

JOIN US IN HONORING THE LEADERSHIP OF LENDON F. GRAY

Did you know that the Youth Dressage Festival started in 1999 because Lendon Gray wanted to provide a year-round program that would provide competitive and educational opportunities to American youth dressage riders?

Did you know that since then, over 1,500 youth riders from the U.S. and ten other countries have participated in the Youth Dressage Festival, the Weekend Educational Program, the FEI Pony Clinic, and the Summer Clinics or received scholarships to further their training?

Without Lendon's vision and leadership, these opportunities would not exist.

Many youth riders have expressed a desire to say "Thank You", but can't imagine how on earth they can possibly repay the favor in a meaningful way. Well, here's your chance to do so and become one of tomorrow's leaders today!

The USDF is conducting a fund raising drive to build a National Education Center and to increase the educational programming it offers. As USDF members, we can enjoy fabulous benefits: clinics, camps, the USDF Connection magazine and university programs for riders of all ages as well as training and certification for our instructors and judges. As riders who have been fortunate enough to train and work with Lendon, we are in awe of all that she has done to promote our sport, especially to our youth riders.

So, we are trying to raise money to name the Lendon F. Gray Bookstore – which will be located in the entrance lobby of the National Education Center, directly across from the USDF Hall of Fame. It will take \$250,000 to put Lendon's name on that bookstore, and in one short month, we've already raised over \$134,000.

Think the amount of money you could contribute wouldn't make a difference? Do the math: if every one of the over 1,500 youth riders who ever participated in any of Lendon's programs pitched in \$10 each, then we'd have...\$15,000! How's that for making a difference?

So, to every riding student of any age who ever once felt grateful to Lendon for what she's done to improve our riding and promote the sport, we extend an invitation to join us in our drive to honor her by naming the Lendon F. Gray Bookstore in the USDF National Education Center.

Fill out the attached form and handwrite a brief note to Lendon telling her how much her leadership and efforts mean to you and your riding. We will collect all notes and bind them in a book to be given to her upon the dedication of the bookstore in her name.

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THE LENDON F. GRAY BOOKSTORE

Yes, I want to join in honoring Lendon by making a donation to name the Lendon F. Gray Bookstore in the USDF National Education Center in Lexington, Kentucky!

Enclosed is \$ _____ in cash or check made payable to *USDF National Education Center*.

Name _____

Street _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Write your note in the box below. Print your full name and include your town/state. Use black or blue ink or felt-tip pen only. You may also include a small illustration.

Return this form along with your cash or check to:
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