



GIANT STEPS  
*Charity Classic*

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Saturday, August 3, 2013

*"It is our mission to enrich the lives of individuals with physical, behavioral and developmental challenges through the extraordinary benefits of therapeutic riding and related equine-assisted therapy."*

 BARCLAYS

AUCTION PROGRAM



## TODAY'S EVENTS

- Welcome Reception and Silent Auction
- Dinner by Park Avenue Catering and Wines from Rombauer Vineyards
- Live Auction with Auctioneer Fritz Hatton
- Riding Demonstration by our inspirational Giant Steps Riders
- \$10,000 Barclays' Six Bar High Jumping Competition
- Check Out (*Starts at 7:45 p.m.*)

## ABOUT GIANT STEPS

**Giant Steps** offers life-changing experiences to people of all ages who live with a wide range of disabilities, as well as to veterans living with post-traumatic stress disorder. Each week our riders come from throughout the Bay Area to interact with their 1,000 pound "therapists" in a safe and secure environment to achieve goals never before dreamed possible.

Our program offers our riders a unique opportunity to focus *not on their limitations, but on what they can do*, and the results are extraordinary. We operate without state or federal funding, so rely on the generosity of private donors to continue to serve the most deserving members of our community.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

### Welcome to the 4th Annual Giant Steps Charity Classic gala.

We are honored and humbled by your continued support, and we thank you for joining us tonight.

2013 has been a year of growth for Giant Steps. We now serve a record number of riders who come to us from seven Bay Area counties to experience the benefits of therapeutic riding. We've launched partnerships with **Wounded Warriors and Swords to Plowshares** to serve veterans living with post-traumatic stress disorder. **Upwards of 200 community volunteers donate their time to our organization;** and since last year's gala, we have added new instructors, new board members and new horses to support our continued growth and impact in the coming year.

Likewise, Giant Steps Charity Classic has made great strides. In 2012, the **United States Hunter Jumper Association** honored Giant Steps Charity Classic with the **Member's Choice Award**; out of a total of 103 eligible shows, it was distinguished as one of the five best horse shows in all of California. This year, we are honored to welcome **Gucci** as the official presenting sponsor of Giant Steps Charity Classic. Additionally, we'd like to thank all of our sponsors for supporting us and helping make this year's Charity Classic a sold-out success. Without you, none of this would be possible.

Our ambition is for Giant Steps Charity Classic to be a highlight of your year, as it is ours. Tonight's gala, along with the horse show itself, profoundly impacts our ability to ensure our programs continue to thrive; and hopefully, will allow us to grow the number of children and adults we serve over the next twelve months. We receive no state or federal funding for our programs. **In 2012, this gala and horse show accounted for 40% of Giant Steps' annual budget;** so while we enjoy our fine food and wine, good company, and the thrilling Barclays' Six Bar competition, let us also reflect on our good fortune, and consider sharing a portion of it this evening. With fantastic lots available in our live and silent auctions, a fund-a-need in support of our scholarship fund and opportunities to join as Giant Steps volunteers, each of us can most certainly find a way to support our disabled peers.

On behalf of all Giant Steps' employees and volunteers, our riders, their families and caretakers, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Ashley Herman & Kristin Loewenthal, Co-chairs

## GIANT STEPS BY THE NUMBERS

Riders served in the past year.....	149
Veterans served by our program .....	25
Age range of our riders .....	4 – 85
Bay Area counties from which our riders come .....	7
Number of years we have served our longest-term riders.....	7
Percent males / females.....	53% / 47%
Percent of riders on scholarship including veterans .....	76%
Hours of service donated by our volunteers .....	10,564
Number of full-time staff positions represented by volunteer hours .....	5.1
Number of equine therapists (a.k.a. horses) on our team .....	10
Number of ponies on our team .....	1
Bales of hay consumed last year .....	520



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## FRITZ HATTON, Auctioneer

Fritz Hatton is the one of the nation's leading wine Auctioneers. His wine auction experience commenced in 1980, when he joined Christie's to help start its U.S. Wine Department. After a musical sabbatical in the early 1990s, he returned to Christie's and served as the Director of their U.S. Wine Department from 1995 to 1998. In this capacity and in partnership with the leading American wine retailer Zachys, he was responsible for the largest auctions of wine organized to date in the United States. In 2002 he joined the prominent retailer Zachys as auctioneer for its new solo wine auction venture and continues to serve as Zachys' principal auctioneer. Since 1983 Mr. Hatton has conducted charity auctions throughout the U.S., most involving wine in support of arts, educational, and medical charities.



