

Welcome to...

Marty's Barn Party 2023

September 30, 2023

With special
entertainment by

**Danielle
Bradbery**



**Equestrian
Connection**

Best days happen here!



Established in 2006

MARTY'S BARN PARTY!



Since 2006, EC has grown to become one of the largest equine therapy programs in the nation...

**TOTAL BARN PARTY
NET REVENUE**
\$5,616,000

- Adopt a Rider
- Adopt a Horse
- Support a Program



**TOTAL NUMBER OF
SCHEDULED CLIENT SESSIONS**
224,958

VOLUNTEERS
Yearly Average – **280**
Total Hours – **237,326**



**OUR THERAPY HORSES
PLAY VITAL ROLES IN THE
SERVICES WE PROVIDE
TO OUR CLIENTS**



**SCHOLARSHIPS
OFFERED TO
EC CLIENTS**
\$1,800,000

Thanks to our many generous donors, 70% of EC's clients were offered therapy scholarships, or reduced fees due to income

**MENTAL HEALTH
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

6,100
therapy sessions

429
sessions with veterans

**EC HAS WORKED
WITH
75
SPECIAL NEEDS
PARTNER AGENCIES**

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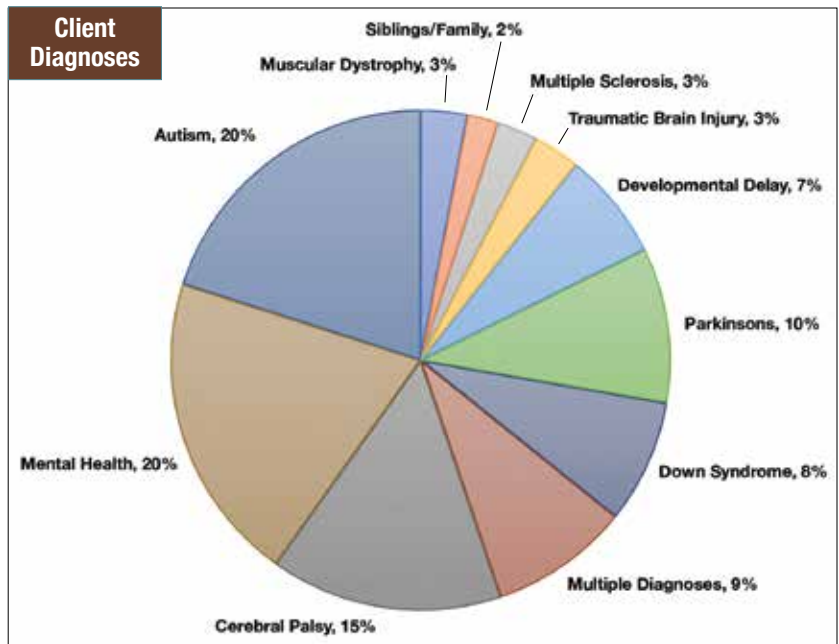
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BEST PROGRAMS HAPPEN HERE!

- Hippotherapy
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Field Trips
- Massage Therapy
- Balance for Life
(Parkinson's and MS)
- Equine Assisted Therapy
(Mental Health)
- Wranglers *(Young Adult Day Program)*
- Sibling/Family Lessons
- Re-Connect Veteran Program
- Pet Therapy
- Stable-ity *(Mental Health)*
- Therapeutic Riding
- Special Events/Parties
- Silver Spurs Seniors



Outcomes-based benefits include:

- Increased balance, strength, and overall coordination
- Improved communication and socialization
- Greater overall self-esteem
- Improved fine motor skills and motor planning
- Reduced anxiety and stress
- Increased sense of empowerment and trust
- Greater independence and functional daily living skills



WELCOME TO MARTY'S BARN PARTY!

SCHEDULE FOR THE EVENING

5:00-6:00 VIP Check-in and Cocktail Hour

5:45-7:30 Dinner Buffet Open

6:00-7:00 Ticket Sales & Reserved Ticket Check-in

6:45 Remarks, Live Auction, Donation Appeal

8:00-9:00 DANIELLE BRADBERRY!

9:00-9:30 Silent Auction Closes; Raffle Winners Announced

(Please note this schedule is subject to change by 15-30 minutes.)

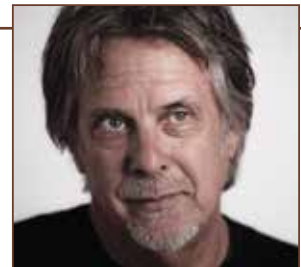
Our sincere gratitude to our veterans from **VFW POST 8741** in Libertyville who are presenting the flag tonight.



Special gratitude to **JENNIFER KLONSKY**, EC Parent, and for our VIP Happy Hour entertainment, **WHOA NELLIE & THE GIDDYUPS!**

OUR THANKS TO LEROY KOETZ FOR THIS EVENING'S VIDEO

Leroy first received recognition for producing and directing Leo Burnett's Live Demo Cheer campaign for Proctor & Gamble. Leroy received many prestigious awards, including Clios for Cheer and Georgia Pig campaigns, multiple Art Directors Club of New York Awards, the ANDY Award, The One Show, the NY Film Festival Grand Award for Best TV Campaign, and several Chicago International Film Festival Gold and Silver Plaques. Leroy is a consummate production creative and continues to expand his skills as director, cameraman, agency producer, art director, photographer and editor. Leroy says he is deeply touched by the work Equestrian Connection does. We are likewise deeply touched by Leroy as he continues to give of his time and his talent to EC!



