

The Peebles Corporation And Rolls-Royce Give A Leg Up To Special Needs Riders

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Equestrians Chloe Peebles and Georgina Bloomberg

Fresh off the competition at the Hampton Classic, young equestrian **Chloe Peebles** along with special guest of honor Grand Prix Show Jumping Champion Georgina Bloomberg, bid fare well to the bubbly Hamptons summer season with a gallop - raising nearly \$50 thousand in support of Give Back for Special Equestrians.

With a backdrop of serenading Juilliard School violinists and 2018 model Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, the end of summer fete on August 30 hosted by real estate developers and

philanthropists, Don and Katrina Peebles at their exquisite Bridgehampton estate, celebrated the powerful connection between horse and rider and the unique ability horses have in healing minds, bodies and spirits.

“The Peebles Corporation is committed to enhancing the quality of life for those who live and work in the communities we serve, and as a family, count many blessings,” said **Katrina Peebles**. “We are delighted to pay forward our mutual love of horses and their amazing ability to heal by supporting the good work of Give Back for Special Equestrians and **are proud to align our philanthropic efforts with such a noble cause.**”

Jodhpurs were traded in for dresses, at the glamorous soiree attended by a lively mix of celebrities, elite equestrians, and local Hampton residents. ALEXIS, the high-end womenswear line by mother-daughter power-duo team Ana and Alexis Barbara, served as the official fashion sponsor of the stylish affair outfitting guest of honor, Georgina Bloomberg and the evening’s hosts mother and daughter duo, Katrina and Chloe Peebles, in addition to Hamptons socialites including Anetta Nowloieski, Editor in Chief of *Hamptons Modern Luxury*, and Lynn Scotti, Publisher of *Manhattan Modern Luxury* and *Hamptons Modern Luxury* (the event’s media partners), as well and Give Back for Special Equestrians founder, Sissy De Maria Koehne.

Additional sponsors included Rolls-Royce, Goldman Sachs, Fisher Island Club, VistaJet, Modern Luxury Hamptons Magazine, KAR Properties, 2000 Ocean, One River Point, First Blue Stables, Alexis, Blade and Black Stallion Winery, saddled up for the important cause.

“I have both experienced and seen the colossal impact that horses have on people’s lives. My family and I believe that it is important that many others have the opportunity to experience this unique connection. It is a remarkable feeling to share not only my passion for the sport but the joy and love I have for horses with those who come from all walks of life. It was a privilege to host this special evening,” said **Chloe Peebles**.

A nonprofit 501(c)(3), Give Back for Special Equestrians was founded in 2013 by Sissy De Maria-Koehne, Dr. Heather Kuhl and Isabel Ernst. The mission is to provide equine-assisted and therapeutic horseback riding scholarships in Florida and New York for those facing some of life’s most difficult challenges like Autism, Paralysis, Spina Bifida and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. The transformative benefits of equine therapy help people with disabilities by improving balance, posture, hand-eye coordination as well as self-esteem, self-confidence and self-control.

As part of the festivities, Rolls-Royce presented an oversized check to Give Back for Special Equestrians while Give Back returned the generosity, in turn donating \$30 thousand to its stable partner in New York City, GallopNYC, a charity offering therapeutic horsemanship programs to children and adults with disabilities.

“The life-changing benefits of equine therapy are countless and date back to the time of the ancient Greeks. Thanks to the benevolence of our title sponsor, Don, Katrina and Chloe Peebles of The Peebles Corporation, Rolls-Royce and all of our generous supporting sponsors, we are able to pay forward our mutual joy for horses and horsemanship to offer more children and veterans living with mental, cognitive or

emotional disabilities direct access to ‘horsepower’ that heals,” said **Sissy DeMaria-Koehne**, Founder of Give Back for Special Equestrians.

About Give Back for Special Equestrians

Give Back for Special Equestrians, formerly Give a Buck for Special Equestrians, is a Florida-based nonprofit 501©3. The all-volunteer organization founded by Sissy DeMaria-Koehne, Dr. Heather Kuhl and Isabel Ernst in Vero Beach, Florida in 2013, provides therapeutic horseback riding and equine assisted scholarships for disabled children and veterans through its partner stables in New York and Florida. Give Back for Special Equestrians aims to share the joy of horses and horsemanship with those facing some of life’s most difficult physical, emotional and mental challenges and enable them to experience the life changing benefits of horsepower that heals. Through its Young Ambassador program, youth between ages 7-17 are encouraged to pay forward their blessings through active volunteerism. Young Ambassadors meet monthly during the school year and assist with a variety of fund and “friend” raising activities. For more information please visit www.giveabuckeq.org

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