Strides Therapeutic Horsemanship Center

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Horse Adoption Coordinator

The **Volunteer Horse Adoption Coordinator** at Strides plays a vital role in facilitating the adoption process for horses in need of volunteer care. This volunteer is responsible for assisting with evaluating potential adopters, and ensuring that each horse is matched with a suitable volunteer. They work closely with staff, and adopters to provide information, and support responsible horse care and handling. This role is ideal for individuals passionate about horse welfare and dedicated to finding care for the horses at Strides.

Position: Horse AdoptionOrganization: StridesLocation: On siteCommitment: 1-3 hrs on your assigned day

Position Overview:

Strides is seeking a dedicated **Volunteer Horse Care Coordinator** to oversee and support the daily care and well-being of our horses. This volunteer role is essential in ensuring that all horse care tasks, including feeding, grooming, stall cleaning, and enrichment activities, are carried out effectively and according to Strides' standards. The coordinator will assist in training and guiding other volunteers, monitoring horse health and behavior, and ensuring a safe and organized environment for both horses and caregivers.

Responsibilities:

- **Oversee Daily Horse Care:** Ensure that grooming, turnout, and general care are conducted properly by volunteers.
- **Train & Supervise Volunteers:** Assist in training new volunteers on proper horse handling, care procedures, and safety protocols.
- **Monitor Horse Health & Behavior:** Observe horses for any signs of illness, injury, or behavioral changes and report concerns to staff.
- **Maintain Clean & Safe Facilities:** Ensure that pens, and feeding areas are regularly cleaned and well-maintained.
- Enrichment & Exercise: Support non-riding enrichment activities such as groundwork, hand walking, hand grazing, and general socialization.
- **Communicate with Staff & Volunteers:** Serve as a point of contact between volunteers and staff to relay important updates and ensure smooth operations.

Qualifications & Skills:

- Prior experience working with horses is strongly preferred.
- Leadership skills and the ability to guide and support a team of volunteers.
- Strong attention to detail and ability to recognize changes in horse behavior or health.
- Physical ability to perform horse care duties, including lifting, bending, and working outdoors in various weather conditions.
- Dependable, organized, and committed to Strides' mission and horse care standards.
- Excellent communication skills and a willingness to collaborate with volunteers and staff.

This **volunteer position** is perfect for individuals who have experience with horse care and are eager to take on a leadership role in ensuring the well-being of the horses at Strides. Volunteers in this role will make a lasting impact by supporting both the horses and the caregivers dedicated to their care.