

Therapeutic Horsemanship



Burr Ridge, Illinois...The Anna Emory Hanson Center in Burr Ridge, Illinois, provides a therapeutic horsemanship program to aid children in therapy for disabilities. In the past, the program has been forced to close its doors for more than four months each year when the weather got too cold for the horses to board at the facility. The closure can be devastating for participants, many of whom rely on the program for their only form of exercise.

Happily, the future will be different at Hanson, with year-round programs becoming available for participants—thanks to the Windy City Chapter of the Radiant Panel Association. The group has orchestrated the installation of radiant heat tubing, with parts and labor donated by a variety of companies, including ITT Industries' Chicago-based Bell & Gossett.

Bell & Gossett pumps will help to spread radiant heating underfoot at the facility's new indoor riding arena and horse stable, as well as to its classroom, office area, and dog kennel where seeing-eye dogs are trained. Specifically, Bell & Gossett brings to the project nine centrifugal pumps that will circulate water through piping into the radiant heat areas. Bell & Gossett is also aiding in the pump's installation.

Bell & Gossett is making the donation through its local distributor, Bornquist. "We thought the world of Bell & Gossett for donating," says Bornquist sales manager Mike Hultgren.

As a result of the efforts of Bell & Gossett and other area suppliers, the progress disabled children are making in therapy will not need to be put on hold during the cold days of winter, but can continue straight through the big chill. Now that's the type of cooperation between businesses and communities that warms everyone!