

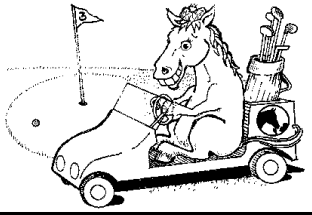
# NEWS FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Tory Dietel Hopps, Campaign Director

## A Hot Line Up of Summer Special Events Raise Funds for the Campaign

### RTT's First Golf Tournament – A Great Success

RTT's first benefit Golf Tournament, chaired by Hilary Mansfield and Susan Cook, raised over \$13,000



Riding To The Top Golf Tournament '06

for the Campaign with help from wonderful sponsors, donors and players.

Special thanks to the following major sponsors for their support of this event:

- Norway Savings Bank
- Falmouth Lions Club
- Casco Bay Ford
- Fast Signs
- Val Halla Golf Course and The Forecaster

Thanks also to our team captains and players for playing on behalf of our riders.

If you are a golfer, please save **June 15, 2007** for next year's tournament and let RTT know that you want to play.

### Barn to Beach Ride-a-Thon 2006 – A Fun Day

Gretchen Rae enjoys a swim on Seka



RTT Volunteer Keely Anderson Thunders down the beach on Buck

July 29, 2006 was a stellar Maine summer day that witnessed 24 horses and riders enjoying the trails and beach of Ram Island Farm. With great thanks to our hostesses, Bonnie Porta and Mariah Monks, this year was our most successful Ride-a-thon ever, raising over \$13,000. THANK YOU RIDERS and SPONSORS. If you own a horse, we hope you'll join us next year for this amazing ride. (Photos courtesy of Dan DeSimone.)

### 2006 TD Banknorth Beach To Beacon 10K

Twenty-five dedicated RTT parents, volunteers, board members and friends tied up their sneakers and were a part of this year's TD Banknorth Beach to Beacon 10K. These sponsored runners raised over \$11,000 for RTT's Campaign. THANK YOU ALL!!



RTT Board member, Candace Platz, made it clear who she was running for!



RTT Sponsored runners: Diane Ashen, Freda Hoyt-McGuire, Tory Dietel Hopps, Michael Fralich, Nea Hoyt and Michelle Nickerson celebrate their finish!

### Donor Highlight

#### A Gift of Recycled Building Materials and Equipment

When Mary Noyes was dismantling a home in Freeport, she realized that there were a lot of good building materials that someone could use, so she donated doors, windows, trim, bead board and fir beams to RTT's building project. In addition, Mary gave RTT electronic equipment for our new facility including a multi-room sound system, speakers and audio visual equipment. Thank you, Mary, for thinking of RTT!

#### Enormous Thanks For Recent Gifts To The Campaign!

- Sam L. Cohen Foundation \$15,000
- Red Acre Foundation \$15,000
- JTG Foundation \$12,000
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of Maine \$10,000
- Verrill Dana \$2,500
- Anne Schroth Dietz Fund of the Maine Community Foundation \$2,000
- Time Warner Cable \$1,000
- Maine State Chapter of the Knights of Columbus \$1,000
- Bernstein Shur Sawyer and Nelson \$500
- WalMart \$500
- Waldron Group \$500

**And great thanks to hundreds of individual donors too!!**



Thank you to Time Warner for selecting RTT for a TW Cares Award. The award included a \$1,000 gift to our campaign and the production and airing of a Public Service Announcement with an in-kind value of \$50,000.

# THE FINAL PUSH

## Inspired? Help RTT Meet The Kresge Challenge!

RTT's Capital Campaign for Expanded Services has until December 31, 2006 to complete our Campaign goal of \$1.6 million and meet our Kresge Foundation Challenge Grant.

Phase II of our Campaign will complete our Comprehensive Year-Round facility in Windham—this additional space will include program and office space attached to our indoor arena (visit our website for full plans). We are looking forward to having a heated grooming area and tack room, a viewing room, a therapy room and two indoor bathrooms (!) in addition to space for our staff all under one roof.

- If you are a parent or volunteer and want to help – you can get sponsored too! Create your own **"Helping to Meet The Challenge"** webpage by going to [www.firstgiving.com/ridingtothetop](http://www.firstgiving.com/ridingtothetop) and ask friends, family and colleagues to join you in helping RTT to meet the Kresge Challenge.

- Memorialize or honor an individual or a pet by purchasing a **"Legacy of Love"** granite tile which will be displayed in our new facility. For more information go to [www.ridingtothetop.org](http://www.ridingtothetop.org) and click on the RTT Store or call Paulette Shepard at 892-2813 x14.

- If you know of a **foundation or business** that might be interested in helping RTT with a grant or donation, call Tory Dietel Hopps at 892-2813, X12. Multi-year commitments will still count towards the Kresge Challenge!

No matter how you choose to participate, your help is needed and is greatly appreciated! Please contact Tory Dietel Hopps, Campaign Director at 892-2813

### Volvo for Life Award - Vote!!

RTT's Founder, Patty Carton has become one of the top five semifinalists in Maine for the 5th Anniversary Volvo for Life Awards, Volvo's national search for everyday heroes that gives out nearly \$1 million in awards and funding each year. Patty was selected out of more than 16,000 nominations.

This year, YOU have a chance to vote in the awards — and your vote could help Patty Carton become eligible to receive

up to \$50,000 in funding for Riding To The Top and maybe even a Volvo for life!

Please log on to: [www.volvoforlifeawards.com](http://www.volvoforlifeawards.com) select "Vote", choose Maine, then click on Patty Carton to vote. You won't be asked to provide any personal information; all it takes to vote is to check a box and click a button.

We hope you'll take the time to visit the site, vote and ask you friends to vote too. And yes, you can vote more than once!

### Help Sell Our Lucky Horse Shoes

RTT is working with local businesses and individuals to sell \$1 and \$5 lucky horse shoes. If you can help us get stores to sell these or want to sell them at your place of work or to friends, call Paulette Shepard 892-2813 x 14



Put some money on a winner.

Buy a lucky horseshoe and support Riding To The Top Therapeutic Riding Center.

[www.ridingtothetop.org](http://www.ridingtothetop.org)

