Coordinator) has been working on scheduling a limited number of volunteers for our Phase III re-opening and is now working on developing new volunteer duties outside of lessons for volunteers interested in returning to the farm. As mentioned above, Nick and Susan rebuilt our website during the spring and in June, Nick was also helping out with on technology issues as we changed our cloud based server.

Marissa (Instructor) has been our Newsletter editor and producer. She has been largely responsible for creating many of the videos and pulling everything together for each of our newsletters. Marissa is also teaching on Mondays and Fridays.

Cynde and Sara G. (Instructors) have been working with horses and are both back to teaching one day a week each.

Thank you to all of these individuals for their work as members of a great team. Their support has allowed me to be thinking about the many implications that COVID-19 has for our clients, volunteers and staff; along with being proactive with applying for PPP funds, an Economic Injury Disaster Loan and working with our Board to ensure the health of RTT for the long term.

Sarah
Executive Director