



Chenoa

Chenoa is another Rider who just can't quit smiling when she gets to the "Big Red Barn" to ride her horse! This is her seventh year riding at Chakota, and the progress we have seen over the years is astonishing! When she first started, she had to use her wheelchair to get from the ramp to her horse, but now she uses a crutch to brace herself while she walks, and sometimes she doesn't even need that! About 4 years ago, she had to have hip surgery and wasn't able to ride for a while. During that time, we went to visit her with a group of Chakota family members, and she told them all she wanted to ride again, and her dad told them that the doctors were excited to see the results after she was able to get back on 'her' horse! By the next Session, we had her back on her horse, and she did very well! Of course, we started her out very cautiously, but she was determined and did all that was asked, reluctantly at times, but she kept that smile on her face through most of it! Team Chenoa has been fairly consistent over the years, with her primary side walkers being Denise & Tyson. On some days, it's hard to tell who giggles the most!

Chenoa is the daughter of a proud Marine, and it shows. In the face of every challenge she has ever faced, she confronts it head on and conquers it. Hopefully, this is how she will approach every obstacle that she may face!