

Charity horse show honours Miltonian's memory

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Horse shows are exciting events. To watch a rider and a 1,000 lb. animal work together over a series of jumps that test ability, senses and teamwork is nothing short of poetic. It is in that spirit that the 2016 Charity Horse Show and Dinner will take place Saturday (Aug. 13) at Vector Equestrian in memory of Nick Graveney. The show, a one-metre,

\$5,000 Jumper class, will raise money for the Lyndhurst Rehabilitation Hospital. "They wanted to do a horse show that gave back to not only the community, but also gave back to a worthwhile charity," said event co-ordinator Christina Moniz. This will be the third year that Vector Equestrian has hosted the event. The inaugural show raised money for Wind Dancer Pony Rescue Foundation; last year, \$15,000 was raised for the Princess Margaret Cancer



Jessica Varao and Zeppelin clear a jump at a previous Vector Equestrian event.
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she said, noting that last year's show was dedicated to a young rider who passed away from cancer.

This year, the riding centre teamed up with the Toronto Rehab Foundation to raise money for Lyndhurst, which specializes in treating brain and spinal cord injuries.

"We're very thrilled and honoured that Vector chose to recognize him for this year's event," said Jenna Black, Graveney's daughter.

Black explained that her dad was always active in sports and always took an active role in his children's activities by coaching sports teams. When she took up horse riding as a young girl, so did he.

"He started taking riding lessons, which is very unusual for dads to do that, and so he started riding very shortly after I did and

Foundation.

"We started tying it to people that were involved or related in our horse community,"



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