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Greetings Family and Friends of Sojourn TRC/EAL/TCD:

This letter is to advise you of our upcoming fundraiser with Gianna Ranieri, Pampered Chef Consultant. Due to Covid19, we will not be having a Candlelight Bowl or other congregate fundraiser events. As a 501(c)3, it is necessary that Sojourn be involved in fundraising events to help defray the exorbitant costs it takes to maintain services for our clients who engage in therapeutic riding and equine assisted learning.

So, what exactly, are the services Sojourn provides and to whom?

Sojourn is always seeking to improve upon what we offer to individuals with a wide array of abilities. We currently offer Therapeutic Riding, Equine Assisted Learning, Reading, Summer Camp, and are working on certifications for Therapeutic Carriage Driving. Sojourn is well prepared to provide support to individuals who may have the following challenges:

Autism Spectrum

Sensory Integration

Anxiety

Specific Learning Disabilities

ADD and ADHD

Oppositional Defiant Disorder

Conduct Disorder

At-Risk Youth

Cerebral Palsy

Multiple Sclerosis

Muscular Dystrophy

Traumatic Brain Injury

Down Syndrome

Intellectual Delay

Rare (low incidence) Disorders/Syndromes

Arthritis

I have included a table listing the major expenses Sojourn has to put forth to ensure our clients are receiving the best possible care, safety, and education that is individualized for their specific goals and objectives related to learning skills. However, all teaching and learning is for transfer into other life domains. Working with horses requires many life skills of the rider that include perseverance, proactive listening, proactive communication, following a sequence, understanding boundaries, patience, etc. Our volunteers serve as instructional aides throughout the lesson, which is designed by a licensed special education teacher/reading

specialist. Sojourn differentiates instruction so that all individuals receive as close to a private lesson as possible!

I am most excited to share with you this great opportunity that has been afforded to Sojourn. Gianna Ranieri has graciously offered to host an online Pampered Chef fundraising event. Without fundraisers, Sojourn would not be able to offer therapeutic lessons at a more than generous rate. Here is a quick breakdown of most, not all, costs that simply cannot be covered by lessons alone:

Payroll Yearly Total	\$22,000
Hay Yearly Total	\$25,000
Grain Yearly Total	\$4,200
Supplements Yearly Total:	
Dewormer:.....	\$730
Total Supplement	\$205
Vitamins:.....	\$75
Smartpak Vitamins.....	
Veterinary/Health Yearly Total	\$14,000
Farrier Annual Hoof Care Yearly Total	\$5,000
Shavings	\$7,600
Insurance	\$1,400
Building Lease	\$12,000
PATH Center/Instructor Annual Certification	\$1,213
Sanitization and Disinfectant Supplies	\$300
Tack for horses/Upkeep of tack	\$1,000
Compost Removal	\$4,800
Fire System Testing	\$250
Utilities Bills	\$4,475
Office Supplies	\$120

As you can see, providing services is a costly business! And your participation in fundraisers helps tremendously. Also, if you have great fundraising ideas, Sojourn would be most interested in knowing what they are!

The link to our Pampered Chef Summer Fun Fundraiser is as follows:

<https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/sojourntrcfundraiser>

Shopping officially begins June 12th and runs through approximately two weeks. Also worth noting, is that you do not have to wait until the end of the fundraising run to have the order placed. Your order is placed immediately, and you will receive your orders soon after your actual purchase. Additionally, you may contact our Pampered Chef host, Gianna Ranieri who is listed on the link.

Thank you in advance for supporting our mission to *enhance lives through the power of the horse!*

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