In the fall of 1998 Mr. Hatton became a vintner when he returned to California to launch Arietta, a microbrand featuring handmade Bordeaux-styled Napa red wines. He now resides in Saint Helena with his wife Caren, eleven-year-old daughter Libby, and seven-year-old daughter Hattie. In rare moments away from selling wine, he pursues his hobby as an amateur classical pianist, and has recently performed with pianists Garrick Ohlsson and Emmanuel Ax, and the soprano Barbara Bonney.

### GOLDEN AUCTION TICKET

Purchase a Golden Auction Ticket for \$100 and secure a chance to win your choice of the Live Auction items before they go up for sale. Bidders may purchase as many Golden Auction tickets as they like, however, only 100 tickets will be sold. Bidder must indicate which live auction item they would select at the time of the ticket sale. The drawing will take place just before the Live Auction begins. Winner need not be present to win.

## AUCTION RULES

### All bidding requires a bid number.

Your personal bid number will be assigned when you arrive and is required for purchase of items. Neither Fritz Hatton, Auctioneer, nor Giant Steps makes representation of any kind or nature of any express or implied warranty with respect to the items offered at this auction.

### All items are sold "as is."

No guarantee is made to their value, function or genuineness. Most items offered are given an estimated value by the donor. This valuation is only an estimate and is not a guarantee of the object's resale value or its worth.

## SILENT AUCTION

- Each item has a bid sheet placed in front of it.
- Persons wishing to bid may do so by legibly writing their bid number and name on the bid sheet.
- There is no limit to the number of times a person can bid on an item.
- Please read the time specifications & restrictions carefully.
- Revisit each item frequently to check your bid and rebid if you would like.
- Each new bid must be written on the first available line on the bid sheet and must meet the 'minimum raise' shown on the bid sheet. Bids that do not meet the minimum raise will not be considered.
- Under no circumstances may any bid sheet be removed from the table.
- All written bids are final and may not be retracted.
- Silent Auction tables will be closed at specific times (see posted signs for closing times). The highest bid at the time of closing is the winning bid.
- The winning bidder need not be present at the time of closing. If you and another bidder are bidding on the same item when the auction is closing, a table monitor will ask each of you to write your final bids on a sheet of paper as a 'bid challenge'. The person with the highest bid will win the item.

## LIVE AUCTION

- To enter a bid, the bidding number should be raised with the bid number facing the auctioneer.
- Fritz Hatton, Auctioneer, will choose bidding increments and has sole discretion in resolving any disputes that may arise in the course of bidding. The Auctioneer reserves the right to disqualify or reject any bids made during or after the auction, for any reason. The Auctioneer is the only party allowed to determine that a bid has been placed. If the Auctioneer misses a bid, the missed party has no right to have the bid reinstated. Although items may be listed in a catalog as being available for bidding, the Auctioneer generally reserves the right to remove items from bidding at any time, for any reason.
- The successful bidder is responsible for making payment of the successful bid price to Giant Steps, and taking delivery of all purchases today, August 3, 2013. If you have not pre-registered your credit card, please proceed to the finance table before the end of the evening to pay for your item either by check, credit card or cash. Once an object has been legally transferred over to the winning bidder, Giant Steps, Sonoma Horse Park and Fritz Hatton ceases holding any liability over the object. Any damages incurred due to its use or misuse is the responsibility of the winning bidder.

### FAIR MARKET VALUE

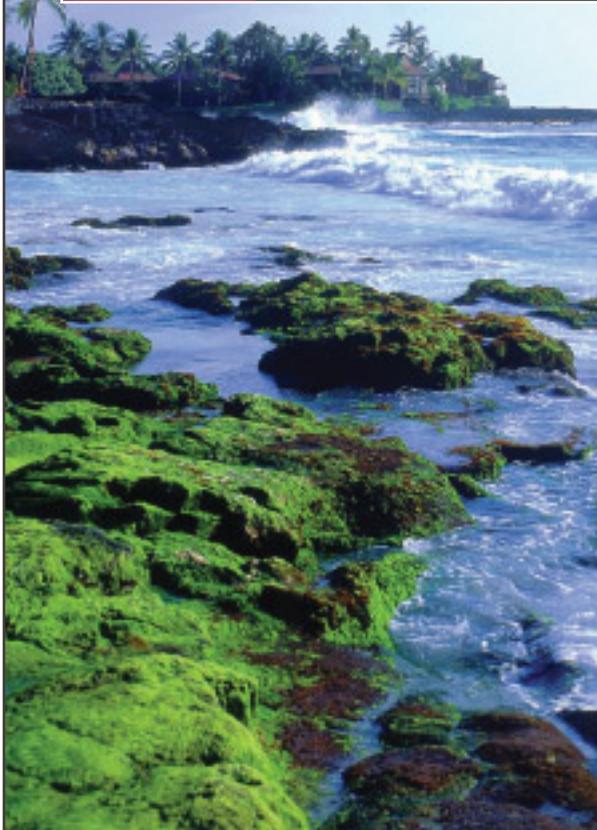
Giant Steps is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, thus payments in excess of the fair market value of the item may be considered a charitable contribution. Please refer to your tax advisor for further information.

