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Steering Committee for Senior Project

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Dear Members of the Steering Committee:

The things I love most in the world are horses. I have been around them my whole life and can not seem to stay away. When I was trying to decide on a topic, I knew I wanted it to be with horses but I also wanted to learn new things about them and help people along the way. I found the perfect topic, disabled people riding horses as therapy, also known as therapeutic riding or hippotherapy.

Therapeutic riding and hippotherapy help many of children and adults every day to help overcome their impairments. My research paper is going to be on how this therapy helps the patients and how it helps improves their deficiencies. My mentor’s name is Rachel Schafer. She is from Sioux Falls and is the head of “Horsepower”, which is an organization that gives patients therapeutic and hippotherapy lessons.

My proposed product is to go volunteer at Horsepower. I learned that before I could actually volunteer I had to go into training. On September 25, I went to Horsepower and completed two hours of training. I am now welcomed to go up anytime as a substitute volunteer. This relates to my topic because not only am I researching therapeutic riding and hippotherapy, but I am going to be doing hands- on activities with horses and disabled children.

I understand that plagiarism is against the law and how it could affect my project.

Sincerely,

Lindzie Vaith