

## Great things are happening at RED Arena!



### Grand Opening of Our 2nd Location Sunday Oct 14, 3-6pm

Join us for the grand opening celebration of RED Arena San Marcos at 1708 Center Point Rd. San Marcos TX 78666, Just behind the outlet mall off I35. Festivities will include barbeque, live music, tours, demos and the opportunity to meet the therapy horses, board of directors and staff. This is a free community and family event.

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#### RED Arena rider to be featured in Bold Beauty Project art exhibit

A photograph by professional fine art equine photographer Claire Porter of RED Arena participant Dena Cooper has been selected for inclusion in the Bold Beauty Project. This visual arts exhibit by award-winning photographers features women with varying disabilities to break down the stigma attached to them.

Cooper is a 28-year-old Texan, born with cerebral palsy, who has been riding horses since she was a baby in Huntsville. She loves all animals, especially horses.



The black and white photograph of her, described by selection committee members as "having soul," will hang in the People's Gallery at the Texas Capitol building throughout 2019, along with the other Bold Beauty

Project winners. It has also been chosen for use on all of the public relations materials for the Texas Bold Beauty Project.

Porter commented, "There are numerous discussions going on concurrently, regarding additional short-term exhibit locations in Wimberley and the surrounding areas. The intention is to have a big opening night event in the Wimberley area, but nothing is set in stone yet."

Porter, whose images have won awards and been finalists in the Cowboy and Indians Magazine photography contest, has volunteered at RED Arena for five years. Each year, she has donated fine art equine images for the RED Arena Round-Up. She has also photographed all of RED's horses and created the facility's Christmas card in 2016. Porter is a member of Art on 12 Gallery in Wimberley.

Follow us on on facebook for opening night info: [REDarenaTX](https://www.facebook.com/REDarenaTX)

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## 2018 Round-Up Success!

We are so grateful for our Riders, Families, Volunteers, Sponsors, Staff and Supporters for making this Round-Up the best one so far. With over 60 Riders and over 1,000 in attendance we raised over \$150,000. These funds go into direct programing and allow us to keep our program costs low for all participants and provide full scholarships for those in need.

Congrats to Noah the  
2018 Rider of the Year!  
And Tiny T for  
Horse of the Year!



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## **NEW Resilience Program: Empowers families to thrive instead of just survive**

With a goal of enlarging a person's resilience, i.e. the capacity to recover quickly from various difficulties and challenges, the RED Arena Resilience Program launched in Dripping Springs in September to provide support for RED Arena clients and the community at large.

"Because each set of circumstances is so personal to an individual and

the family members, the program offers a buffet of services," said Jaclyn Tully, program director. "That way, families can pick and choose the type of support they want on an as-needed basis."

Initial offerings include a monthly workshop/speaker, ecotherapy (nature-based methods of physical and psychological healing) and talk therapy sessions with a licensed marriage and family therapist, a peer mentoring program, and a virtual support group on Facebook. Riders, family members of riders, and community members may choose to participate in any or all of the offerings they find helpful (space permitted).

Therapy sessions with a licensed marriage and family therapist will have a modest fee, but other programs will be free or donation-based.

"We want to make it as easy as possible for people to take advantage of this program," commented Tully. "Initially, events will be at the Dripping Springs location, but we will be exploring options for expanding to San Marcos as the program grows."

For more information on The Resilience Program, [click here](#).

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## Annual Report

We are pleased to present our 2018-2019 Annual Report. We continue to grow current programs and develop new ones to better serve our community. Thanks to support like yours, we've had an increase in revenue which has allowed for more scholarships to be funded.

[Annual Report](#)

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## Recurring Donation

About 90% of all of our expenses go directly into programming. Your support of just \$20 per month can be automated through your credit card and total up to helping us purchase a new saddle or annual horsecare. \$50 per month could scholarship a rider for lessons or horse camp.

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