



**Honorable Coralee Oaks, MLA  
presents grant to Angela  
Mezzatesta from CHAAPS**



**\$1500 to Cariboo Hoofbeats Assisted Activity Programs  
Society for a two day hippo therapy workshop**

### **Volunteers who like to Horse Around!**

Funded in part by the Rogger Family Fund, the Cariboo Hoofbeats Assisted Activity Program Society (CHAAPS) received \$1500 for a 2 day hippotherapy workshop. At the annual Gala on April 11, Honorable Coralee Oakes, MLA presented the cheque to CHAAPS president Angela Mezzatesta.

Hippotherapy uses the movement of the horse to provide motory and sensory input to clients. The workshop will take place in September and will ensure that CHAAPS instructors are able to design specific treatment programs and goals for individual clients using the movement of the horse.

CHAAPS provides educational and therapeutic programs using horses and dogs to a wide range of clients. Some are lonely or dying; some have intellectual disabilities, cognitive challenges, chronic mental illness, emotional difficulties, acquired brain injury, autism spectrum disorder, developmental delay, cerebral palsy or physical disabilities. Their programs promote fun and challenge in a safe environment. Their members and volunteers are local residents of all ages and walks of life who believe strongly in the same goals and are committed to improving life for those who are often most marginalized in our community.

For more information on CHAAPS, visit their website at [www.chaaps.ca](http://www.chaaps.ca) or email [chaaps2@gmail.com](mailto:chaaps2@gmail.com)