

JAN SHEKELL MEMORIAL TRAIL CORPORATION

Mission Statement: To establish and maintain safe, environmentally-friendly horseback riding and hiking trails in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The initial project will be a cooperative effort with Brownsboro Alliance Trail Association (BATA) to extend and improve the network of trails it manages in Oldham County. Because the activities of horseback riding and hiking are therapeutic for both body and mind, encourage a healthy lifestyle and promote the human bond with nature and animals, these trails constitute an important community asset.

Background Info: My sister and I have ridden and hiked together for over 30 years. When either of us was having a challenging day we knew our riding or hiking would clear our heads of whatever was on our minds. Jan had asked me in March to get involved with the BATA trails. She entered rehab shortly after that and we then made one of her goals to help with the trails at BATA. This would create a positive outlet for her which always left her feeling better not only physically but mentally. My hopes are to continue her wishes and dreams by promoting horseback riding and hiking.

Proposal: I am in the process of starting a 501(c)(3), the Jan Shekell Memorial Trail Corporation. I have asked my daughter Jessica Willard Wuchterl, Debbie Stevens, the head of the BATA trails, Judge Julia Fields, a riding partner of Jan and myself and Susan Hammond, a friend and riding partner as well, to serve on the board. These women are accomplished business women as well as avid horseback riders. I know with their guidance and knowledge we will create a wonderful tribute to my sister as well as remarkable program to promote physical and mental well being.

Please contact Julie Willard for further information on how you can be involved in this important project.

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