The Evening

5:00 PM
Cocktail & Foxchase Reception on the Polo Field

The evening begins on the Polo Field with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres
and a warm Irish welcome as guests gather at Belle Grey Farm.

6:00 PM
Dinner & Celebration

Follow the sound of the bagpipes as we make our way to dinner for an elegant evening
celebrating the extraordinary children, riders and families of Wheatland Equestrian.

Throughout Dinner
Silent Auction
Discover an exceptional collection of experiences, getaways, dining, equestrian offerings
and one-of-a-kind treasures-all generously donated in support of our mission.

Live Auction & Raise the Paddle
The excitement builds with our signature Live Auction,
followed by an opportunity to make a direct and lasting difference through our Raise the Paddle.

An Irish Homecoming
A Special Gala Performance
For the first time at the Wheatland Gala, internationally acclaimed Irish tenor Mark Forrest takes the stage for a very special concert celebrating home, heritage and hope-joined by guest musicians for a spectacular live performance.

Then the celebration continues with music and dancing
as we bring an unforgettable evening at Belle Grey Farm to a close.

Event concludes at 10:00 PM.

This year, the Wheatland Equestrian Gala Dinner holds a very special meaning. We are delighted to welcome you to Belle Grey Farm for An Irish Welcome Home—an evening celebrating hope, healing, horses, and an exciting new chapter for the Faith & Family Foundation and Wheatland Equestrian.

A New Home. A New Chapter.

In 2025, the Faith & Family Foundation made the momentous move to Belle Grey Farm in Upperville, creating a beautiful new home for Wheatland Equestrian and the families we serve. Here, amid the rolling fields and extraordinary equestrian heritage of Virginia's hunt country, our mission has found room to grow. Belle Grey Farm is more than a new address. It represents possibility. With exceptional equestrian facilities, expanded space for our horses and riders, and a setting uniquely suited to our work, we are building a place where children and adults of all abilities can learn, compete, belong, and thrive. This remarkable farm allows us to dream bigger for the future of inclusive equestrian sport while preserving the deeply personal, family-centered spirit that has always been at the heart of Wheatland.

Tonight, for the first time, we have the privilege of welcoming our Gala guests into that new home.

Our Story & Our Mission

The Faith & Family Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of children, adults and families through faith, family, community and the extraordinary partnership between horse and rider. Through Wheatland Equestrian, we provide inclusive and therapeutic equestrian opportunities for children and adults with disabilities alongside traditional equestrian education and sport. Our riders come to us with different abilities, different challenges and different dreams—but here, they share the same arena, the same horses and the same opportunity to discover what they can achieve. From a child's first connection with a horse to the ambitions of an international para dressage athlete, we believe in meeting each rider where they are and giving them the opportunity to go as far as their ability, courage and dreams will take them.

At the center of it all are our horses—patient teachers, trusted partners and, so often, the bridge through which confidence, independence, friendship and joy become possible.

An Irish Welcome Home

And so, this year we celebrate.
We invite you to enjoy an unforgettable evening at Belle Grey Farm—cocktails on the Polo Field, dinner and dancing, live and silent auctions, the stirring sound of the bagpipes, and a very special concert by internationally acclaimed Irish tenor Mark Forrest. But amid all the celebration lies a purpose that could not be more important. Every ticket purchased, every auction bid, every paddle raised and every gift made tonight helps us continue opening our doors to children and adults with disabilities who deserve the opportunity to experience everything horses—and this remarkable community—can give.

Thank you for coming home to Belle Grey with us. Thank you for believing in our riders. And thank you for helping us ensure that, whatever challenges a family may face, there will always be a place at Wheatland where they are welcomed, valued, and encouraged to dream. Welcome to Belle Grey Farm. Welcome to the 2026 Wheatland Equestrian Gala Dinner. May the evening be filled with friendship, generosity, celebration—and a little Irish magic.