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**CAREER OBJECTIVE**

To continue developing a high quality foundational horsemanship program that will better educate and enhance the lives of safe equestrians and confident equines.

**EDUCATION**

- 1985-1988 **Emmaus High School** Emmaus, PA  
1988-1989 **Westmoreland-Davis Equestrian Institute at Morven Park** Leesburg, VA  
*1976 U.S. Eventing Individual Gold Medalist Tad Coffin*  
*2008 ARIA Master Instructor and Coach Raul de Leon*  
1976-1991 **Pleasant Hollow Farms, Inc.** Coopersburg, PA  
*1960's Short listed USET and 1988 Long listed WEG Rider Jane Cory*  
2008 **USEA/USPC ICP Workshops Teaching Dressage and Jumping** Tryon, NC and Lexington, VA  
*USEA ICP Faculty Instructors Robin Walker, Don Sachey, Brian Sabo*

**EMPLOYMENT**

- 1988-1988 **Horse Trainer** Roger Starkey *Starkey Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds*, Waxhaw, NC  
Horses groomed and exercised daily to maintain health and appearance to potential buyers.  
1991-1992 **Stable Manager and Lesson Instructor** Patt Tarr *Happy Fox Farm*, Salisbury, NC  
Provided all aspects of care for approximately twenty horses, taught as substitute instructor and completed light grounds keeping of facility. Rode in clinics with *Jim Graham* at Training and Preliminary level.  
1992-1993 **Lesson Instructor and Management** Jane Cory *Pleasant Hollow Farms, Inc.* Coopersburg, PA  
Taught beginner through intermediate lessons and summer camps, trained boarded horses and performed all other horse care duties needed. Worked with other employees to prepare for clinics, shows, and recognized Horse Trials held at PHF. Studied with *Gigi Hood, Jo Struby*, and *Bruce Davidson* among other leaders in the industry. Graduated Rutgers/Penn State Equine Short Course with topics of Stable Management, First Aid and Hoof Science.  
1996-1998 **Horse Trainer and Manager** Roger Starkey *Starkey Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds* Monroe, NC  
Maintained approximately thirty horses for sale including basic training, stall cleaning, grooming, feeding, turnout, and assisted veterinarian and farrier.  
1999-2002 **Trainer and Equine Consultant** Roger Starkey *Starkey Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds* Monroe, NC  
Effectively trained or retrained horses with basic responsiveness to Classical Dressage aids in order to be sold as useable to customers for various disciplines of equestrian sports. Displayed potential of horses for sale and consulted with new horse owners to determine needs after purchase including horse care and riding instruction.  
2002-2005 **Assistant Instructor** Cathy Kodell *Leg Up Equestrian Services, Inc.* Fort Mill, SC  
Consistently taught students within a structured and progressive program while maintaining lesson horses and a positive atmosphere. Judged all levels of internal student shows.  
2005-present **Farm Owner and Chief Instructor** *Bridleheart Crossing Academy of Horsemanship* Waxhaw, NC  
Teach students all aspects of safe riding, healthy horse care and humane horse training. Develop and manage a lesson program infusing my own beliefs with proven traditional multidiscipline methods including Classical Dressage and Natural Horsemanship.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- 2006-present **Bridleheart Crossing CHAMPIONS Equestrian Program** Waxhaw, NC  
Founded *CHAMPIONS Equestrian Program* featured in *The Charlotte Observer* Oct. 2007.  
Give lessons in horsemanship and equine recreation to children awaiting foster care or adoption. Train qualified volunteers to assist children.  
2007-present **Town of Waxhaw, NC Christmas and July 4<sup>th</sup> Parades** Waxhaw, NC  
Organize *CHAMPIONS Volunteers* to assist Equestrian Parade entrants and greet townspeople.  
2008-present **Joint District Commissioner** *Sandy Ridge Pony Club, USPC, Inc.* Waxhaw, NC  
Assist with mounted and unmounted meetings and equestrian education. Actively support Pony Club activities for members. Annually host acclaimed Exercise Science, Biomechanics and Sports Psychology expert clinician USET Coach Daniel Stewart author of *Ride Right*.