Donations made directly to Giant Steps are 100% tax-deductible. The fair market value of auction lots as reported by donors is available upon request at the Registration Table.

**On behalf of our auction donors, we ask auction winners to honor black out and expiration dates as listed by the donors.**

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## BIG FUN ON THE BIG ISLAND



**One glorious week's stay for four** in a townhouse in Waikoloa, Hawaii on the "Big Island." This 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse, with garage, boasts amenities such as two swimming pools and a tennis court.

Retail shops and delicious restaurants can be found within walking distance. The property fronts the 15th hole fairway of Waikoloa Beach Golf Course and there are private guides to help with a wide variety of island outings. You're sure to enjoy your stay with a host of activities available – be it the majestic active Kilauea Volcano, Akaka Falls, Waipio Valley, horseback riding in The Parker Ranch, whale watching (seasonal) out on the big blue or some of the best snorkeling this island has to offer.

**Donor:** Barbra and Ron Goodrich

*Subject to availability. Blackout dates include December, January and a portion of April. Winner is asked to use the certificate by August 2, 2014.*

## DINNER FOR 10 AT ARTEFACT DESIGN & SALVAGE PREPARED BY PARK AVENUE CATERING

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Located just 15 minutes from Sonoma Horse Park in the spectacular Cornerstone Gardens, **Artefact is a one-of-a-kind setting for a dinner among friends.** Surrounded by rare antique architectural pieces, decorative objects crafted from architectural salvage, large-scale organic forms and exclusive home and garden décor, you will enjoy the gourmet creations of Chef Bruce Riezenman.

Also included are a private tour of Cornerstone Gardens with the owners and an overnight stay for six at the on-site Vineyard House. A mixed half case of wine rounds out the lot – and the evening!

**Donor:** Artefact Design & Salvage, Cornerstone Gardens, Park Avenue Catering

*Date to be mutually agreed upon. Saturdays excluded. Preference for late fall, winter or spring.*



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7034 NIGHTS AT A SALAMANDER RESORT & SPA  
– A 340 ACRE EQUESTRIAN ESTATE

Just 35 minutes from Dulles airport in the historic 18th century village of Middleburg, **Salamander Resort & Spa** features the refined sophistication of a luxurious country estate in Virginia's horse and wine country. From the intimate Library to the brick-floored Wine Bar to the traditional Billiard Room to the tranquil Spa and Wellness Center to the spectacular Signature Restaurant featuring panoramic views, every aspect of the Resort bespeaks its elegance.

During your stay, enjoy six hours of horseback riding over seemingly endless trails. Should you choose to leave the resort, Middleburg houses more than 100 unique shops, restaurants, surrounding wineries and equestrian fields for you to visit. But why would you leave?

**Donor:** Salamander Resort & Spa

*Subject to availability. Excludes holidays and special events. Valid November 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014. Includes breakfast daily for two.*

