

Volunteers Make A Difference

Volunteers are the lifeblood of Handi-Riders. We could not carry out our mission without them. Because we need over 100 volunteers per session, we welcome your assistance.

It's important to note that you do not have to have experience with horses, nor live close to the barn to help Handi-Riders. There are tasks that can be done from home, or Committees that meet once a month. The only requirement is having your heart available to helping those with disabilities.

Opportunities for individuals:

- Increase disability awareness
- Reach out to the community
- Obtain NARHA instructor certification
- Earn college credit
- Fundraising
- Marketing/Public Relations
- Technical support
- Lead and side walkers
- Education
- Site Development /Operations

We invite you to get involved and support Handi-Riders, the place where disabilities become possibilities and miracles happen every day. Witness a child with cerebral palsy unclenching his fist for the first time in order to pet his horse, or a non-verbal child talking for the first time to give his horse the command to "walk on". These are profound moments created by the therapeutic relationship between horse and rider.

Testimonials

A Handi-Riders parent: "I just want to thank you for providing such a wonderful program to special needs children in this community. It is wonderful that you provide these children with the opportunities that they otherwise would not be included in.

My children thoroughly enjoy interacting with the horses every week. After each session they cannot talk about anything but their time with the horses and their anticipation about next week's visit. It is wonderful to see them so excited about a program that is teaching them such valuable skills. Thank you for volunteering your time to make a difference in the lives of special needs children."

A Handi-Riders parent and volunteer of nine years: "My daughter's involvement in the Handi-Riders program has been one of the best resources and opportunities to encourage her attentiveness, receptive and expressive communication (she has no spoken words), to work with her physical needs and decrease her self-abusive behavior. Most importantly, my daughter loves the program. It is one of the few activities where she will willingly participate. Riding the horse always increases her vocalization and brings many a smile to her face."

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Handi-Riders Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program Since 1981



"...helping individuals with special needs to succeed in the arena of life".

Mission Statement

To provide equine assisted therapeutic activities to children and adults with special needs. Therapeutic interactions between horse and rider improve physical, cognitive, developmental, emotional, and social abilities.

History of Organization

Handi-Riders was started in Durham, CA. in 1981 by a dedicated group of local educators and horse enthusiasts. They began with 8 students, 15 volunteers and a vision. In 2005, Handi-Riders moved north of Oroville to the base of Table Mountain and increased their numbers to 100 students and 120+ volunteers per 8 week session. We offer Spring and Fall sessions and Summer day programs to clients from Butte, Glenn and Tehama Counties.

Handi-Riders is a public non-profit 501-C3 organization. Handi-Riders is a member of the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association, Inc. (NARHA). Our program/facility has been awarded their "Premier Accredited Operating Center" status. The American Medical Association (AMA) recognizes equine assisted activities (EAA) as an effective form of therapeutic activity for the physically, mentally and emotionally challenged.

Program Goals

Handi-Riders' long-term goals are to purchase the Oroville property, finish building an enclosed arena, and provide a year-round program.

How Can You Help?

Rider Scholarship

To provide the opportunity for less fortunate individuals to participate in the Handi-Riders program.

- ❖ Private Lesson - \$50.00 per one hour.
- ❖ Half Scholarship - \$125.00 per 8-week session.
- ❖ Full Scholarship - \$250.00 per 8-week session.
- ❖ Partial Scholarship - Donation of any amount.

Horse Maintenance

To ensure the health and fitness of our special horses with routine farrier and veterinarian check-ups, hay, feed supplies, and grooming aids.

- ❖ Grooming Aids - \$25.00
- ❖ Hay and Feed - \$50.00
- ❖ Farrier Check Up - \$75.00
- ❖ Veterinarian Check Up - \$100.00

Horse Sponsorship

In order to help cover costs and give our horse lovers an opportunity for direct involvement in our herd, we have created a Horse Sponsorship Program that covers horse expenses. All sponsors will be recognized in our newsletter and website for the sponsorship year.

- ❖ One Year Sponsorship - \$2,500
- ❖ Half Year Sponsorship - \$1,250

Site Development/Operations

To pay for the: building of an enclosed arena, purchase of the property, equipment for our riders and operational expenses.

- ❖ Donation of any amount

We need your help!

Please check the areas where you can help:

- Rider Scholarship
- Horse Maintenance
- Horse Sponsorship
- Site Development/Operations

Please complete, cut out, and mail this form with your check to:

HANDI-RIDERS
P.O. Box 1885
Chico, CA. 95927



Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____

Email _____

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Your gift of any amount
is greatly appreciated.
Thank You.