



Santa and Friends Celebrate Christmas in the Barn

December 19, 2017 — Santa made a special visit to Exceptional Equestrians on December 17 for Christmas in the Barn. The holiday celebration was a free open house event.

Guests enjoyed seeing all the therapy horses in their furry winter coats. Santa was impressed how the staff and volunteers had them groomed and looking great. Members of the Green Bay Police Department Mounted Patrol Unit were among the volunteers in the riding arena. Youth and adult clients of Exceptional Equestrians, their siblings, and other friends enjoyed horseback rides, social time together, hot chocolate, and a visit with Santa.

The horseback rides for siblings gave brothers and sisters a chance to experience and appreciate what a challenge it is to ride a horse. Even Santa took a turn! He rode therapy horse Maverick.

Approximately 170 people attended the event.

Founded in 1999, Exceptional Equestrians provides hippotherapy, therapeutic riding, and equine-assisted learning programs to children, teens, and adults from throughout Northeastern Wisconsin. The non-profit organization is one of the most comprehensive programs in the Midwest with year-round riding, licensed therapists, and certified riding instructors. Located in West De Pere, Exceptional Equestrians helps people age 2 and up with a wide spectrum of conditions such as cerebral palsy, paralysis, Down syndrome, brain injury, autism, sensory dysfunction, and neuromuscular disorders, serving 250 individuals annually. For more information about Exceptional Equestrians, visit exceptionalequestrians.org or call (920) 347-3174.

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