



Mark

Mark has been riding with Chakota for six years now, and has come very far. When Mark was an infant, he lost his right leg, and has been using a prosthetic ever since. Learning to keep his balance while on his horse has been one of his goals since the beginning.

One of Kay's favorite stories about Mark is the first year he was riding, when we were still using the corral at that time for lessons. *"The Doctors had just changed his prosthetic to a new one, and everyone in his family was getting used to attaching it. Mom had showed us how it worked, and we got Mark on his horse. Everything was going wonderfully. We were probably on our fourth lap around, maybe more, and all of a sudden his Sidewalker said 'His leg is off!' Now remember, we were very new to this at the time, and I have to tell you, everyone it was in shock! Mark was sitting on top of his horse and smiling, looking very happy, while the rest of us were trying to figure out what to do! He was younger then, so we went ahead and dismounted him, his mom helped us reattach his leg, and he got back on his horse and enjoyed the rest of his ride!"*

We have come very far from that time. Mark has grown and improved tremendously over the years. We are so proud that he is one of our Riders and he is such a joy to be around. Mark and his family attend as many Chakota events as they possibly can and they continue to help us spread the word about what Chakota is all about! They are one of the many reasons why Chakota works so well.