Strides Therapeutic Horsemanship Center

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Horse Feeders

A **Volunteer Horse Feeder** for **Strides** plays an essential role in the care and well-being of the horses involved in our programs. Volunteers in this role are responsible for feeding, watering, and ensuring that horses have the necessary care during both the **AM** and **PM** shifts. The duties include preparing and distributing food, cleaning feeding areas. Volunteers may also assist with other general horse care tasks as needed. This position is crucial to maintaining the horses' health and ensuring they are ready for their roles in Strides' activities.

Position: Horse Feeder Organization: Strides Location: On site Commitment: 1-3 hr on your assigned day

Position Overview:

Strides is seeking a dedicated and compassionate **Horse Feeder** to assist with the daily care and feeding of horses involved in our programs at Strides. This position is essential in maintaining the health and well-being of the horses, ensuring they receive the appropriate nutrition, and care throughout the day. The Horse Feeder will work closely with the barn team to ensure that feeding schedules are adhered to and that the horses are prepared for their activities. This role requires a love for animals, attention to detail, and a strong sense of responsibility.

Key Responsibilities:

- Prepare and distribute meals for horses according to their specific dietary needs and schedules.
- Maintain clean and organized feeding areas, including cleaning buckets and troughs.
- Monitor horses for signs of illness or distress and report any concerns to the barn manager or equine staff.
- Assist in checking and replenishing hay and other necessary supplies for the horses.
- Follow proper feeding procedures to ensure each horse receives the correct type and amount of feed.
- Help with the general upkeep and cleanliness of the feed shed and pens.
- Assist in other horse care duties as needed, seasonal pasture turn out and bringing in, blanketing and checking for injuries.

Qualifications & Skills:

- Previous experience working with horses or animals is preferred but not required.
- Strong attention to detail and ability to follow specific instructions.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Physical stamina to lift feed, hay, and other supplies, and to perform manual tasks.
- Compassionate and patient demeanor with animals.
- Must be dependable, punctual, and able to follow established routines.
- Ability to work early mornings, late afternoons, weekends, and in varying weather conditions.

This position provides an opportunity to gain valuable experience in equine care while supporting Strides' mission and ensuring the horses' well-being for their activities.