"Thank you for teaching us all about equine teeth. We had fun."
-- says the postcard from the students of Reins to Independence.

I received this note a few days after I demonstrated a dental exam and float for several adult students of Reins To Independence at Loudoun Therapeutic Riding.

Through real-life experiences motivated by partnering with the horses and staff of Loudoun Therapeutic Riding, this pilot program directly benefits an age group of students that are transitioning out of high school that previously has been under served. Reins To Independence focuses on long term vocational and functional needs of said target population, thus helping bridge the critical transition from secondary to post-secondary opportunities within their communities. These Loudoun High School students come to LTR or meet LTR staff in the community weekly throughout the school year.

The students also received a mini-tour of the Total Equine vet truck. They found the truck’s capabilities amazing-- just like a fully functional hospital.

It was my absolute pleasure to spend time with them. And I was super impressed with their questions and enthusiasm.

Way to go LTR and RTI for your dedication to these great students.

Dr. Jay Joyce