



Our Funding

Our programs operate 16-20 hours per week at our farm Newport, NH. An integral part of our programming are our volunteers who assist RTI on many levels.

We currently receive funding from the New Hampshire Charitable Trust and the Newport Service Organization. We supplement our funding sources with money raised during the area Farmers Markets, fundraising events, private donations, and additional grants.

If you would like to help support one of our programs or provide services such as grant writing, marketing, or transportation, please contact us. We are happy to discuss options for how you can get involved. Our participants benefit greatly and you may be surprised at how much you gain from the experience as well.

Join in Our Mission

Contact us if you would like to help support our programs through a donation or by contributing your time and skills. We are a 501(c)3 charitable organization. If you know someone who might benefit from participating in our programs, please feel free to refer them. We welcome all individuals with differing abilities who are interested in learning, practicing, and mastering skills.

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Non-riding Equine Program

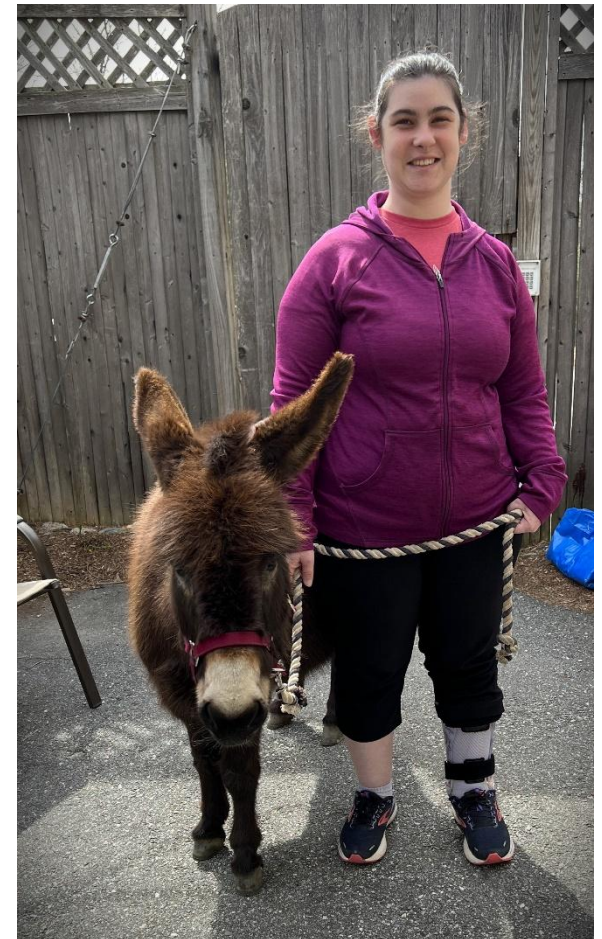
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Our Programs

Road To Independence is a nonprofit pre-vocational training program for individuals with differing abilities. The goal of our programs is to offer a meaningful experience for our participants while providing valuable life skills that can enhance other aspects of their daily living.

Participants can explore opportunities to develop new skills through these offerings:

- Non-riding equine program
- “On the Road” community events -
Reading to the Donkeys and Donkey visits

All our programs are built to emphasize the following life skills involved in the tasks participants are asked to complete:

- Communication
- Teamwork
- Following proper procedures
- Utilizing appropriate behavior and appearance



Non-Riding Equine Program

Participants are paired with our donkeys and learn:

- Haltering, leading, and grooming skills
- Proper animal handling skills
- Farm etiquette



“On the Road” Community Events

Our participants benefit greatly from being part of community activities throughout the year. Examples include:

- Participation at area Farmers Markets, and other special events
- Area parades in Newport, Goshen, Sunapee, and Grantham, NH and Woodstock, VT
- Donkey visits to area assisted living facilities, schools and Reading to the Donkeys program

One of the most important benefits of our parade, demonstration, care facility visits and farmers market experiences is that our participants are actively involved in their community on an equal footing with everyone else. Our programs show the community at large the can-do attitude of the differently-abled community.