— DANIELLE BRADBERRY —

Danielle Bradbery has come a long way since kick-starting her career at just 16-years of age. In the past decade the Texas native has honed her skills and defined her sound while pouring her heart into lyrics — in the meantime earning award nominations, touring the globe and collaborating with some of the biggest names in music, including Diplo, Zac Brown Band, Thomas Thett, Nick Jonas and more. Facing head on the challenges arising from the pandemic, Danielle spent her time creating the music she loves, infusing her own heartfelt and personal stories into songs like “Never Have I Ever” and “Break My Heart Again” while also bringing on the sass in her hit “Stop Draggin’ Your Boots,” which has amassed over 114M+ streams to date.



MARTY'S BARN PARTY'S DEDICATED TEAM MEMBERS



Counter-clockwise from above:
Maggie Stewart & Gary Gand;
KD & Mark Domitrovich; Margot
Peters; Nancy Knippen-Carreno;
Karen and Michael Delott; Lyric
Kite; auctioneer Rossi Morreale.



VOLUNTEER(S) OF THE YEAR



MARY LYNNE FERRARA & TOM WELCH

Mary Lynne was introduced to EC when she was volunteering as an election judge with longtime volunteer and instructor, Pat Calhoun. Mary Lynne started volunteering in November, 2020 and has put in over 800 hours as a side walker. She has become a joyful presence in our arena.

A year later, Tom Welch, her partner, retired from his career and asked about volunteering at the barn too. Tom has worked tirelessly cutting brush on the trails and mowing the lawn ever since. He is happy to help with anything we need. Mary Lynne told him if he won Volunteer of the Year that she would go on stage with him, but realizes now that she too is Volunteer of the Year!

Congratulations to you both for your exceptional volunteerism!

SERVICE AWARD



JUDY KABBES (therapeutic riding instructor and volunteer)

Judy grew up loving and riding horses on her family farm in Illinois. Just before Covid hit, Judy and her husband relocated from New York.

Having volunteered in equine therapy at other centers for 10 years as a family service project, Judy worked to become a PATH certified instructor while living in both Missouri and New York, prior to moving to Lake Bluff. She waited (not very patiently) until Equestrian Connection re-opened and started volunteering in September, 2020. Judy has given EC over 900 volunteer hours as an instructor, side walker, coach and leader.

Our love and thanks to you, Judy!

SERVICE AWARD



SONNY (therapy dog)

Sonny has been at Equestrian Connection as a therapy dog for over 10 years. He is a sweet, well-mannered and loving 12-year-old Labrador Retriever. His mom, Jan Luciano, is EC's massage therapist. Jan has worked diligently to train Sonny to help those with special needs. He assists children in wheelchairs by pulling them, he comforts those who are experiencing distress, and he has even helped with those who are having seizures. On top of all that, Sonny is also an award winner in canine nose work. Sonny is a "canine extraordinaire" who is loved by everyone at Equestrian Connection!

Good boy, Sonny!

USE YOUR SMARTPHONE TO START BIDDING ON ITEMS NOW!

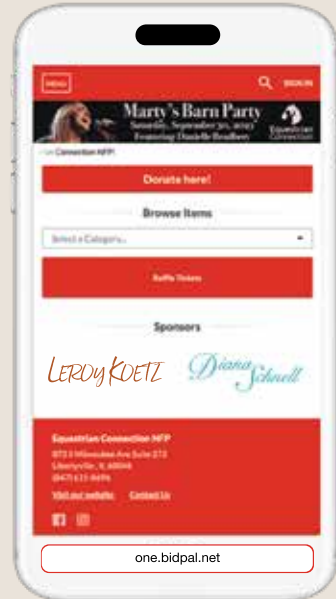
FIND ITEMS by pressing any button on the main menu, or using the search bar for a specific item or category.

BID ON AN ITEM by 1) Finding the item; 2) Selecting the item; 3) Press Bid.

TO FIND ITEMS YOU BID ON select **Menu**, then select **Your Activity**.

AFTER YOU BID, you'll be prompted to set a **Max Bid**. When you've been outbid, BidPal automatically bids on your behalf up to the **Max Bid** amount you set.

IF YOU ARE OUTBID, you'll be notified with a text message. Or, navigate to **Your Activity** to check the status of your bids.



Ask any volunteer if you need help!



no whining

WINE RAFFLE

Everyone wins!!

Purchase a wine cork for \$25 from the wine table, match your cork's number to a bottle on the table – *and it's yours!*

You can also win a chance for a wine tasting!

Thank you to all those who donated bottles of wine to make this possible!

The Foglia Family Foundation has been a supporter of Equestrian Connection for over 10 years. This year they are willing to do a matching fund for therapy scholarships for families who need financial assistance. They offered to match what we raise this year up to \$75,000. Please help us meet our match with a donation tonight!



SHERYL LOWE DIAMOND BANGLE BRACELET!

Raffle Ticket – \$50



This beautiful Sheryl Lowe bangle bracelet, edged with diamonds top and bottom, sparkles with true elegance. Silver with 1k in diamonds, it is valued at \$2,600.

Race and Taste



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- Work with therapists and clients with special needs
- Grooming, leading and caring for horses
- Corporate Day of Service
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Tonight we are celebrating Gary Gand's 70th Birthday! Gary has been a great partner in providing the sound, staging, lighting and production of this event. His history goes back to his father, Bob Gand, donating to sponsor a stall in honor of their mother, Myrna. Gary and Diana Schnell are great friends so we are happy to be working with Gary and wish him many more years!



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