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NEWS IN THE REGION

City to Saddle

A DREAM COME TRUE FOR YOUTH RIDER

Children discover hope in many places. In the case of eight-year-old Dorchester youngster Tajarah Clark, it is thanks to Hope Cooper, a 12-year-old equestrian.

Through City To Saddle, a nonprofit organization that funds and accesses riding programs for underserved urban youngsters, Hope will realize her wish: sharing her special world and love of ponies with Tajarah.

Beginning this spring, Tajarah is spending Saturdays learning to ride and care for Hope's wonderful pony Orion. With guidance and oversight from Hope's mom, Jane Karol, a highly regarded Grand Prix Dressage rider, instructor and trainer, Hope will mentor Tajarah in the ways of horses and the bond that can form when young girls and ponies come together.

"Hope spoke to me about her desire to teach a City to Saddle child to ride, to share her lifelong experiences caring for and loving horses and helping another little girl fulfill

her pony dreams. Impressed with Hope's horse manship talents, and more importantly, her character, I considered this wish nothing less than a wonderful opportunity for City To Saddle, and a very special gift for one of our deserving fledgling riders," states Barbara Zenker, Founding Director of the City To Saddle program. For Hope's part, she is nothing less than "Excited by the opportunity to share her love of horses and to make a new friend!"

There is a famous quote from Plato stating, "The most effective kind of education is that a child

should play amongst lovely things." Surely he foresaw an enchanted Tajarah seated proudly upon the warm, fuzzy back of gentle Orion, guided by the sure hand, and kind heart of a lovely girl named Hope!

Hope, Tajarah and Orion began their partnership this month at Bear Spot Farm in Concord, Mass. ☺



COURTESY OF CITY TO SADDLE

Tajarah Clark is enjoying the opportunity to ride in the City to Saddle Program.

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