



# 2017

# ANNUAL REPORT

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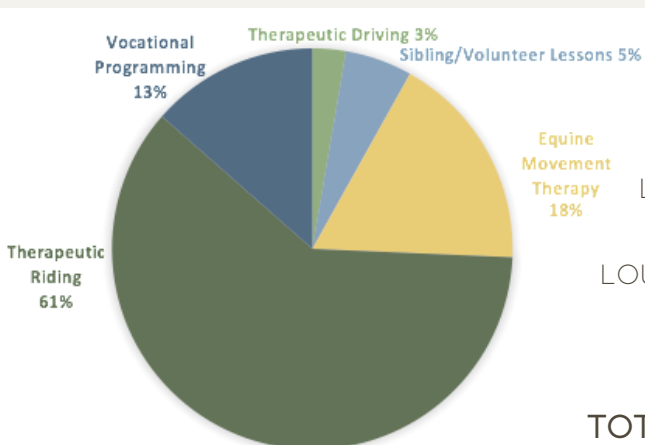
\*At year-end

Thank you for your support of Sprout in 2017! Throughout the year, our bustling barn vibrantly demonstrated Sprout's vision of changing lives through partnerships with horses. As we continued to grow in community service and outreach, we also sought to deepen our financial and professional sustainability by saving six months of contingency funds while adding health benefits for our full-time staff. A generous donation afforded us the ability to add a climate controlled training/therapy room and up-stairs office space to our facility. Continuing our commitment to accessible services, Sprout provided \$18,000 in scholarships (above subsidized costs) to families with financial need and provided over 200 hours of service to Loudoun County Public Schools at no cost. In an effort to improve access to program information, awareness, branding and communication we produced a new and improved website! Check it out at [www.sproutcenter.org](http://www.sproutcenter.org)!



## Service

"For Josie, Sprout feels like a home away from home. After spending hundreds of clinical hours in a hospital setting (at INOVA Loudoun rehab) this is a welcomed feeling".



125	45
WEEKLY STUDENTS	PROGRAM WEEKS
40 INCLUSION CAMPERS	
LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	
LOUDOUN COUNTY PARKS AND REC	
LOUDOUN JUVENILE COURT SERVICE UNIT	
ARC OF LOUDOUN - STEP UP	
ALL AGES READ TOGETHER	
TOTALING 3,872 HOURS OF SERVICE	



## Diagnoses Served

ADD/ADHD  
Anxiety  
Arthritis  
Asperger's Syndrome  
Autism  
Cancer  
Cerebral Palsy  
Cri Du Chat Syndrome  
Dementia  
Developmental Delay  
Down Syndrome Encephalopathy  
Epilepsy  
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome  
Hearing Impairment  
Hemiparesis  
Hypotonia  
Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy  
Klippel-Feil Syndrome  
Marie Tooth Disease  
Microencephaly  
Oppositional Defiant Disorder  
Paraplegia  
PTSD  
Rhett Syndrome  
Segmental Spinal Dysgenesis  
Seizure Disorder  
Sensory Integration Disorder  
Socialized Conduct Disorder  
Spinal Muscular Atrophy  
Stroke  
Traumatic Brain Injury

## Student Spotlight

Sprout continued to meet the diverse needs of its clients through therapeutic riding, therapeutic carriage driving, equine movement therapy and equine assisted learning. Sprout worked to build community amongst participants, volunteers and the community at-large through Spring and Fall Horse Shows, an Inspiring Riders lecture series, the Preakness Prance race and stall-to-stall holiday caroling. We added a second week on to our well-loved Inclusion Camp, which was filled in record time. Our students were encouraged to join with volunteers in service through our weekly CARROTS vocational skill building group.



"My son, Paxton, was born with numerous life threatening medical conditions. Even though many of his doctors didn't think he would live to see his first birthday and ALL prepared me that he wouldn't make it to his fifth, my brave, little warrior has continued to beat the odds. As Paxton is about to turn eight next month, I have so much to be grateful for, especially those individuals who have helped him to get to where he is today. I can honestly say that the people at Sprout would be at the top of that list. The people at Sprout are part of the few individuals who see past my son's disabilities. They see the things he CAN do, not the things he can't. They understand that the little victories are actually the BIG ones...and the ones that really matter. They help you to believe in something bigger, they give you hope, and they inspire those around them everyday. The beauty of it is that at the core of it all is LOVE. It is through this love that they make the impossible possible. Sprout has a way of reminding you what the important things are in life and forces you to appreciate the small stuff...and if you ask me, that's the good stuff!!"

**Dr. Susanne Padilla, Paxton's Mom**

## Volunteers of the Year

Adult Volunteer:  
**Lynn Bronson**

Young Adult Volunteer:  
**Amanda Wade**  
**Bernard Stapor**

Teen Volunteer:  
**Cayley Kilduff**

Student Volunteer:  
**Shelby Long**

## Volunteer Spotlight

In 2017 an average of 80 weekly volunteers provided over 6,200 hours of support to our riders, horses, farm, events and administration! During the year Sprout trained 40 new volunteers and increased volunteer education with the launch of Sprout Minute videos.

