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Dear Friends,

It has been another amazing year for equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT) in Virginia. The Therapeutic Riding Association of Virginia (TRAV) has been hard at work to promote and support those who serve or participate in EAAT. Here are a few highlights from 2017.

Madeline Porth from Simple Changes represented TRAV at the Equestrian Youth Legislative Day in Richmond, Virginia. Madeline spoke to legislators about the importance of supporting EAAT and all equestrian activities in the Commonwealth. Madeline even got to meet the governor!



TRAV launched its "TRAV Instructor Initiative" this year to help encourage experienced riding instructors to become part of the EAAT industry. The Initiative provides financial and material support to individuals who can be streamlined through the certification process and quickly start teaching.



The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual TRAV Horse Show was phenomenal as always! Riders from TRAV centers around Virginia and even North Carolina and West Virginia competed in equitation, dressage, trail, and pole bending classes.

Your contribution allows TRAV to support both the education of our instructors and the individuals with disabilities that they serve. Please give generously. Donations may be made by check or securely through Paypal at [www.travinc.org](http://www.travinc.org).

On behalf of the TRAV board of directors, its riders, families, staff, volunteers, and, of course, the horses, we thank you for your generous and vital support.

Sincerely,

Jenny Spain TRAV President

Remember that gifts postmarked by December 31 are tax-deductible on your 2017 taxes to the fullest extent of the law.