

## **“An Evening with Dr. Temple Grandin”**

**Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 5-8pm**

World Reknown Author/Speaker will present her just published book, *The Way I See It*. Dr. Temple Grandin has autism and her experiences have helped her and others to understand animal behavior and training.

Helping Hands Therapeutic Riding Center is hosting an evening with world reknown Ph.D., Dr. Temple Grandin.

Dr. Temple Grandin is a professor at Colorado State University. She is the author of the book *Thinking in Pictures*. Television appearances include 20/20, CBS This Morning, and 48 Hours. Dr. Grandin has autism, and her experiences have helped her to understand animal behavior. A horse trainer once said to me, "Animals don't think, they just make associations." I responded to that by saying, "If making associations is not thinking, then I would have to conclude that I do not think." People with autism and animals both think by making visual associations.

Animals also tend to make place-specific associations. This means that if a horse has bad prior experiences in a barn with skylights, he may fear all barns with skylights but will be fine in barns with solid roofs. This is why it is so important that an horse's first association with something new is a good first experience.

This fundraiser provides scholarship money to children with disabilities at Helping Hands Therapeutic Riding Center.

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