

Art Auction to Benefit Local Therapeutic Riding Program

January 2, 2008

Artists are being sought for the second annual Live and Silent Art Auction of local artisans. The event will be held on February 2, 2008 at the Indian Valley Country Club, Telford. Proceeds benefit Ivy Hill Therapeutic Horsemanship Programs for special needs individuals.

This event brings together accomplished artists whose pieces have sold at local galleries and Auction Halls within the Bucks, Berks and Montgomery Areas. Artists include Bucks County Impressionists Ray Overpeck, William Jackwak, and P. David Rauschenberger as well as Louisa Wismer, Judy Alderfer, Sylvia Brunner, Linda Trauger, Merrill Brown and others. Ivy Hill is honored to have H. Brent Souder from Alderfer Auction & Appraisal (a Sanford Alderfer Company) in Hatfield, PA., as our live art auctioneer for the evening. Brent is the Director of Fine & Decorative Arts at Alderfer's. Included in the event will be a silent auction which will include local artisans and their wares of pottery, varying mediums of art, photography, jewelry and textiles (something for everyone).

This event will give our community a chance to help support an organization serving local children and adults with both chronic and acute disabilities, ranging from Down's Syndrome, cerebral palsy and autism to traumatic injuries and emotional problems.

With grant money received from The Dana & Christopher Reeve Foundation, a carriage driving program is also in the process of being established at Ivy Hill. Money raised at the auction will be used for The Bonnie Sames Scholarship Fund, the therapeutic & Hippotherapy programs, as well as an ongoing capital fund drive for a truck and four horse trailer that is needed for taking our horses and students to local competitions throughout the year, including the prestigious Handicapped Rider's Event of the Devon Horseshow as well as Special Olympic competitions.

Ivy Hill is committed to establishing, maintaining and delivering programs to enhance the lives of individuals with physical, social, educational and/or psychological challenges. Our services include horsemanship and therapeutic riding sessions, Hippotherapy sessions, programs for at-risk youth, camps, clinics, carriage driving, and Special Olympics as well as other competition opportunities throughout the year.

For further information or to order tickets, please call 215-822-2515 extension 3 or go to our website at www.ivyhillequestrian.org to print a registration form for the event.