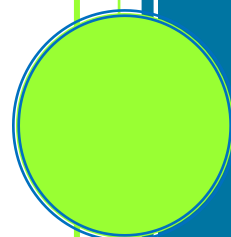




PARTNERS THERAPEUTIC HORSEMANSHIP ANNUAL REPORT

2010



MISSION STATEMENT *Providing therapeutic horsemanship as a unique means to improve the quality of life for those with special needs, their families and the community.*

BACKGROUND

Partners Therapeutic Horsemanship, Inc., founded in 2004 is a California Not for Profit Corporation and a Federal 501(C) (3) Tax Exempt Corporation. Our Federal Tax ID # is 20-1928582.

We are looking forward to celebrating our eighth anniversary, continuing to serve those with special needs. We are very grateful to Donnie Bright and Lone Oak Ranch for providing us a home for over 4 years at 15689 Mountain Valley Place, Lakeside, CA.

We continually strive to provide the highest quality, supportive experience possible to our clients, their families and our volunteers, within our means. With that goal in mind, Executive Director Karen Crampton, and Assistant Director Bobbi Buettgenbach attended the NARHA National Conference in Denver, Colorado. Keeping abreast of the latest standards and techniques for delivery of care is a priority. Our instructors are required to attend 20 hours of Continuing Education annually to remain certified through NARHA.

ACHIEVEMENTS

What we do, and the core values we have set for this program in East County, must be handled with professionalism so this special type of activity will continue to be available for many more riders with special needs. Involving the community is a priority allowing others to share in our growth and enjoy the benefits that therapeutic riding brings to those with special needs and their families. To this end Partners Therapeutic Horsemanship:

- ◆ Provided over 1300 lessons in 2010
- ◆ Served over 46 riders with special needs
- ◆ Participated in the Fourth Annual Community Expo at the Rodeo Grounds, helping to further inform our community about the unique benefits of therapeutic riding offered through our program
- ◆ In teamwork with the Lakeside Optimists, participated in the Lakeside Western Days Parade sponsored by the Lakeside Chamber of Commerce



CALNET 2010 Volunteers and Riders

- ◆ Staff attended numerous business mixers and made presentations to local community organizations about the program.
- ◆ Provided a service and informational day for an Upward Bound Program sponsored by the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary
- ◆ Provided continuing reports to The Rancho Santa Fe Rotary.
- ◆ Provided community service volunteer opportunities for the local high school and Kids Korps USA
- ◆ Solicited local Hunter/ Jumper and Dressage trainers to add to our students riding experience
- ◆ Participated in the filming of a documentary about Partners TH
- ◆ Held two public screenings of the video documentary in Lakeside to further educate our community about our mission
- ◆ Various staff, students and parents traveled to Los Angeles to participate in four additional screenings of the documentary, "Partners".
- ◆ Staff and students attended a Para Olympic clinic given by Debbie McDonald, an Olympic equestrian.
- ◆ Attended the CALNET (California Network for Equestrian Therapy) Horseshow in Burbank CA, with four students and three horses.
- ◆ Took students to a local open horseshow

Volunteers Shane & Heather
With Cody



- ◆ Provided some form of scholarships for 5% of our riders.
- ◆ Held three fundraisers.
- ◆ Held our Third Annual Horse Show and BBQ Fundraiser hosted by the Lakeside Optimists. This event provided a showcase for our students, and an invitation to the local community to both participate and observe our students and volunteers in action.

Maya on Jake at the horse show



Benjamin is concentrating



Vincent proudly receives his award.





◆ Financially, we gained ground this year through the successful efforts of our Fundraising Coordinator, Tonya Thompson and Grant Writer, Julia Guerrero. This year new grants were awarded from the Equus and Build-A-Bear Foundations. Fundraising is always a challenge and we are very grateful to the many hardworking folks who help us stay “afloat”!

VOLUNTEERS

Partners Volunteers are the heart of the organization. Over 80 volunteers contributed over 5400 hours of work, which has been valued at over \$23.42 per hour in California by a nation-wide survey in 2009.¹ This amounts to a dollar value donation of time of \$126,468. With the exception of our Lead Instructor, who is funded in part by grants from the Rancho Santa Fe Rotary and the Equus Foundation, Partners TH is an all-volunteer organization. Therefore 100% of money raised or donated goes directly to support the horses and the lesson program.

THE HORSES

We continue to have the kindest therapeutic horses any program could hope for. We still have Murphy, who celebrated his 10th year as a therapy horse, Jake & Dingo who have served 8 years, Max, Scarlet, Vinny, Sherman and Sly, who is owned by student Shane Clarke, and leased to us. This herd is consistent with last year and there have been no additions or transfers out. We need to bear in mind, however that our herd is rapidly aging and several horses are nearing retirement. Our vet informed us that Jake, who we thought was in his early to mid-20s, is actually probably 30. That is quite elderly for a horse and he may be close to his well-earned retirement. We have adjusted his workload, as we often do when needed, to accommodate his creaky legs. Murphy and Dingo are also aged, so changes must be anticipated. Thanks to excellent veterinary care, our horses are feeling well and currently happily participating in lessons.



¹ Independent Sector web site www.independentsector.org

GOALS

- ◆ Based on the statements above, it is clear that we will soon need to address the age of our herd. While donations are happily evaluated, it is often necessary to purchase a horse in order to obtain an animal that will have extended and a versatile use. We need to plan for the retirement of our deserving horses.
- ◆ One of the goals of the program has been to increase local community awareness of our services. We are striving to meet these goals as outlined above. We are consistently looking for new ways to participate in community activities and to spread the word about the benefits of therapeutic riding.
- ◆ Financial stability is key to our continued conservative growth and with that in mind, we hope to increase our grant awards and donor base.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP

Funding needed for general maintenance and annual expenses:

- ◆ Health care for horses (\$7,000)
- ◆ Farrier/Blacksmith (\$3,500)
- ◆ Insurance (\$1500)
- ◆ Tack and horse related equipment and repairs (\$1500)
- ◆ Office supplies and mailings (\$1000)

Opportunities:

- ◆ Sponsorship for one rider for one year (\$1,200)
- ◆ Sponsorship of one horse for one year (\$2,500)
- ◆ Horse Show Sponsor: CALNET (\$2500) or our Annual Horse Show & BBQ(\$1500)
- ◆ New western Abetta saddle (\$400)
- ◆ Part Time Instructor for a year(\$10,000)



MAJOR DONORS FOR THE CORPORATION ARE:

- ◆ Albertsons-Lakeside
- ◆ Brundy Farms/Tom’s Hay Farm
- ◆ Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation
- ◆ Cafe 67
- ◆ Cox Kids Foundation
- ◆ Donnie Bright , Lone Oak Ranch
- ◆ El Cajon Valley Vet
- ◆ Elizabeth Johnson and Artisan Dressage



MAJOR DONORS FOR THE CORPORATION CONTINUED:

- ◆ Equus Foundation
- ◆ Fourth Wall Video Productions by Nicole Kallis
- ◆ Lakeside Optimists Club
- ◆ La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary
- ◆ Rancho Santa Fe Rotary
- ◆ Succeed Digestive Conditioning Program (Freedom Health, LLC)
- ◆ Troxel Equestrian Helmets
- ◆ Walker Embroidery
- ◆ Janet Beer
- ◆ Bobbi Buettgenbach
- ◆ Karen Crampton
- ◆ Geri & Tom Nielsen

