

Tara Dunford

Tara Dunford joined SPUR as a volunteer in the Spring of 2001 after reading an article about the program in the Asbury Park Press. Having experienced first hand the joy that horses bring, she was anxious to share that with the SPUR student population. When Tara was asked to become an instructor with the program, she jumped at the opportunity – shadowing full time instructors throughout 2002 and becoming a NARHA Registered Instructor in December 2003.

Tara is also a certified Equine Massage Therapist – and enjoys sharing this particular skill with the horses at Sunnyside, who don't seem to mind the attention too much! The other instructors valiantly offer to let Tara practice her massage techniques on them as well, should she need any human feedback on her ability as a massage therapist. Unfortunately, Tara's full-time job with a medical device company often interferes with her ability to accommodate the requests from horses and fellow instructors alike!

Tara lives with her husband Chris in Tinton Falls – conveniently less than two miles from Sunnyside – where they enjoy hosting pool parties in the summer, fireside gatherings in the winter and deciding on their next decorating project.

