

## HELP SAVE OUR PROGRAM

**We have lost 86% of our funding for our program. Due to the economy, Foundations that have supported CMSR for the past 8 years have made 80 - 100% cuts. We cannot keep Christine Marie's Star Riders (CMSR) operating without your help.**

### WHY SHOULD YOU HELP?

- Christine Marie's Star Riders (CMSR) provides the only **long term** program of therapeutic horseback riding in Monterey County. CMSR is a unique program that helps children and adults with special needs make significant and sustainable lifestyle changes by building on small successes over a long period of time (years) to make the gains sustainable.
- CMSR is the only program in the county providing services to special needs school classes.
- CMSR is the only program in our county with the mission and capacity to serve both large numbers of children and special needs school classes
- CMSR operates at 1/10<sup>th</sup> the cost of other therapeutic riding programs and rescues horses at the same time. CMSR created an all volunteer organization thus greatly reducing operational cost.
- CMSR uses only horses that are rescued or accepted as donations and only after assessment that the horse can be retrained for this special work with both children and adults. Additional cost saving!

We have no staff or administrative costs to cut ( they are already all donated). And, because we use all rescued or donated horses we have no horse purchase costs to cut. We have only one way to cut cost - **destroying our horses.** Our horses cannot JUST be replaced when the economy gets better. These are special horses, highly trained to respond to and assist in working with Autistic children, physically handicapped children, children with severe emotional or behavioral challenges.

**PLEASE go to our donation button and press it. PLEASE. TODAY. You can use your charge card. Just press the button and follow the instructions.**

**OR send a check to:**

**CMSR  
2115 North Fremont Street  
Monterey CA 95040**

**PLEASE HELP US SAVE OUR HORSES AND OUR CHILDREN**