

**UNITED WAY OF THE OHIO VALLEY
HANCOCK COUNTY
PARTNER AGENCY: HC - OHIO COUNTY EQUESTRIAN, INC.**

The small petite child had a spark about her that would make a therapeutic riding instructor jump for joy. She was so small that I often worried she would get whiplash from wearing a helmet because her neck muscles were so weak. Her willpower and determination forever gave me a connection and love for foster children. Her foster parents adopted her - of course. She is the highlight of the entire barn and has the fastest reflexes of anyone. She loves to camp, ride and just have fun. We all had doubts about just how much she was going to be able to accomplish in life due to her intellectual disabilities but she has come so very far in just a few short years of life. Her family has driven week after week from Hancock Co. to Ohio Co. Bringing not only her but many foster siblings as well. She was chosen to represent the program on our most recent brochures which are given to Doctors, Therapists and school teachers interested in sending folks to our therapeutic center. This family deserves the credit for teaching us here at OCE about foster children. It was with the progress of this little girl that we decided to include foster children and children who were exposed to violence. The child is anticipating her next opportunity to ride in the challenged shows but most of all she enjoys the cake ride competition! She is forever saying "horseshow ride number cake" for a long time we did not get it until it dawned on us she was talking about the cake ride class at the Cedar Grove Benefit Horse Show held for OCE. The donations through United Way helps us pay for insurance which enables us to provide lessons 100% free, without it we could not operate.

WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR INVESTMENT MAKE?

With your investment of \$100 **Ohio County Equestrian, Inc.** can:

- Purchase 2 gallons of fly spray
- Purchase some much needed portable fencing and step in post
- Purchase 20 new plastic chairs