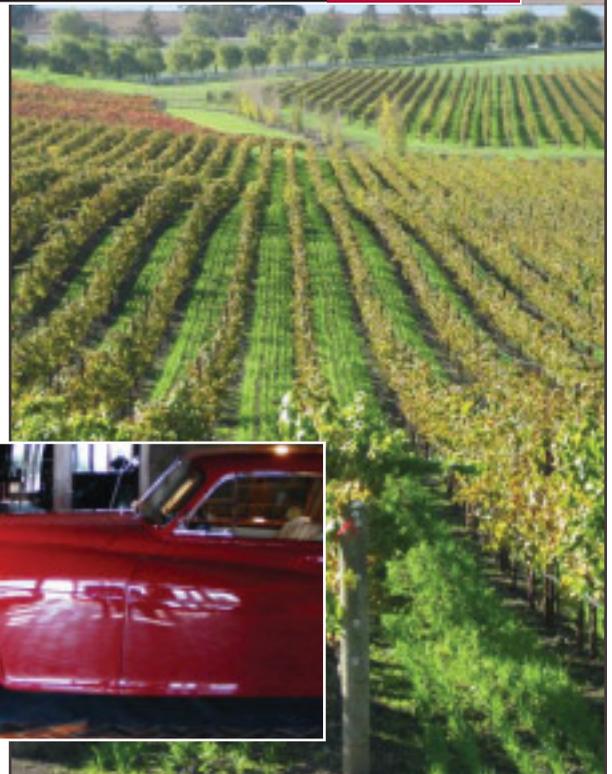
## KELLER ESTATES WINE TASTING AND TOUR FOR 8

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**Keller Estates produces the most elegant and expressive Chardonnay & Pinot Noir in the Sonoma Coast.** Tour this architecturally stunning winery and enjoy award-winning wines. From vine to bottle, everything is done on property. Keller Estate's limited production of sustainably grown Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris and Syrah are regarded as some of the most exquisite wines in Sonoma. While there, you will get an exclusive tour of the Pyramid Car Collection.

The Keller Estate private vintage car collection is closed to the public and holds some very unique and fantastic pre-second world war vehicles, tucked away in a secluded and amazing location. Along with your private tour, you will have a chance to view some of these automobiles.

**Donor:** Ana Keller



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## SPEND A WEEK IN GORGEOUS SUN VALLEY



**This renovated two bedroom/two bath condominium is located in the heart of Sun Valley at the base of Dollar Mountain.**

The condominium, a quiet corner unit, features an open floor plan with 15' ceilings in the living area, new hardwood and carpeted floors, and stainless steel kitchen appliances. The kitchen has every amenity you need. Stocking service is available. The two bedrooms have king size beds with marble bathrooms.

The location is ideal with the historic Sun Valley Lodge a 10 minute walk, and the town of Ketchum one mile away. In the summer, plan to fly fish, bike, hike, paraglide, trap shoot, ride horseback, or attend outdoor concerts. In the winter, you have great ski mountains to choose from including Dollar Mountain directly outside your front door, as well as 200 km of groomed cross-country ski trails. You can take a horse drawn sleigh to Trail Creek Cabin for dinner, and bus service to The Lodge, Mt. Baldy and Ketchum is free and available at the Dollar Mountain Lodge. The beautifully maintained complex also includes access to a pool, jacuzzi and recreation room.

**Donor:** Karen Brown

*Expires August 2, 2014. Dates to be mutually agreeable. Not available the weeks of Presidents' Day, July 4, Christmas.*

## INSTANT WINE CELLAR

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So you have always wanted a wine cellar, but when you buy a few bottles, it seems like you drink them up before you get around to "laying them down" to age gracefully and fully develop. Now is your opportunity. Through the generosity of numerous wineries, we have assembled for you an Instant Wine Cellar. At press time the lot contained over nine cases of wine, with more arriving daily. Some of the wines are aged to peak maturity and ready to drink; some need a few more years.

The lot is predominantly red, with Cabs, Merlots, Pinots, Syrahs, blends and more. Whites include Chardonnays, Sauvignon Blancs, and blends. The wines come from numerous appellations within Sonoma and Napa; there are a few international wines included as well.

**Donor:** Numerous Generous Wineries



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## 4 NIGHTS IN PARIS WITH 2 ROUND TRIP TICKETS



Enjoy a four-night stay at the Renaissance Paris Arc de Triomphe or Renaissance Le Parc Trocadero. Both are located in central Paris, easy walking distance to the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs-Élysées, and the Eiffel Tower. With two round-trip, upgradeable, coach fare tickets on American Airlines included, there's no excuse not to go.

Valid until August 2, 2014. Hotel certificates provide Standard Room accommodations, and are not property specific; hotel partners reserve the right to change or remove hotel properties without notice (if this occurs, the certificates may be used for a stay at another valid worldwide location). A minimum of 21 days advance booking is required for American Airlines. A Saturday night stay is required. All taxes, fees and surcharges are the responsibility of the winning bidders.

