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Norco pediatric therapy group sets annual fundraiser

Event for Leaps & Bounds Pediatric Therapy, which uses horses to help children with disabilities, is Saturday, May 1



During the 2019 Saddle Up for Pediatric Therapy event, Jason Brunmier, left, speaks about his experiences at the ranch with occupational therapist Jennifer Landry, right. In the back is Gabrielle Quinn. (Courtesy of Corey Morgan)

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Friends of Leaps & Bounds Pediatric Therapy has set its 7th annual Saddle Up for Pediatric Therapy event for Saturday, May 1.



This event is the Norco nonprofit group's largest source of income to support low-cost or free therapy for children with disabilities. Leaps & Bounds offers physical, occupational and speech therapy that uses horses in an approach called hippotherapy.

The event's fundraising goal is \$175,000.

"There is a growing population of children living with disabilities that is benefiting from our unique approach," founder and board Chair Cassandra Sanders-Holly said in a news release. "This fun, derby-themed event is an opportunity to engage stakeholders in a fun evening with a meaningful purpose."

The Saturday event is the same day as the Kentucky Derby and will have a derby theme. Guests will use charitable dollars to bet on the success of the group's programs, the release states. The event will culminate with a competition to "fill the golden boot" in which guests compete against each other to raise the most money.

The event highlights a client's success story each year. Rory Singley Noone, a local teenager with Down syndrome, will speak about the organization and how its therapy helped her.

"I have done many different types of therapies in the last 17 years, but this one has helped me the most," Singley Noone said in the release. "And it is so much fun."

All health recommendations will be followed at the outdoor dining event. Attendees must wear a mask when not consuming food or beverages and social distancing will be in place.

Pre-reserved tables for 10 guests are available for \$750. Tickets will not be available at the door. Reservation information: 951-340-0431.

Individuals can also attend the event virtually.

Information: www.leapsandboundspediatrictherapy.org

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