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CTRA Invites the Cowichan to Celebrate 30 Years!

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On Saturday June 18th, 2016 the Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association is hosting a big 30th anniversary party – and you're invited! CTRA invites everyone to join them in celebrating 3 decades of providing therapeutic riding and equine-based services for persons with disabilities in the Cowichan region.

Since its modest start in 1986 as a local chapter of the Pacific Riding for the Disabled, CTRA has grown into an independent nationally-recognized program serving hundreds of individuals and families. The program is made possible through extensive community support including the efforts of hundreds of volunteers contributing thousands of hours each year.

"2016 marks 30 years of making a tremendous difference in the lives of persons with special needs," says Anne Muir, CTRA's Executive Director. "Thousands of families have been positively impacted by the work that is carried out by our association."

CTRA welcomes the public in toasting the big 3-0 at the CTRA facility on Providence Farm. "This event is open to everyone who would like to take part," explains Development Officer Jennifer Barnes van Elk. "This is a great opportunity to celebrate with old friends or check CTRA out for the first time. Come grab a hot dog and piece of birthday cake and walk the grounds, check out the new riding arena, and visit the horses!"

The day's entertainments will include a therapeutic riding demonstration as well as a showcase on CTRA's latest program – equestrian vaulting. "Equestrian vaulting is relatively new to our area," Muir explains. "This is a great chance to get a feel for what this new service will offer."

Other activities will include a treasure hunt, a "toddlers to teens" themed silent auction, face-painting, and family-friendly games. Complimentary refreshments will be provided and don't forget to cast your vote in the 5th Annual Chili-Cook-Off!

“This is an all ages, no charge event,” says Barnes van Elk. “No RSVP is required. Bring your family, your friends, and your neighbors. It’s a great big outdoor party!”

Event webpage: <http://ctra.ca/30years/>

Event Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/278855365790331/>

To speak with someone at CTRA about this event, or the program generally, please contact Executive Director Anne Muir or Development Officer Jennifer Barnes van Elk at 250-746-1028 or info@ctra.ca.

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