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## **Shea Center Presents Youth Summer Equestrian Experience for Children of Military Families** *Summer Programs Open to Friends and Family of Shea Clients*

**San Juan Capistrano, Calif.** - The Shea Center for Therapeutic Riding is offering a summer equestrian experience for children of active duty or retired military personnel and for friends and family members of Shea Center clients. Programs for children of military families (both active and retired) will be sponsored in full by the RichLynd Foundation with valid copy of military ID.

The special summer sessions are scheduled between July 7 through August 23 and classes are 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Week-long summer programs are offered to children ages 5 through 16, with and without special needs. Children will be grouped by like ability levels and interests as they learn riding skills and experience all aspects of horsemanship.

Summer sessions take place at The Shea Center located at 26284 Oso Road in San Juan Capistrano.

Throughout the year, The Shea Center offers comprehensive therapeutic riding programs for hundreds of children and adults with disabilities. The Shea Center's Executive Director Dana Butler-Moburg said, "Our summer sessions offer a unique time for able bodied participants to experience the Shea Center and gives our clients with special needs an integrated experience with their friends and community members – something our children and parents have asked for over the years in our summer sessions. We are truly grateful to the RichLynd Foundation for making this experience free to children of military families."

The cost of a week-long summer session is \$300 or \$400, depending on the program. For more information, call Adre Hudgson at 949-240-8441 x123, email [ahudgson@sheacenter.org](mailto:ahudgson@sheacenter.org) or visit [www.sheacenter.org](http://www.sheacenter.org).

One of the largest therapeutic riding centers in the country, The Shea Center for Therapeutic Riding is dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities through therapeutic horse related programs. The privately funded organization was founded by social worker Fran Joswick in 1978 and currently serves over 500 clients annually with approximately 50 varying disabilities. The Shea Center is celebrating its 30th year of serving the community.

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