

Friends of Leaps & Bounds Pediatric Therapy
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Local Nonprofit Creates Family Fun for Individuals of all Abilities
Friends of Leaps & Bounds' Annual Fall Festival is Back

Norco, CA – On October 23, 2021, Norco-based nonprofit, Friends of Leaps & Bounds will host “Fall Fest: An Event for Individuals of all Abilities” from 3 pm to 7 pm at 4211 Valley View Ave. Norco, CA. This annual event, encourages the organization’s pediatric therapy clients and their families, neighbors, and all members of the community to celebrate diversity on their campus and better understand what the organization is all about.

Friends of Leaps & Bounds works collaboratively with Leaps & Bounds Pediatric Therapy, owned and operated by Dr. Cassandra Sanders-Holly, to help children with disabilities reach their physical and cognitive goals through occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech therapy and specializes in utilizing the magic of the horse to reach those goals. During the annual Fall Fest event, their campus is transformed into an activities center that includes a pumpkin patch, pony rides, petting zoo, inflatables, games, live music, food and beverages, demonstrations from the CHP and Fire Departments, and opportunities for endless fun, regardless of age or ability level.

“It is important for the community to come and understand what we do, how our organizations are literally changing lives, and for our clients to have an opportunity to enjoy typical activities at a venue free of judgment or limitations,” said Dr. Sanders-Holly. “Our families look forward to this event where we’ve essentially ‘leveled the playing field’ for all participants to equally enjoy the same activities.”

The cost of admission to Fall Fest is \$10 for ages 16 and above, \$5 for ages 5 to 15, and children 4 and under are free. (Pony rides and food are available for an additional cost.) The 2021 Fall Fest will also incorporate a Chili and Cornbread Contest and Fundraiser for community members to participate in. Tickets are available now at <https://fundraiser.leapspediatric.org/event/leaps-and-bounds-fall-festival/e351611>

“So many were disappointed when last year’s event was cancelled. There are very few opportunities such as this one, for children with disabilities to fully participate,” said Board President Jamie Gilliam. “Our families have become experts at surmounting the challenges placed before them, but this event just gives them an opportunity to let their hair down for the day, relax, congregate, and enjoy a day filled with opportunity rather than obstacles. This is a day to honor their perseverance and celebrate their uniqueness.”

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Friends of Leaps & Bounds invites all members of the community to attend Fall Fest 2021. For more information or to details on how to register as a participant in the Chili and Cornbread Contest, please contact cbragalone@leapspediatric.org or call (951) 339-3510.

Friends of Leaps & Bounds Pediatric Therapy Inc, is a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt non-profit corporation. It was founded by four members of the community who noticed a severe lack of access to specialty medically-necessary therapy services for children with disabilities in the Inland Empire. Many children do not have medical insurance or the financial resources to pay for necessary therapy services to help them reach goals of independent physical functioning such as walking, dressing themselves, feeding themselves, or accessing school and the community.

Working in cooperation with Leaps & Bounds Pediatric Therapy Inc, the mission is to assist economically disadvantaged people with disabilities through providing physical therapy, occupational therapy, and hippotherapy treatments and services at no cost or low cost. Hippotherapy is a highly research based treatment strategy used by physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech therapists to achieve rapid improvements in functional skills. The cost to provide just ONE HOUR of therapy using this effective strategy is over \$300 per hour, making cost a huge barrier to many families of children in need. Medical insurance typically reimburses less than 1/3 of this cost, which has challenged Friends of Leaps to support the other 2/3 to help these families!

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***** Previous event photographs are available to all media outlets upon request.**