

WildFreedom begins at the end of the month, and we are filled with anticipation as always. If you would like to donate a lunch for 15-20 people please contact Maddy at runningwtrcmarketing@gmail.com Our last course had every single lunch donated by volunteers and these local businesses - make sure to go support them!

Chomper Café

- The DiPPER
- Belle's Brunch House

- Firehouse Subs
- Philly Express Veterans Community Response

Wild to Mild

This spring when the BLM reopens after the COVID-19 closure, Don and Cyndie will be going to the holding pens outside of Boise, ID to pick up 6 mustangs to be used in our new program, Wild to Mild. We have chosen 6 veterans who have completed our WildFreedom course. When the mustangs arrive at the ranch, the 6 veterans will have 6 months to train their individual mustangs before they move to the last part of the horses' training: a pack trip in the Montana Wilderness. Upon returning, we will hold a fun event to auction off the mustangs. The proceeds will go toward the next round of the program. We are seeking the help of a videographer to help us document the journey of the horses and veterans over their 6 months together. If you are a professional videographer and would like to help with this, please contact Maddy at runningwtrcmarketing@gmail.com



Fundraiser Postponed to July 16

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have decided to push our annual fundraiser from Saturday, May 30 to Thursday, July 16. There will be live music, amazing dishes provided by Chomper Café, live testimonials, and auction items you won't want to miss! Contact Maddy at runningwmarketing@gmail.com to be added to our Fundraiser Team (currently meeting virtually).

Current Fundraiser Needs:

- bottles of red or white wine valued at \$10 or more for wine pull these can be dropped off at the ranch anytime
- silent auction items
- live auction items
- volunteers to work at different stations at event
- AWARENESS the most important aspect of making this successful and it's never too early to start spreading the word!



Volunteer Spotlight: Emily DeMarcus

Emily Demarcus has been volunteering at Running W for two years now. She always loved horses, and when she heard about the volunteer opportunities at the ranch, she knew she had to get involved.

Since then, she has been regularly involved in the therapeutic riding classes. Looking at her involvement here Emily noted, "I found out I have a great love for helping kids. I get to do what I love."

When asked about what the ranch meant to her, Emily said that Running W is a place that gives a lot of hope and opportunity. Thank you Emily! We are better because of you and Running W wouldn't be the same without you.

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