



## ManeGait to Hold Trail Ride Fundraiser

ManeGait in McKinney – a therapeutic horsemanship facility that helps children and adults with disabilities ‘move beyond their boundaries’ – is holding their first annual spring fundraiser to benefit this worthy organization.

‘Gaitapalooza’ will be held Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at Myers Park in McKinney. For the first time since ManeGait opened its doors in 2008, the ManeGait riders will have the opportunity to move beyond the normal training arena to the ‘open range’ of a trail ride, and will be soliciting sponsors and volunteer teams to help them in their fundraising efforts.

How can you help?

1. Sponsor a rider – you or your group can form a team to help raise funds – there is no minimum required and the sky’s the limit!
2. You or your group can join in the fun and volunteer the day of the event
3. You can become an event sponsor – there are a number of opportunities available.

Depending on their skill level, ManeGait riders will be taking 30 minute to 1 hour long trail rides with the assistance of specially-trained instructors, horse leaders and side walkers. During the rides, an old-fashioned family fun festival will be going on - culminating with an awards dinner and dance to honor the riders.

The purpose of Gaitapalooza is to raise funds for the ManeGait riders and their horses. The agency expense per rider for a year of services is \$5,250 and the yearly cost to feed and care for each special therapy horse is \$3,500. Rider fees cover only 10% of the annual budget; therefore ManeGait relies heavily on donations and fundraising efforts.

ManeGait works with medical professionals to maximize the therapeutic value of using the natural rhythm of the horse’s gait and the bond formed between the horse and rider. It’s a special combination of hard work, motivation and fun that can produce life-changing results. ManeGait serves rider needs throughout the Collin County and north Texas area.

For information contact Landon Darling, Development Coordinator at 469-742-9611 or [LDarling@manegait.org](mailto:LDarling@manegait.org).

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Located 9/10 of a mile north of Hwy 380 at:  
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Riders will be soliciting sponsors and volunteer teams to help them in their fundraising efforts. If you or your group would like to get involved, there is no minimum requirement and it will surely be a day of fun for a very worthy cause. You can also volunteer the day of the event or get involved as an overall event sponsor.

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