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Partners for Progress News to You!  
LET'S STAY CONNECTED during **COVID-19!**

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HEY CADEN!!



Caden, like many others, was referred to PFP by another therapeutic provider for concerns of physical strength. At that time Caden was 18 months old. Caden's parents, Erika and Aaron, were also seeking more support in verbal language at that time, and thought this may be a nice addition. Caden and his therapeutic team can speak to the many challenges he has **overcome** since his start so long ago, including gross motor planning, joint coordination and physical endurance, to name just a few! **Fast-forward** eight years and Caden reports his greatest

Meet our Equine Partners:  
THE MIGHTY RUPERT.....



If you have spent anytime at PFP, you have likely noticed **Rupert**; our 'small', yes small, Shire Draft horse. Rupert was an addition to the PFP herd back in 2010, as a clumsy three-year old learning how to stay on his legs! Back then Rupert struggled with the demands of growing, coordination and stamina. Over time and a committed vigorous training schedule, Rupert has become a talented vaulting addition and is one of the powerhouses of PFP. Many say that Rupert's movement is like sitting in grandma's porch rocking chair, imparting that tranquil rhythm on some of PFP's riders struggling most with dysregulation. While Rupert may

accomplishment is in leading the horses independently. Caden's parents would add that his greatest accomplishment is the confidence and calm demeanor that he has developed at PFP - that he struggles with in other parts of his life - that they are most thankful for. Riding different horses at the barn is something Caden really **looks forward** to; though his all-time favorite, like many others, was Cloud. While Cloud traveled the rainbow bridge a few years back, Caden knows he was loved by many for his gentle heart. As summer approaches, Caden cannot wait to join the dedicated volunteers of PFP, something he works toward learning in his weekly sessions. Caden reports that he, 'wants to **help other riders**'!

### DO YOU SHOP AMAZON???

- Please add PFP to your [AMAZON SMILE](#)...last year PFP received over \$600 from supporters. It is a great way to make your dollars count twice!!



### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHILI COOK-OFF WINNERS!!

1st: Willmette Fire Department

2nd: Lake Geneva Fire Department

3rd: Gwynn Braden and Stephanie Bartlett

We had a record breaking turn out at the Plop this year! Chili, cakes, and good old-fashion fun was had by all. A parade of our fine equine partners was enjoyed by all, while families took advantage of the wide open arena to run out some pent up winter energy!

not agree, his veterinarian recommends low sugar intake, so sadly, 'HOLD the treats', he does best on his daily nutritionist generated diet. You may notice as the summer months approach, Rupert sports his mane in a buzz cut, to help him to cool him down after rigorous vaulting sessions!

### Volunteer Limelight:

GREG JANSEN



My name is **Greg** Jansen and I've been a volunteer at Partners for Progress for a little more than seven years. I had gone through some major events in my life, and one day I drove by the barn on Milton Road. A little voice in my head spoke to me, so I turned my car around and pulled in and asked them to put me to work. I've been there ever since. I've been around horses my whole life. I started riding when I was two, trained racehorses in my 20's, and owned my own horses for about 15 years. I first learned about therapeutic riding one summer in Wyoming when I volunteered at a similar (and much smaller) program for a few months. I have been honored to be a volunteer for PFP as I've watched many of the kids grow and thrive because of their

Winners of the ever-loved 'Plop of Gold' raffle were pulled and a great time was had by all! Hope to see you next year!!

Coronavirus Update ([IL](#) and [WI](#)):  
We continue to keep up to date with the daily changes in the professional gathering of [medical](#) and [social](#) information involving [COVID-19](#). PFP continues to make week to week decisions on resuming treatment sessions and will continue to keep you up to date. Please know that the horses are well cared for during this uncertain time! At this time PFP is closed to the public. Follow our [Facebook](#) page for daily updates!

programs and therapies! The facilities are excellent, the therapists and volunteers are great at what they do, and the kids are just plain awesome! Diane put together a first-class program and the horses are the best in the business! When I started with Partners for Progress I thought I would be helping kids improve their lives, but in reality, it was my life that was impacted the most in wonderful ways that I never expected!

## Up and Coming..

- [Dance Bash](#) - June 13, 2020 @ Austin's Fuel Room in Libertyville  
(Tickets through the website, available April 1st)
- [Family Fest and Student Horse Show](#) - August 23, 2020 @ PFP's Therapeutic Riding Center
- [ThrowDown at the Hoe Down](#) - September 12, 2020 @ Canlan Sports Center in Lake Barrington
- [Summer Camp and Job Skills](#) - Spots are limited! Ask a PFP Staff member today!

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