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## Mane Stream Celebrates 50 Years

AHA, Inc. Facility Member Mane Stream in Oldwick, NJ is celebrating 50 years of unbridled possibilities. Founded by Octavia Brown in 1972, Mane Stream (formerly the



Somerset Hills Handicapped Riding Center) is the second oldest center of its kind in the nation and was the first one opened in the state of New Jersey. Mane Stream was at the forefront of adaptive riding and therapy services incorporating equines and has been evolving with the industry ever since. At first, the organization offered “therapeutic riding” and the first riders of the organization were referred to the program by a local physical therapist. As the benefits of both recreational riding and therapy services were starting to be identified, Mane Stream’s services began to separate into 2 distinct programs. The organization began offering speech-language pathology services incorporating equine movement in the early 1990s, followed by physical therapy, and then occupational therapy. In the mid 2000s the organization began offering AHA, Inc. courses; Mane Stream was even the host of an AHA, Inc. Treatment Principles Part 1 course for therapists from South Korea! Over the years, Mane Stream has remained active with AHA, Inc. in a leadership capacity, with healthcare professionals serving as AHA, Inc. faculty and sitting on the Board of Directors. Mane Stream is thrilled to be part of AHA, Inc. and is looking forward to another 50 years! To learn more about the organization’s history or check out their celebratory events, visit <https://www.manestreamnj.org/celebrating-our-50th-anniversary>.