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Debbie serves as the co-founder and Executive Director at Strides to Success, located in Plainfield, Indiana. Debbie has been involved professionally in the horse industry for over 35 years. After showing hunters and jumpers as a young girl, she attended college in North Carolina and became the first Board Certified Veterinarian Technician in Indiana. In 1985, her interest in working with children directed her into becoming an equitation instructor for a large show facility in Indiana. Six years and several world champions later, she started working in the therapeutic riding industry. Debbie's qualifications include Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) certifications as both a TRI and an Equine Specialist in MH/Learning, EAGALA certification, Board Certified Equine Interaction Professional/Education, Equine Experiential Education Association (E3A) certified in Leadership Development and a certificate in fundraising from the Indiana University School of Philanthropy.

Her experience with Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) /Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP) spans over 10,000 arena hours serving hundreds of schools, mental health providers and corporate leaders. In the past several years her focus has been on assisting centers to develop EAL programs in partnership with elementary and secondary schools in the United States and abroad. She is the author and coauthor of *Kids From The Inside Out* and *ABC's of Designing School Programs* among other books.

Debbie witnesses on a daily basis the amazing ability of horses to teach and heal humans and is a promoter of quality stewardship of the equine partner in EAL programs through natural horsemanship.