

Silent Auction to Benefit High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, Inc. Programs for Veterans

The Northeast Regional Adult Amateur Dressage Championships were held at the Mystic Valley Hunt Club in Gales Ferry, CT on October 12th and 13th, 2013. Each year the Dressage organization and the hunt club work together to support a worthy cause through a silent auction during their biggest show of the year. The chosen benefactor for 2013 was High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, Inc. and more specifically their programs for veterans. High Hopes started 39 years ago as a nomadic group of energetic woman and their horses. Today, thanks to the hard work of many, the program resides at a picturesque, state of the art facility on 120 acres in Old Lyme, CT. Always looking for ways to serve a broader community High Hopes veteran's programs were developed to serve returning service members and their families from throughout our region. Through interaction with horses, local veterans gain physical, social and emotional benefits. Often this population is unable to afford needed therapeutic services and High Hopes fundraises for dollars to provide scholarships. The proceeds from the silent auction at Mystic Valley Hunt Club raised over \$2,000 which will support the participation of two veterans and/or their family members over the upcoming winter and spring semester. High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, Inc. extends its gratitude to the Mystic Valley Hunt Club, the Northeast Dressage Association, all the auction item donors and all the many volunteers who supported the event.