"With my busy mom life winding down, I saw days of feeling useless ahead. From the moment I walked into the barn, I had no fear of feeling useless. There were horses to care for, children to serve, other volunteers to meet and help. My goals were to have an impact, relieve a burden and to be useful. I reached them all, but the impact was on me, the relief was mine, to be useful occurred times a million! The entire Sprout community of volunteers serves to serve others...while unexpectedly serving ourselves the most."

**Lynn Bronson, Volunteer Office Manager and Volunteer of the Year**



## Herd Happenings



*"I know he played an immense part in helping me overcome aspects of my anxiety that used to be debilitating. Lessons with him taught me a different and genuine kind of confidence and a wonderful kind of joy."*

In 2017, Sprout horses worked in an average of 4 lessons per week. Through the course of the year, we added three new therapy horses; Blue (a 14 year old Welsh pony), Olaf (an 18 year old Norwegian Fjord and Sawyer (a 12 year old Welsh cross). We thank Piedmont Equine Practice, Dover Saddlery, Tri-County Feeds and Luitpold Pharmaceuticals for their commitment to our horses.

## Staff Updates



After 4 years as afternoon barn staff and lesson manager, Mike Carney joined us as Sprout's full-time barn manager this fall! Additionally, Heather Henken re-joined our instructional staff after her maternity hiatus!

*"Staff at Sprout not only embraced my daughter for who she was, they celebrated what she was able to accomplish at that moment rather than fixating on the what was still out of reach. Over the last four years, Sprout has supported Olivia through rehabilitation, surgeries, chemotherapy, school transitions, and social emotional challenges. Every session at Sprout has been an opportunity for Olivia to experience joyful healing - physically, emotionally, and spiritually".*

## Board Corner



The Sprout Board of Directors was grateful to gain the non-profit know-how and contagious enthusiasm of Bethann Beeman this summer. As a Director, Bethann played an essential role for our Gallop Gala live auction and has continued her involvement by assisting Sprout with farm and facility matters.

## Fundraiser Review

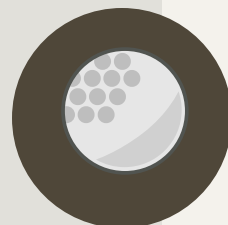
### Sipping for Sprout



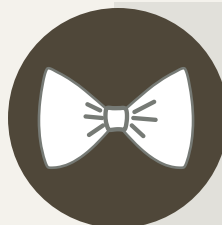
Sipping for Sprout was held at the beautiful Stone Tower Winery on May 3, 2017. The event boasted 125 silent auction items, had 500 attendees and raised a net of \$27,708.67 for Sprout!

### Sprout on the Green

100 golfers tee'd up at the River Creek Club on June 26, 2017. The tournament included lunch from Hammerdown BBQ, and open beverage cart, hole-in-one car, 25 silent auction items \$and a hearty dinner. The event raised a net of \$25,730.92 for Sprout!



### Gallop Gala



Our barn black-tie event made its second annual appearance on Sept 16, 2017. Close to 300 attendees enjoyed cocktails with out horses, a fabulous silent auction, delectable dinner, a rousing live auction and dancing. The Gallop Gala raised a net of \$105,674.45!

### Sprout 5K/1K Fun Run

475 runners, walkers and rollers of all ages and abilities gathered at Clyde's Willow Creek on October 15, 2017 for the 5th Annual Sprout 5k! Sprout "walked-away" with a net of \$19,765.49 from this event!





## Financial Review

Thanks to the support of over 1,000 donors, sponsors, grantors and fundraising event attendees, Sprout was able to exceed our 2017 budget goal of \$542,000. While the year was expected to net zero, the organization actually had lower expenses than expected due to staffing vacancies. The increases seen in farm/facility fees were incurred through the construction of staff office space and the start of rental payments for use of the facility.

### INCOME

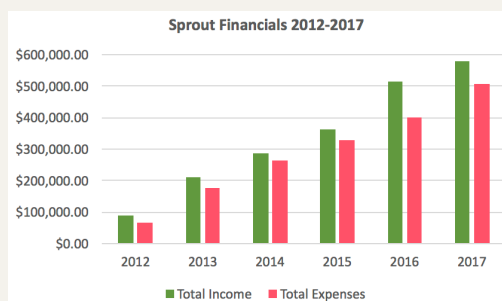
Donations	\$146,855.83
Programs	\$164,159.15
Fundraising	\$266,756.08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$577,771.06</b>

### EXPENSES

Farm and Facility	\$85,711.79
Fundraising	\$86,479.30
General and Admin	\$92,400.32
Program	\$243,496.43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$508,087.84</b>

## Financial Growth

The financial growth of Sprout over the organizations' six years of existence has allowed a yearly increase in mission-based programming. Sprout currently maintains six months of contingency funds (which have been generated through intentional saving over time).



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