**Welcome to GaitWay!**

Thank you so much for your interest in GaitWay Therapeutic Horsemanship. We are excited that you want to become a volunteer. Our volunteers are the lifeblood of our center and our GaitWay riders could not achieve their goals without the help of wonderful people like you.

In addition to assisting the instructors as a lesson volunteer, there are many other volunteer opportunities to choose from. We feel that you will find a match for your special talents. The following pages include the description of some of the opportunities as well as volunteer registration forms. Please fill out the forms and return them to:

GaitWay Therapeutic Horsemanship 1300 Lawrence Parkway

St. Gabriel, LA 70776 Office: 225.319.7344 volunteer@GaitWay.org

We look forward to having you on our GaitWay Team!

***Volunteer Application***

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**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (W)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (If under 18)**

**How did you find out about us? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Fluent foreign language? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **Emergency Contact Information: Name/relationship \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: Cell \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Work \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Home: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  |

**Employer/School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Areas of interest: (check all that apply)**

**Riding Classes \_\_\_\_\_ Tack Cleaning \_\_\_\_\_ Facility Maintenance \_\_\_\_\_ Horse Care\_\_\_\_\_ Office work \_\_\_\_\_ Fund Raising \_\_\_\_\_ Special Events \_\_\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Experience working with horses: little/none\_\_\_\_ some\_\_\_ considerable\_\_\_\_\_ Please describe briefly:**

**Experience with people with disabilities: little/none\_\_\_ some \_\_\_considerable\_\_\_\_ Please describe briefly:**



**POLICY OF CONFIDENTIALITY:**

I agree to respect and observe the privacy and confidentiality of the participants, volunteers, employees and donors of GaitWay Therapeutic Riding Center and not discuss or disclose any sensitive information about any person or their family.

Volunteer/Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent Guardian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (If volunteer/participant is under 18 years of age, **both** signatures are required)

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**Background checks:**

***In order to insure the safety of our riders/clients and volunteers GaitWay reserves the right to perform a background check on all individuals 18 years of age and older.***

**PLEASE COMPLETE:**

Driver’s License#\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_State:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_No. If yes, when\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Explain:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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The above information may be verified and I give permission to make inquiry of others, including a background check, concerning my suitability to act as a volunteer at GaitWay.

Volunteer Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(If volunteer/participant is under 18 years of age, **both** signatures are required)

**PERMISSION AND RELEASE**

**PHOTOGRAPH/IMAGE RELEASE:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (parent/guardian) (hereinafter referred to as “Guardian”) hereby \_\_\_\_ **consent** \_\_\_\_ **do not consent**

the use and reproduction by GaitWay of any and all photographs and any other audiovisual materials taken of me or my child for promotional printed material, educational activities, exhibitions, or for any other use for the benefit of the program.

**LIABILITY RELEASE FOR GAITWAY THERAPEUTIC HORSEMANSHIP, INC. (“GAITWAY”)**:

Louisiana law recognizes the inherent risks involved when an individual participates in equine activities. By signing this document, I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (participant OR parent/guardian) expressly give my permission for **myself OR my child**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to participate in all farm related or equine activities located either onsite at the GaitWay facility or at any GaitWay sponsored activity off site. Further, I hereby expressly acknowledge that I have read the following language of Louisiana Revised Statute 9:2795.1 and understand that neither GaitWay nor any GaitWay agent, volunteer, board member, or employee is liable for any personal injuries whatsoever that any participants may incur during any GaitWay sponsored event:

**WARNING: UNDER LOUISIANA LAW, A FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITY SPONSOR [INCLUDING GAITWAY] OR FARM ANIMAL PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN A FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITY RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF THE FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITY, PURSUANT TO R.S. 9:2795.1."**

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Signature (Participant OR Parent/Guardian) Date

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Printed Name (Participant OR Parent/Guardian)

***AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT***

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| Volunteer/Participant’s Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  |
| In case of Emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  Preferred Medical Facility: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  |
| Please indicate any allergies: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  |
| Please indicate any disability, limitations or medical conditions that may affect your volunteer role and that we should be aware of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  |
| Date of last Tetanus shot\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  |



**CONSENT PLAN**

I give consent for emergency medical treatment/aid (including x-ray, surgery, hospitalization, medication, and any treatment procedure deemed “life saving” by the physician) In the event emergency medical aid/treatment is required due to illness or injury during the process of receiving services, any participation on my part at GaitWay, or while being on the property of GaitWay, I authorize GaitWay Therapeutic to:

1. Secure and retain medical treatment and transportation, if needed.

2. Release records upon request to the authorized individual or agency involved in the medical emergency treatment.

Volunteer/Participant Consent Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (If volunteer/participant is under 18 years of age, **both** signatures are required)

**NON-CONSENT PLAN**

I do not give consent for emergency medical treatment/aid in the event of illness during the process of receiving services, any participation on my part at GaitWay, or while being on the property of GaitWay. In the event emergency treatment/aid is required, I wish the following procedures to take place:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer/Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent Guardian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(If volunteer/participant is under 18 years of age, **both** signatures are required) Volunteer/Participant Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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