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Equine enrichment

Julio Gaspar, client of Legal Aid's Guardian Advocacy Project, and Alison Hickman, volunteer and construction coordinator for GL Homes, participate in an eight-week session of equine therapy at the HERD Foundation in Delray Beach. HERD stands for Horses, Energy, Reflection and Direction. "We so appreciate GL Homes for partnering with the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County in helping to provide these wonderful and lasting memories for the special needs clients served by our Guardian Advocacy Project. This latest series of equine activities has created enriching and learning opportunities that are truly enhancing their quality of life," said Bob Bertisch, Legal Aid's executive director.

Real estate group gets equine therapy

Since 2017, GL Homes has partnered with the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County to sponsor various activities for the young adults of its Guardian Advocacy Program. “With everything going on in the world, GL Homes knows that horses provide calm and focus for these developmentally disabled adults. Equine therapy is a hands-on approach, not something learned from a book,” Alsofrom said.

Alison Hickman, construction coordinator for GL Homes; Rhonda Fritzshall, co-founder of HERD Foundation; Sarah Alsofrom, GL Homes’ senior director of community relations; and Alison Hickman, volunteer and permit coordinator for GL Homes, visit with ponies during the equine therapy sessions. **TRACEY BENSON PHOTOGRAPHY/ COURTESY PHOTOS**



Christopher Wilson, client of Legal Aid’s Guardian Advocacy Project and, Vickiana Garcia, volunteer and permit coordinator for GL Homes, get to know the horses, grooming them and learning how to care for animals and tending to the vegetable garden.