

Share the Vision

Yes! I'd like to sponsor a youth polo player for:

- ___ 1 interscholastic polo match for **\$100**
- ___ 12 interscholastic polo matches for **\$1,200**
- ___ 1 Summer polo match for **\$200**
- ___ 20 Summer polo matches for **\$4,000**

Yes! I'd like to sponsor a Work to Ride youth in horse sports

- ___ 1 Horsemanship Class **\$20**
- ___ 1 Junior Racing **\$50**
- ___ 1 Junior Field Master Chase **\$50**

I would like to give an undesignated gift to the Work to Ride program for the amount of \$_____

- I would like to donate an **in kind gift** such as barn, horse and stable equipment. For a more complete list contact Lezlie at (215) 877-4419.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

** Credit card donations can be made by visiting our website at www.worktoride.net*

If you would like to make a donation or have further questions, please contact:

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WORK TO RIDE
Polo Sponsorship Program

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The Mission

Work to Ride provides activities that promote discipline, self-esteem, motivation, social development, life skills, academic achievement and physical fitness through year round programs that encourage long term participation. In addition, educational and cultural resources are provided to participants and the community-at-large, as well as, vocational guidance and opportunities for careers in related fields.

What is Work to Ride?

Founded in 1994, Work to Ride (WTR) is a 501 c3, non-profit community-based prevention program that aids disadvantaged urban youth through constructive activities centered on horsemanship, equine sports and education. The program is housed at Chamounix Stables, located in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia. This setting provides a unique opportunity to bring urban youth in contact with animals and nature. WTR is designed as a long-term program for 7 to 19 year-old youth who must commit to a minimum of one year of participation. It is, however, expected that participants will choose to remain with the program through high school graduation. WTR graduates receive help with college enrollment, and most also choose to return to Chamounix to mentor new participants.

How does it work?

WTR provides youngsters with a positive outlet for their energy and an alternative to negative "street" activities. Participants develop discipline, responsibility, and life skills through training, riding, and performing horse care and barn management chores. They also develop confidence, self-esteem, and the skills necessary to complete successfully in their chosen activities. The youth are allowed to choose among various horse sports. While most are trained and talented in several sports, polo has proven to be the perennial favorite of WTR youth. In addition to acquisition of life-skills, WTR also emphasizes the necessity of academic achievement. Staff and volunteers provide afterschool tutoring to help students maintain the passing grades required for program participation.

Why does it work?

WTR programs and activities are designed to explore new ways of engaging youth in significant educational, social and cultural experiences that are otherwise unavailable. The youth build relationships and develop problem-solving skills through spirited teamwork and cooperation. Activities at the stables as well as during competitions and trips allow participants to interact with diverse people and to be exposed to a variety of new experiences. Additionally, Chamounix Stables becomes a "home away from home" for participants. Spending time there helps kids develop family-like relationships that become integral components of their lifestyles. Participation in WTR teaches the youth that the combination of hard work and supportive relationships leads to success.

Work To Ride Accomplishments & Acclaim

- * 1999 Work to Ride made history with the **first African-American Polo team in the nation.**
- * 2003 Work to Ride was featured on **HBO's Real Sports with Bryant Gumball.**
- * 2004 Work to Ride was featured in ***Sports Illustrated*** by acclaimed sports writer Gary Smith.
- * 2005 Work to Ride won the Eastern Regional Interscholastic Polo tournament and **Advanced to the National Tournament.**
- * 2005 Work to Ride's **Jabarr Rosser** was voted **#1 National All Star player.**