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5th Annual Catch a Dream Exceeds Expectations for Dream Catchers

WILLIAMSBURG, Virginia – Hometown barbeque and the spirit of competition proved to be a winning combination for making dreams come true at the fifth annual Catch a Dream Campaign & Horse Show benefiting [Dream Catchers at the Cori Sikich Therapeutic Riding Center](#). Held March 5, 2017, debut Title Sponsor and Catering Donor Pierce’s PITT Bar-B-Que and a crowd of 200 joined together for a day of fundraising and watching Dream Team students showcase their riding skills.

The Catch a Dream Campaign & Horse Show raised more than \$25,000 in profit, surpassing their goal, through the hard work of 58 dedicated teams of students, volunteers and staff. The enthusiastic teams solicited donations throughout the campaign. The winning student team was “Team Chase J” and the winning volunteer team was “Team Bo.”

Lead sponsor Pierce’s PITT Bar-B-Que provided the buffet lunch and two Dream Rider Scholarships giving two lucky students a free 10-week session each. More than 20 additional sponsors helped make the event a success.

Catch a Dream helps support Dream Catchers, a non-profit organization, in providing 100 life-changing equine-assisted activities and therapies each week to children and adults with one or more of 150 special needs who reside throughout the Williamsburg, Hampton Roads and Richmond communities. Devoted volunteers donate 13,000+ hours of service each year to help meet the needs.

“We are amazed at the outpouring of support and the talent of the teams, students, volunteers and sponsors who helped make this year’s Catch a Dream the most profitable ever for Dream Catchers,” says Nancy Paschall, executive director of Dream Catchers at the Cori Sikich Therapeutic Riding Center. “Profits from the event help Dream Catchers offer our programs of therapeutic horsemanship to individuals with special needs for the lowest possible lesson fees.”

For more information about Dream Catchers at the Cori Sikich Therapeutic Riding Center, please call (757) 566-1775 or visit dreamcatchers.org.

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Captions

CAD Fundraising Team Winners (l to r) Chase and Stephanie Jensen, Beverley Sparks

CAD Title-and-Catering-Sponsor (l to r) Jay Pierce, president of Pierce's PITT Bar-B-Que, Janet Mayberry Laughlin, president of the board for Dream Catchers, Tom Miller, MD, vice president of the board for Dream Catchers

CAD rider (l to r) Dream Catchers' volunteer Marie Thell assists rider Andrew who is also helped by volunteer side walker Marisol Lambert

About Dream Catchers at the Cori Sikich Therapeutic Riding Center

Dream Catchers at the Cori Sikich Therapeutic Riding Center is the premier therapeutic riding center between Charlottesville and Virginia Beach. Located in Toano, Virginia, Dream Catchers is a nonprofit organization hosting more than 100 therapeutic riding lessons each week to help children and adults with special needs reach their potential and make dreams come true.

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