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Therapeutic Equestrian Riding Association for the Disabled (TEAD): Pausing Programs to Build for the Future

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The Board of Directors of TEAD has announced that they will pause therapeutic riding programs to the community after the completion of the current fall training session that ends December 14, 2015.

TEAD's Board President, Lindsey George stated that "we know this is difficult news to hear and we wish we did not have to take this action; however, we find ourselves in a financial situation where we simply cannot afford to continue providing the programs as they are currently structured. So we are putting our programming on pause."

The Board has decided to pause programming so that they can direct attention to exploring how they can develop a financially viable approach to providing equestrian therapy for children and adults with disabilities in the Hamilton area.

Over the next several months, TEAD's Board of Directors will take time to assess the program's potential to achieve financial viability. Lindsey George stated that "we will do this by exploring a broad range of options. We will look at our own best practices as well as those of other therapeutic riding organizations with the hope of finding an approach that will enable us to provide sustainable equestrian therapy programs for our community".

The Board is proud of all the accomplishments of TEAD and are grateful for all the support received from our dedicated staff and volunteers, generous donors and funders. It is our inspiring riders and their families that keep us committed to the future of therapeutic riding in Hamilton.

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