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Equine Dreams receives funding assistance

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NEWARK — Equine Dreams Inc. is expanding its partnerships, with the latest being an endowment fund with the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley.

On Thursday, June 20, Equine Dreams signed papers to create the fund and received its first \$5,000 donation to set up the fund. That amount will be matched by the foundation for a total of \$10,000.

Over the years, Equine Dreams has received four grants from the foundation, totaling nearly \$50,000.

Equine Dreams also expressed appreciation to the IDEAL Industries Foundation for a grant to assist with the care and feeding of the organization's therapy horses.

Equine Dreams is a not-for-profit therapeutic riding program dedicated to providing free sessions to children and adults with disabilities. It provides services to three surrounding counties and has an average of 70 to 100 participants each week.

The staff is all volunteer, with five registered and one advanced therapeutic riding instructor, including one physical therapist and one occupational therapist. For more information on Equine Dreams, visit www.equinedreams.org.

"We are grateful for our long-standing relationship with the IDEAL Industries Foundation, their continued support and their belief in our mission," said Windy Kopecky, Equine Dreams board member and head instructor.

"We are committed to continuing to provide this unique and valuable service to our community and we appreciate the commitment of the IDEAL Industries Foundation to our organization."



From left are Rick Law and Jeff Hartman from the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley, and donors Marilyn and John Tebrugge. (PHOTO PROVIDED)



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