

AMANDA WARD REMEMBERED

The Amanda Ward Legacy Fund has been established at The Dressage Foundation, in special remembrance of Amanda, who was killed in an auto accident, while driving to her barn on the morning of July 12, 2007. Her many friends, admirers, and family have chosen to honor and remember her in this special way.

The Fund will give an annual \$1000 award to the highest scoring Young Rider at 3rd level and above, at the New England Dressage Association Fall Festival. The award is named, "The Amanda Ward Jr/YR Memorial Award." Amanda's friends and family feel this is a wonderful way to insure that her passion for Dressage can live on in other talented, committed young riders. The Amanda Ward Legacy Fund will help other young riders pursue their dreams of dancing with horses, as Amanda did every day of her 31-year life.

Amanda built a solid record of success and accomplishment in Dressage, during her young and too-short life. She had the courage and fortitude to live her dream every day, which made her a genuine inspiration to her family and her many Dressage friends.

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THE AMANDA WARD LEGACY FUND

...established in special remembrance
of Amanda Ward
To help Young Riders pursue
their Dressage Dreams



In Memory of Amanda Ward

"from horses we borrow freedom."

– Author Unknown

May 2, 1976 – July 12, 2007

Since the moment she first mounted a horse at age eleven, Amanda was the perfect picture of elegance. From her enduring smile to her long legs to her impeccably balanced seat, Amanda was an ideal dressage rider – one Olympic trainer Conrad Schumacher called “a dream girl” and one many friends, colleagues, and clients will remember as one of the most graceful riders to ever sit atop a horse.

From an early age, Amanda fell quickly in love with the sport of dressage – the poise and beauty as well as the sheer force of will involved in making art with such stunning yet independent creatures. By the age of 16, she competed in her first FEI Young Rider test at Port Jervis, NY. Mandy would ultimately qualify as an alternate for the North American Young Riders’ Championships (NAYRC) Region 8 team. She was also one of the youngest members to compete that year, having turned 16 just a few days before the start of the qualifying season. Her Region 8 team would also win the title.

Having tasted victory, Amanda continued to compete at the NAYRC in 1994 and 1995. Aboard the Hearne’s horse Animate, Amanda would come within tenths of a point from an individual medal, ultimately placing fourth among the continent’s top young riders.

She went on to build a successful career as a determined competitor, training some of the most talented horses and taking them to new heights in the dressage arena. Amanda set up her own business in Kensington, NH, and took two horses, Wings & Uniko, to her last

dressage show at the Mystic Valley Hunt Club, where she won all of her classes the first day of the show. As a rider, Mandy literally gave the horses she rode wings to float around the arena. In addition to her success, she was also a wonderful friend and teammate. In a sport with the highest highs and the lowest lows, Mandy was always there to share in some of the best moments or to offer kind words and a shoulder to lean on. In this life, when it is too easy to give up your dreams, Mandy didn’t. She had the courage and the determination to live her dreams every day and because of that she is an inspiration to all of us.

The Amanda Ward Legacy Fund

To honor her dedication and her love of our sport, her family and friends have established the Amanda Ward Legacy Fund so that her passion for dressage can live on in others. Through an annual award presented at the New England Dressage Association’s Fall Festival, The Amanda Ward Legacy Fund will help other young riders pursue their dreams of dancing with horses as Mandy did every day of her life.

The \$1,000 award presented annually to the highest scoring Junior/Young Rider at third level and above at the NEDA Fall Festival will help fund the costs of upper level dressage for Young Riders demonstrating talent and commitment to the sport through their competitive success. Whether helping to fund more time in the arena, more competitions, and/or training opportunities, this award will help recipients continue to carry forward the success Amanda herself worked very hard for, as a professional rider.

The Dressage Foundation is honored to have been chosen as the home for The Amanda Ward Legacy Fund. The Dressage Foundation will provide full stewardship services in administering and managing the Fund. Donations in special remembrance of Amanda may be sent to The Dressage Foundation. Information about the Fund will be posted on The Dressage Foundation website. Please contact the Dressage Foundation if you have questions or need additional information about The Amanda Ward Legacy Fund.

Yes, I would like to contribute to
The Amanda Ward Legacy Fund, in special
remembrance of Amanda, and to help
Young Dressage Riders pursue their dreams.

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designated to *The Amanda Ward Legacy Fund.*

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