

## Little Miracles by Tom Fetterman

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Alivia comes to her class prepared. A backpack, two dolls, two watches, a glow flashlight, neon green sunglasses, and a brightly colored helmet complete her accessories. She's ready for her therapeutic riding lesson.

Within minutes she is lifted into the saddle of a therapy horse and something transformative begins to happen. There is a freedom that is hard to explain when she sits atop a horse. Soon a smile appears that could launch a thousand ships and at the same time will melt your heart. As a sidewalker, I know I'm experiencing a little miracle, a moment I'll always treasure. What a joy it is to belong to a program that can have such an effect on its participants.

All too quickly her forty-minute lesson is over. She is whisked from her mount and placed in the wheelchair that she came in and reunited with family.

This program which allows 'dreams to come true' for individuals with special abilities is called TREC (Therapeutic Riding and Equestrian Center). I invite you to see what TREC is all about by going to their website [treceerie.org](http://treceerie.org) or call 474-5276 to volunteer.

Won't you come out and help us to create little miracles? There's no limit on the warm fuzzies you will feel and.....don't forget your shades!

