

## Neither Rain nor sleet nor Snow will keep us from our appointed rounds!

You just cannot say enough about a bunch of guys who would get on a horse/mule, in the middle of the summer travel through miles of asphalt, dirt, rocks, cactus, mountains and brave all of those critters who just want them for lunch to deliver mail the old fashioned way! Well they do it for the excitement, the history and the kids. That is what the Jaycee Comancheros Pony Express is all about.

We here at Horses Help are so honored that we can work with this group of outstanding men and women. You see two years ago they adopted our organization as a beneficiary and it has been a wonderful ride ever since. Our special needs riders actually get to ride the first leg of the Pony express as part of the initial send off. This year Jim Beuerlein, trail boss, will be handing off the reins to Chris Kimbrough. Chris got the handoff from our rider, and the postmaster at the Rose Garden Station and off he went in a ball of dust!

When the Jaycee Comancheros began the pony express reenactment ride to the Prescott Rodeo this year, there was a slightly different send off. The first ever disabled pony express rider and a very special volunteer led off the first leg of the ride to deliver the mail to the first pony express rider and the postmaster from the North Phoenix, Rose Garden Lane office. Commemorative letters are sold and then delivered anywhere in the world and the money raised goes directly to Horses Help and the Tim and Willie "Foundation."

62 men then crossed the desert and mountains to the final stagecoach drop off in Prescott Arizona. This annual event was a finale for the Horses Help Therapeutic Riding season which will take a short break in the heat of the summer and resume in September.

Horses Help is a non profit organization entering their 21<sup>st</sup> year as a Therapeutic Riding center. Horses Help is now getting ready for the upcoming year and looking for volunteers to begin training in August.

Our pony express riders are selected from our competitive special needs riding teams and this experience is definitely one of the highlights of their year. More details on Pony Express at [www.officialponyexpress.org](http://www.officialponyexpress.org)

We wish to thank the Pony Express which has donated \$9000.00 to Horses Help the past two years.

