

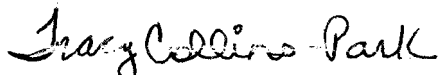
Dear ABC Extreme Home Makeover

We are a part of the Reece Center Family, My son Dylan rides at the center on Saturday mornings. During the last five and a half years that he has been riding we have experienced many wonderful moments.

Let me tell you a little about Dylan!!! He is the best kid ever and I mean this with every chromosome I am made of. Speaking of Chromosome's Dylan has Down's Syndrome which is caused by an extra chromosome. People who have Down's Syndrome have a varied amount of characteristics associated with the diagnosis. Dylan has low muscle tone which makes him clumsy. Riding a horse allows his balance to be put to a test. This is a great work out for him. But, over the years the most outstanding thing we found that benefited him was confidence. This is something he needed and gained with the experience. He has always been in a regular education class until the last year. The not so simple fact that he could be admired for his horse back riding skills by his peers is breathtaking. He has made many wonderful relationships with volunteers and other riders over the years. Dylan will compete in the Special Olympics this fall in their equestrian event in Perry, GA. This will be a first for the county we live in. It would not be possible if he never had the countless hours spent by volunteers the use of the wonderful horses and the use facility. Plus the extra time and effort given on top of his regular classes.

This center is unique in many ways and I believe where the center is today is testament to this. During many downfalls and much adversity the The Reece Center now has a home to call their own. Unfortunately due to the hard road that everyone had to walk to get here we are super low on funds that must be used to feed and care for the horses. With that said your serious consideration would be greatly appreciated by many! Please remember that EVERY single person affiliated with the center is their from their heart each one volunteers countless hours of their time. The only reason you will ever understand why is to come and visit. The magic that occurs on Saturday mornings between many people or just a few is breath taking. If this letter and the others enclosed are not evidence enough please accept my personal invitation to come to a class. Dylan and I would love for you to come and just see for your own eyes. Please feel free to call me with any specific questions you have. I am simply a parent of a rider but know this would be the best show you will ever have and the lives that will be touched is countless. In closing please just come and see for your own eyes. If you need a place to stay come stay with Dylan and our family and I mean it. If you could help us out by making the center a place to the reflects what is on the inside of each volunteer you will be making this little piece of the world a whole lot better.

With Southern Love and Wishes,



Tracy Collins-Parks

Known best as Dylan's MoM!