

# connections *communiqué*

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The holidays are a time of giving and receiving, caring for others, and spending time with family and friends. It is the end of one year and the beginning of the next. PBJ Connections is heading into 2010 with hope for growth and new adventures and we would like to have you "in the saddle" with us.

In 2009 we delivered nearly 300 therapy sessions. We now have a full time therapist and program director, and we have had three new board members join our leadership team. While our program has grown nearly 3-fold over last year, our donations from private sources are down. Like many other non-profits, the declining economy has lead to a decline in donations.

We look forward to the challenges of the New Year and are excited about the



leadership of our expanded board of directors. 2010 will bring us fiscal growth, increased volunteerism, and continued growth in our programming. In 2010 we will take the next logical step towards becoming a fully sustainable organization by paying for our facility and horse use, much of which has been donated to

us by the facility and horse owners.

Please help us meet our goals by donating to PBJ Connections. **We need your help** to fund scholarships for clients, to help pay for facility and horse use, and to allow us to continue to reach as many children in need as we can. We are careful stewards of the money we

receive and our financial books are available for review at any time.

Join our team and feel good knowing that you are making a difference in the lives of at-risk youth. You will make someone's day, and it will make your day, too, to know that your donation is being used as you intend.

Thank you.

Name / Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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I wish to make the following donation. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Cash/Check Enclosed

**Mail to:** PBJ Connections, 9800 Jugstreet Road NW, Pataskala OH 43062. **Online:** <http://www.pbjconnections.org>

May we publish your name in our quarterly newsletter and online?  Yes  No

May we publish your comments in our quarterly newsletter and online?  Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Founders' Circle** – With your contribution of \$500.00 or more, a child can participate in a five week group session.

**Builders' Circle** – Your donation of \$250.00 or more can sponsor a weekend of family therapy.

**Sustainers' Circle** – Your donation of \$100.00 or more can sponsor a young boy or girl for a single therapy session.

**Contributors** – Your donation of \$50.00 or more can be used to purchase safety equipment and other needed items.

# Horse Sponsorship Program

## ...makes a Great Christmas Present!

The wonderful horses at PBJ Connections make up the heart of our program. Without them, we would not be able to connect with the many children that come to our program. The horses in our program are all lovingly cared for and kept in good health. We are looking for caring individuals who can help us with the cost of feeding and caring for these great animals.

Sponsorships are available for any amount and will go toward the care and feeding of our herd of horses. Here are just a few of our horses available for sponsorship. See [www.pbjconnections.org](http://www.pbjconnections.org) for more information.



**Rocky:** AKA "The Hobbit" (pictured left) is an 8 year old Halflinger cross. He is a favorite with everyone because he looks like a stuffed animal. Rocky is quick to get the attention of our young clients.

**Ramazotti:** AKA Ram (pictured right) is a 17 year old Hanoverian. Ram has competed in jumpers and is currently still competing in dressage. Ram is a very confident horse and he does well with private sessions and with groups.



**Eddie the Donkey:** Eddie (pictured left) used to play Donkey Basketball until he was benched by his team. He works extensively with our youngest clients and his patience is unending.

**Buckeye the Donkey:** Buckeye (pictured right) is from the Grand Canyon. He's a little more active than Eddie and is great in sessions working with



his best buddy, Eddie.

**Grazie:** AKA Gracie Melinda is a 19 year old Hanoverian mare. She is popularly known as "The Mommy Horse" as she has two offspring that live at the farm. With Grazie's help we have had wonderful discussions with our clients about parenting.

### Go GREEN with PBJ

We are recycling aluminum cans, empty printer cartridges and cell phones for cash. If you have these items to recycle, please contact us at [donations@pbjconnections.org](mailto:donations@pbjconnections.org).

### Board of Directors

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Please consider sponsoring any of these or our other therapy horses at the following levels:

**Annual level:** \$3600 or more will sponsor a horse of your choice for one year. Receive

- A framed picture of your horse
- Recognition on the PBJ Wall of Fame plaque
- Recognition on the PBJ Connections webpage
- Two tickets to our annual fundraiser
- A free team building or family equine assisted therapy/learning session

**Bi-Annual level:** \$1800 will sponsor a horse of your choice for 6 months. Receive

- A framed picture of your horse
- Recognition on the PBJ Wall of Fame plaque and the PBJ Connections webpage
- Two tickets to our annual fundraiser

**Quarterly level:** \$900 will sponsor a horse of your choice for 3 months. Receive

- A framed picture of your horse
- Recognition on the PBJ Connections webpage.

**Monthly level:** \$300 will sponsor a horse of your choice for one month. Receive

- A picture of your horse
- Recognition on the PBJ Connections webpage.

**Helper level:** Any contribution to assist in sponsoring a horse. Receive

- Recognition on the PBJ Connections webpage.

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