

2021 Annual Report



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It is the horse's gift to connect us with heaven and
our own footsteps."

-Ronnie Sweet



MISSION

To provide adaptive riding, physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech language pathology services that include hippotherapy for individuals with cognitive, physical or emotional challenges in order to facilitate reaching personal goals, maximize activities of daily living and improve overall function while experiencing the joy of horsemanship.

VISION

To continually improve our own abilities to provide compassionate, expert equestrian and therapeutic activities by partnering with like minded, similar organizations to learn and offer information in the areas of clinical care, horse management, evidenced-based research and education for the sole purpose of benefiting the lives of individuals with special needs and their families.

Staff

Renee Bauld
Gail Hughes
Karen Fergason
Andi Fergason
Debbie Ross
Heidi Schmidt
Dorothy Martine
Linda Marrs
Leah Bonner
Shea Kamenski

Board

John Fergason, Chairman
Renee Bauld, President
Jeremy Schmidt
Nathaniel Morris
Dixie Burns



From the Executive Director

What an incredible year we had in 2021!

We managed to serve our clients through a pandemic and keep everyone safe. Our staff and volunteers showed up with enthusiasm working hard to make sure that our clients were able to enjoy the beauty and growth that horses bring. It is an honor to be a part of this team of dedicated, loving people.

The Donegan Burns Foundation became our marque sponsor and provided us an amazing opportunity to be among a community of equine barns with similar values to facilitate our growth and strengthen our leadership. Their unwavering support both financially and in leadership are boosting our growth while holding true to our mission.

The Gordon Hartman Foundation has also become a invaluable resource. The Bulverde Chamber of Commerce and many private donors made sure that we could keep our herd fed and healthy.

We cant wait to see what 2022 brings!

Renee

The wind of
heaven is that
which blows
between a
horse's ears.
-Arabian
proverb



Thank You For Your Support



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Sarah Glyn Bean
John Gretchen
Linda Batemenk





Financial Summary

Donations and Program Fees	\$141,781
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Expenses	\$127,837
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Staff and therapists	\$59,034
Horse Care and Feed	\$30,269
Miscellaneous	\$31,899
Facilities	\$6,635

Total Entering 2022	\$13,944
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RISE Rehab Programs and Impact



Top Diagnoses Treated

TBI/Spinal Cord
Cerebral Palsy
Down Syndrome
Autism
Seizure Disorder
Genetic Disorder
ADHD
Amputee
Anxiety

Clients Experience

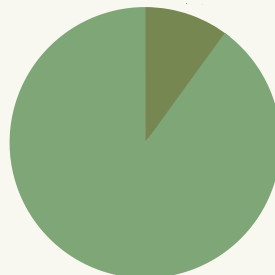
Improved Balance
Improved Focus
Increased Muscle
Reduced Spasticity
Self Confidence
Independence
Regulated Central
Nervous System

"Over these last two years, I have seen James's confidence and independence blossom and his ability to listen and follow direction grow, all while willingly stepping out of his comfort zone. While his growing maturity is exciting to see, the physical goals he has crushed and surpassed are truly incredible. So much so, that he has actually transitioned out of hippotherapy into therapeutic riding, where he is learning how to be in control, making more choices, with less and less support needed. He has gone from almost total neglect of his left arm and hand, to now CHOOSING to use his hand to hold the reins and even guide his horse! As the parent who was told by a neurosurgeon that James would almost certainly never use his hand for anything other than a "helper hand", hope has been returned to me over these last two years and it is hard to express or put into words what a gift has been given, not just to James, but our entire family."

-Client Mother

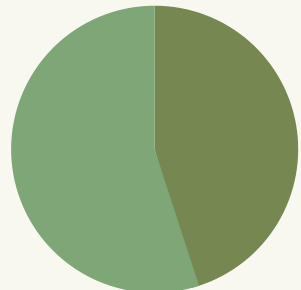
Client population

Pediatric 90
Adult 10



Program Breakdown

Adaptive Riding 55
Hippotherapy 45



2021 Volunteer Hours

50 Regular volunteers
1560 Maintenance volunteer hours
1535 Client/Equine volunteer hours

2022 Volunteer Opportunities

Sidewalkers
Maintenance
Horse Handlers
Building
Special Events

RISE Herd 2021

Pearl
Sutton
Max
Apollo
Nevada
Peanut
Remi





As we embark on 2022, We hope everyone has a great and safe year.

We are looking to retire some of our older horses and train new, younger horses to serve more clients and reduce our waitlist.

We are increasing staff skill and training as well as volunteer support to ensure we sustain our level of care and client outcomes. Some specifics include:

- Looking for a larger property to expand services
- Acquiring and training new horses to our herd
- Expanding our volunteer and therapy staff
- Bulverde Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting
- San Antonio Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting
- Creating partnerships with local equine therapy barns
- Building relationships with local businesses and donors

Exciting plans for 2022