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## Patricia Artimovich

Universities Space Research Association

**TITLE:** Manager of contracts

**AGE:** 59

### What's your role with the PVDA Ride for Life?

I'm the founder and co-chair of sponsorship.

### What is the PVDA Ride for Life?

A two-day, licensed dressage competition among juniors, amateurs and professionals. There will be Olympic national and international riders and horses at the event.

We're a very grassroots operation and began in 2004. At least 150 volunteers will work this event and the great thing is that the money stays in Maryland but, through Johns Hopkins, it has the ability to impact the whole U.S.

### Do you have a favorite horse?

Yes, Dameron. I lost him last August. He was my real passage back into dressage. He was truly a gentle giant. He taught lots of people, he competed, he cheered children on in therapy.

### How would you describe the healing power of horses?

I was diagnosed with breast cancer in my late 40s. Nothing focuses you like the thought of a shortage of lifetime. Horses get you back to nature, allow you to touch the earth. There's a special relationship you can have with horses. They're very calm and accepting.

### What is your goal this year?

We would like to raise \$100,000. We came very close last year. You get a wonderful show for a \$20 donation. The same type of event would normally cost around \$60. All of the proceeds go to Johns Hopkins, not the PVDA.

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