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## Partners for Progress News to You!

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**Meet Stella!** Stella and her family were referred to PFP in 2014 when her speech therapist recognized how often Stella babbled about horses. Peggy, Stella's mom, cannot say enough about PFP. 'The staff and volunteers are hard-working and the horses are so well cared for, my daughter has always been treated like family at PFP!' Since Stella has been riding she has not only developed strength and coordination, but a sense of belonging and purpose! Stella loves riding Fiona, and Peggy knows that Stella will be riding with PFP for years to come. She is sure that Stella will one-day be an independent rider! Stella rides two times per week under the direction of an occupational therapist, a speech and language pathologist, and therapeutic riding instructors. Stella continues to work hard to achieve her goals at PFP, while taking some time to enjoy the magic of riding on Saturday mornings! Stella's mother reports that '(she) has learned that even though a task is hard, it's important to keep trying and to finish'. This can make for some challenging sessions for Stella, however, she continues to persevere and work through challenges to drive her independence and engagement!

### Meet our Equine Friends! **GOLDIE**



Hi Everyone! I am **Goldie**, AKA 'Miss Modern Cruiser', I was born February 7, 2000 in sunny Florida! Before coming to PFP I was a show horse on the AQHA show circuit. I started my adventures with PFP in fall of 2012. Many people would consider me shy and quiet, though once you get to know me I am confident and love to teach the riders of PFP! I am easy going and love to play with my friends Fiona, Honey and Pollie outside! I am getting up there in age, but PFP takes good care of me with quality food, regular shoeing and vet checks, which I have many of you to thank for! You may see me sporting my mask, as I have moon blindness, not to worry, it does not interfere with the quality work I put forth in the arena! Come visit me at the barn!

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**VOLUNTEER LIMELIGHT**  
Mandy Herp



I started volunteering at PFP in June of 2019 after my friend and fellow volunteer, Jodi, reeled me in! Growing up involved with 4-H, Girl Scouts, and then on to a Sorority in college, I have always looked for outlets to volunteer my time. PFP has a way of helping clients and volunteers to practice patience. My home life moves a million miles a minute, so it's nice to take a few hours a week to slow down! I find such value in the patience with the horses, clients, fellow volunteers and myself. I thought that I would really be just getting back to working with horses; to my surprise I really enjoy interacting with the clients, and find the progress here at PFP in such a short amount of time awe inspiring!

## Welcome Home to the PFP Traveling Show Team!

### 2020 Dixie National Results:

Max Kern - Champion Western Pleasure  
and Horsemanship Supported  
Corbett Ryan - Champion Trail -  
Supported

Evan Zaloudek - Champion Trail and  
Equitation - Independent

Kelsey Weick - Champion Hunter Under  
Saddle, Horsemanship and  
Showmanship - Independent  
CONGRATULATIONS!!

Up Next.... Gordyville in March!  
Stay Tuned!



# Up and Coming....

- **Plop of Gold** - March 8, 2020 @ PFP's Therapeutic Riding Center
- **Dance Bash** - June 13, 2020 @ Austin's Fuel Room in Libertyville (Tickets through the website, available March 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** - SIGN - UP, spots are limited!



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