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The Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program Acquires Permanent Home *Equine Therapy Non-Profit purchases Little Full Cry Farm in Clifton, Virginia*

(Clifton, VA) January 5, 2012 -- The Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program (NVTRP) today announced the purchase of Little Full Cry Farm, a 17-acre property located on Clifton Road in Clifton, Virginia. For NVTRP, a volunteer-based, equine assisted activities and therapy non-profit, the purchase marks the program's first permanent operating home since its founding in 1980. Little Full Cry Farm was the former home of Junior Equitation School, the renowned equestrian program owned and operated by the late Jane M. Dillon.

"The acquisition of Little Full Cry Farm allows NVTRP to expand reach and broaden therapeutic offerings in the Northern Virginia community, serving more children, adults and military service personnel with challenges and disabilities," said Board of Governors Chair, Rhonda VanLowe.

"We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of Fairfax County and Clifton residents, all of our donors and volunteers. Our lead gifts are from O'Shaughnessy-Hurst Memorial Foundation, Ric and Jean Edelman, and the TL Cline Foundation; Reed Smith LLP, which provided pro bono legal services; and John Marshall Bank, which has provided financing for the purchase of the property. This is truly a great day for the NVTRP community."

After losing its barn and equipment in a fire in 2007, NVTRP operated between temporary locations before moving to Little Full Cry Farm in 2008. Randy Dillon, son of the late Jane M. Dillon, provided NVTRP with the opportunity to obtain Little Full Cry Farm in its entirety.

"We are thrilled to become the next owners of Little Full Cry Farm, making the Clifton

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community NVTRP's permanent home," said Breeana Bornhorst, executive director of NVTRP. "As a volunteer-based non-profit organization, our volunteers witness the benefits each rider gains every day. Now with our permanent home, NVTRP will be able to provide enhanced services to more riders, an incredible opportunity to make a lasting difference to the local community."

In 2011, NVTRP provided over 3,100 lessons to 262 riders with more than 20,000 volunteer hours. As part of the Little Full Cry acquisition, NVTRP has goals to build an indoor riding ring to provide year-round services, therapy areas, administrative offices, and bolster parking to accommodate more riders. For more information on the purchase of Little Full Cry Farm and information on The Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program, please visit www.nvtrp.org.

About The Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program

Originally chartered in 1980, The Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program [NVTRP] is a volunteer-based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing equine-assisted activities and therapies to children and adults with disabilities, youth-at risk, military service personnel and their families in an inclusive, community setting. Learning to ride and care for horses not only improves the physical health of the rider but also provides each rider with a critically important sense of accomplishment. Riders in NVTRP's care represent a range of disabilities, including attention deficit disorder, autism, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, developmental disabilities, vision and hearing impairments, and genetic syndromes. NVTRP is a Premier Center accredited by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship, International (PATH), and a member center of the Therapeutic Riding Association of Virginia (TRAV). For more information, please visit www.nvtrp.org.

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