

S U C C E S S S T O R I E S



Our Success Stories series was created as a way to communicate with our friends and donors in an efficient, inexpensive format. Each month, we feature one of our programs and the inspiring story of a child whom the program has helped. To be added to the Success Stories email list, send your email address to ccarnahan@eliada.org.

Valerie, 15, is a “self-made TASC master” (acclaimed by her ultra-supportive foster mother), an alumni from Cummings Cottage, and a graduate of the Eliada School. She regularly achieves A/B Honor Roll in her public school and is well liked by her peers and teachers. Valerie is a living example of the success of the Eliada TASC program which provides animal-assisted, therapeutic activities and addresses social, emotional, and physical needs for children and families seeking opportunities for healing and growth.

The TASC program “calms my soul,” said Valerie. “It keeps me happy. I’m positive when I’m at the barn. I love

working with horses and with Meaghann.” The program “helps people interact with animals so they can learn good social development skills,” says Valerie. She feels she has become more confident, more aware of herself and her surroundings, more honest, and more independent. She said she has learned to keep herself calm. Her foster mother says that Valerie has developed a wonderful sense of humor and has made significant progress in following through with tasks. “She is a very special child, and what a success she is!” said her foster mother.

Valerie has been accepted to the People to People Student Ambassador Program. This great honor will lead her to Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji where she will meet foreign officials, visit the Sydney Opera House, go sailing, and receive college credit. We are so proud of her!



Valerie, January 2006