**Donor:** Friends of Giant Steps

*The following blackout dates apply for 2013: 8/30–9/2, 11/22–27, 11/30–12/2, 12/20–23, 12/27–31. Blackout dates for 2014: 1/1–2, 3/21–23, 3/28, 4/1, 5/23–26. Subject to availability. Winners must allow up to four weeks to receive certificates.*

## PRIVATE DINNER FOR 10 BY CHEF GARY DANKO

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Award-winning Chef Gary Danko will open his Russian Hill home for up to 11 guests to experience a personal dinner prepared by the Chef himself. The evening will begin with a champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception in the courtyard. The reception will be followed by a 5-course dinner with sommelier-selected wine pairing in the dining room. Chef Danko will be on hand to welcome guests, mingle after dinner and will provide a signed cookbook to each of the guests.

**Donor:** Chef Gary Danko

*Date to be mutually agreed upon.*



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## FAMILY VACATION AT HIGH ROCK RANCH



Enjoy a four-night stay for up to 20 guests at High Rock Ranch, a private family retreat, nestled into the hills of Mendocino County. Relish in the beauty and splendor of the 10,000 square feet of living space contained in the main lodge, the guest house and the pool house with five beautifully appointed master suites, and beds to sleep 20. Cook a meal for your extended family or company in the gourmet kitchen! Your private 335 acre retreat includes its own vineyard, fruit tree orchard, two large swimming ponds, 70 foot pool, spa, tennis court, 6 miles of trails for hiking, mountain biking or running, rope swings, horse shoes, outdoor fire pit and much more. Weekend will include a private tour and tasting at neighboring Maple Creek Winery.

**Donor:** Ashley and Tim Wood

*Subject to availability. Black-out dates: June through September, Thanksgiving week, Christmas through New Year's.*

## BECOME A STAR

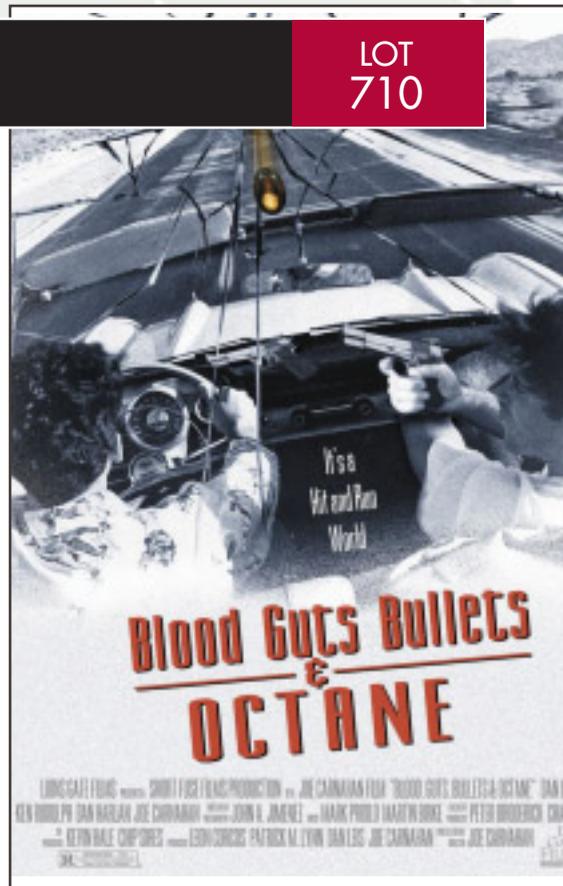
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Enjoy an action-packed, exclusive day on set with acclaimed film director **Joe Carnahan**. Joe is a film director, screenwriter, producer and actor best known for his films *Blood, Guts, Bullets and Octane*, *Narc*, *Smokin' Aces*, *The A-Team*, and *The Grey*.

With VIP treatment throughout the day, the opportunity to meet and greet A-list actors, and even the opportunity to have a walk-on role in Joe's upcoming film – you can have the complete Hollywood experience! In the words of last year's winner: *"This is a once in a lifetime experience. Absolutely fantastic."*

**Donor:** Joe Carnahan

*Winner will coordinate with Joe Carnahan regarding dates and location of the shoot. Film is not yet rated so bidder should assume an R rating.*



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## TRADITIONAL NEW ENGLAND LOBSTER BAKE



What says summer more than a lobster bake? Featuring lobster, clams, corn and more, this afternoon event will be a perfect end to the summer. Scheduled for Sunday, October 27th, 2013, **the first annual Giant Steps Lobster Bake will be held at the spectacular Cornerstone Gardens in Sonoma** which features nine acres of walk-through garden installations created by the world's leading landscape architects, showcasing new and innovative designs. Since opening in 2004, Cornerstone's Gardens has drawn international acclaim from publications such as *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *Garden Design* magazine. So walk the gardens, listen to some music, drink some wine (or beer), and eat some traditional New England fare.

