

## THE LENDON F. GRAY BOOKSTORE at the USDF National Education Center

Did you know that the Youth Dressage Festival started in 1999 because **Lendon Gray** wanted to provide a year-round program that would provide competitive and educational opportunities to American youth dressage riders? Did you know that since then, over 1,500 youth riders from the U.S. and ten other countries have participated in the Youth Dressage Festival, the Weekend Educational Program, the FEI Pony Clinic, and the Summer Clinics, or received scholarships to further their training?

***Without Lendon's vision and leadership, these opportunities would not exist.***

Many youth riders have expressed a desire to say "Thank You", but can't imagine how on earth they can possibly repay the favor in a meaningful way. Well, here's your chance to do so and become one of tomorrow's leaders today! The USDF's has built its headquarters—the USDF National Education Center—in the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY. The grand opening of the building was in April, 2006. The ongoing capital campaign is for the building and to increase the educational programming it offers. As USDF members, we can enjoy fabulous benefits: clinics, camps, the USDF Connection magazine and university programs for riders of all ages as well as training and certification for our instructors and judges. As riders who have been fortunate enough to train and work with Lendon, we are in awe of all that she has done to promote our sport, especially to our youth riders. Most importantly, Lendon's supporters have donated funds to name the Lendon F. Gray Bookstore – which is prominently located in the entrance lobby of the National Education Center, directly across from the USDF Hall of Fame. Lendon's name is already on the wall, but there is still something that each and everyone of us can do to fulfill our obligation to raise \$250,000. (We're close, but have more to go.) If, for example, every one of the over 1,500 youth riders who ever participated in any of Lendon's programs pitched in \$10 each, then we'd have... \$15,000! How's that for making a difference?

***So, to every riding student of any age who ever once felt grateful to Lendon for what she's done to improve our riding and promote the sport, we extend an invitation to join us in honoring her. Have your name listed as a donor to the Lendon F. Gray Bookstore in the USDF National Education Center.***

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