



M. Jodi Rell

GOVERNOR

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Shallowbrook Equestrian Center
247 Hall Hill Road
Somers, Connecticut 06071

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the State of Connecticut, it is a privilege to extend my sincere greetings to all who are gathered at Shallowbrook Equestrian Center for the annual June Charity Horse Show to benefit the Ride for the Ribbon, Stefanie Spielman Foundation for Breast Cancer Research.

This annual event is a wonderful opportunity to support a meaningful organization that supports research and education as the best defense against breast cancer, one of the leading causes of cancer death among women. The Stefanie Spielman Foundation has to date raised approximately \$3 million for research; however, more research is always needed. This is a perfect opportunity to also extend thanks to the Shallowbrook Equestrian Center for their dedication, enthusiasm and generosity in partnering with Ride for the Ribbon during their annual horse show. Since the center's beginnings in 1962, it has remained a family-owned and operated education-based riding center which not only teaches riding but also personal responsibility and care for the horses.

It is my hope that this year's show will be even more enjoyable and successful than last year and I thank all of the participants for your exceptional support in the fight against such a terrible disease. It is a privilege to extend my words of tribute to all. Please know that you have my best wishes for an enjoyable and excellent weekend of riding!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Jodi Rell".

M. Jodi Rell
Governor

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