**Donor:** Cornerstone Gardens &  
Assorted Friends of Giant Steps

*Bidders may purchase as many spots as desired.  
Each spot costs \$200.*

## EXPLORE VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

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**For seven days and six nights, discover Indochina's trails and hidden charms** and experience a journey you will always remember. With experienced guides, from a Vietnamese veteran of the Indochina War to professional archaeologists, explore the charm and history of Vietnam's capital, Hanoi. Take an overnight junk to World Heritage site, Ha Long Bay, where you will kayak through the Bay, exploring some of the 3,000 islands and their hidden beaches and caves. Move on to Siem Reap, Cambodia, the gateway to Angkor Archaeological Park as well as home to colonial and Chinese-style architecture.

Accommodations include a Deluxe Hanoi View Room at the Intercontinental Westlake Hanoi, a State Room at Raffles Grand D'Angkor as well as an air-conditioned Ginger Cabin with private bathroom on the junk, Halong Ginger.

**Donor:** Friend of Giant Steps

*Trip is for two people. Additional people can be added at additional cost. Trip expires 1 year from date of purchase.*



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## CREATE SIGNATURE CLOTHING FEATURING YOUR LOVED ONE

*Your horse,  
your memories...  
your style.*



Equuleus Designs produces custom clothing, accessories, and home goods with your desired image or photo displayed in unique, interesting ways on products including dresses, tops, scarves, ties, pillows, tech cases and more; all created especially for you.

Enjoy a day making the perfect photos and images for your choices during your personal comprehensive photo shoot with extended design treatment contact sheets and up to two hours of additional graphic design included. Then, personalize up to \$1200 of products (which range from \$25 to \$1195) for yourself or as gifts.

**Donor:** Equuleus Designs

*Travel expenses not included if shoot location is outside the greater Bay Area.*

## SONOMA HORSE PARK PLATINUM SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE

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A custom oxer with your company branding built by Sonoma Horse Park's jump-maker. The oxer will be featured in the Grand Prix Arena at every show during the 2014 season and beyond. Additionally, your "Platinum Sponsorship" status will include the following marketing opportunities for the entire 2014 show season: a custom banner in the Grand Prix Arena, a half-page ad in all three 2014 prize lists, company logo listed on SHP's website and in the "sponsor logo loop" on the Grand Prix Arena scoreboard, a VIP parking pass at all 7 shows, a VIP table on the Berm for the show of your choice, and a Schwinn Cruiser to help you navigate the horse park.

**Donor:** Sonoma Horse Park, Hines Signs,  
Wine Country Cycling

*Jump design must be agreed upon by SHP and winner. Jump will include a minimum of 4 standards, 1 panel and 4 rails.*



## TONIGHT'S DEMONSTRATION RIDERS

ANDREW Age 15, lives with  
Lesch-Nyhan syndrome

CATIE Age 8, lives with autism

CHANTAL Age 14, lives with  
blindness, hearing loss  
and developmental delays

MARIE Age 56, lives with post-  
traumatic stress disorder

PIPER Age 4, lives with severe  
myoclonic epilepsy

On behalf of all of our  
inspirational riders and tireless  
volunteers, thank you for  
making the 2013 Giant Steps  
Charity Classic and Gala  
a success.



## FUND-A-NEED

Giant Steps' success is based on three intertwined components – the riders, the instructors and volunteers, and the horses. Your generous support of this evening's **Fund-A-Need Auction** will cover critical costs such as rider scholarships, instructor training, and horse care. With your generous support, we will continue to help all of our riders make physical, cognitive and behavioral gains.

- **\$10,000** will pay for an entire month of scholarship funding for riders who would not otherwise be able to participate
- **\$7,500** will underwrite our instructors' salaries for an entire session
- **\$5,000** will cover the feed and board of one of our horses for a full year
- **\$2,500** will support our veterinary costs
- **\$1,000** will help a veteran overcome post-traumatic stress disorder
- **\$500** will make a difference in a child's life

To learn more about Giant Steps,  
or to get involved as a  
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