



HANDI-RIDERS

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Sponsor an Equine Hero

Our horses are our heroes; we say this daily about our equine partners. They are extraordinary animals doing invaluable work. Handi-Riders horses have served up to 100 students during a spring or fall session. For our program to be safe, effective and successful for our riders, it is critical our horses be healthy, happy and sound. We have turn-outs, wonderful trails, and dedicated volunteers to ensure emotional stability but it takes a great deal of funding to care and feed our horses each year.

The cost of maintaining one Handi-Riders horse each year is over \$2,500. This includes feeding, veterinary care and shoeing. Some of our geriatric horses need extra TLC with added supplements such as joints aids, flax seed, oil, and alfalfa hay.

In previous years, Handi-Riders has offered an opportunity to help with the herd care by sponsoring a horse. We would like to offer this opportunity once again. The sponsoring of a horse provides additional funds for the

ongoing care of our horses. Some of our older more needy horses are Penny, R-C, Magic and Pepe. They receive added feed and valuable supplements to maintain a healthy weight and joints. Peanut has Cushing's Disease and needs daily medication to combat this metabolic disorder. Our half/draft Jenna requires extra shoeing because of her size and wear and tear on her shoes.

Handi-Riders would be forever grateful to any individual who could sponsor a horse. Any donation amount would help with the special care our horses receive. Their jobs are important so maintaining healthy minds and bodies are a priority. Thank you to all who have sponsored horses in the past and a heartfelt thank you to Sally Hugg who donates a continuous supply of her California Trace minerals. Please call the office and ask for Chris, our horse manager, if you would like more information or would like to sponsor a horse. Remember, our horses are our heroes!

– Chris Latouche, Horse Manager

Witness the patience and acceptance of our horse heroes; they enable more than just riding.



Handi-Riders Financial Recap



"Thank you."

"Changing lives one equine-partner at a time; what will your contribution enable?"

Handi-Riders has a yearly budget of around \$140,000. Currently, tuition covers about 45% of the costs to run the program, fund-raisers 20%, and 35% comes from donations and other sources. Donations can be general or flagged for specific purposes, such as scholarships or the arena fund. Scholarship donations are applied against students' tuition, either full or partial, depending on the need and the donors' designation. As all except two students no longer receive Far Northern Regional funding, scholarships are especially appreciated by the students and their families. Donations can now be made electronically via PayPal from the Handi-Riders website: www.handi-riders.org. Checks are always welcome, too.

As the Handi-Riders treasurer, I appreciate those contributions that can be applied against operating expenses, such as payroll, property lease and maintenance, horse feed and care, class expenses, insurance, etc. Also, we are still paying for the arena. The Raising the Roof Campaign covered about two thirds of the cost of erecting the roof. A remaining amount of \$5,300 is currently owed for the arena and septic tank.

Handi-Riders is very fortunate to receive support from local organizations and numerous individuals. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you!

— Roxana Hodges Handi-Riders Treasurer

Show Your Support Today!

Once again the All-You-Can-Eat-Pork-Ribs Cook-Off at Rolling Hills Casino was a success.

Thanks to the generosity of Rolling Hills Food & Beverages Manager, James Rosenbaum, and Head Chef, Hobart Vogel, Handi-Riders was again the beneficiary of this extraordinary event which brings together Rib Cookers from across the North State, a 150 entry Car Show of some of the most gorgeous vehicles you'll see anywhere, and an amazing Hot Air Balloon spectacular.

If you weren't there on June 4th you missed some of the best ribs ever from over a dozen rib cookers taking part in this yearly invitational cook-off. Also included this year was a cheese cake booth with a dozen different toppings, great potato salad, and a Jack Daniels booth. There was also the Rib Toss booth where young and old alike tried their hand at tossing ribs through a swinging tire. Inside the Convention Center, directly adjacent to the Cook-Off Tent, attendees were entertain by a continual flow of live bands in Carlino's Night Club. This year there was also a slide show of our student riders and staff projected onto the screen over the stage.

Rolling Hill representatives meet with our Board of Directors on Monday, June 27th, and presented Handi-Riders with a check for over \$12,000 which represented the proceeds from the entire Cook-Off. They also presented us with a challenge - sell 300 tickets to next year's event to be held June 9, 2012, by December 2011. Just think how nice it would be for Handi-Riders to receive a check for \$24,000 next June.

Your help is needed to keep the Rolling Hills Cook-Off a benefit for Handi-Riders. It is the hope of James and Hobart of Rolling Hills that this event becomes a yearly "happening". That is my hope and the hope of our Board as well. So please pick up the phone and call the office and let us know how many tickets you can purchase now! They'll make great stocking stuffers, early Father's Day gifts, or that perfect something for your favorite relative.

— Suzanne Bernard, Executive Director



Caitlin checks Magic's hoofs



Through the eyes of a horse ...

Changing Face: NARHA is now PATH!

In an effort to accurately reflect the evolution of the equine-assisted activities and therapies industry, NARHA has updated its name. In April 2009, the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association, simply became “NARHA”, due to a number of outdated words in the original title. Further updates and revisions have led to its new name: Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship, International (PATH). Note that the wording has changed from *Riding* to *Horsemanship*; this was “riding” did not encompass unhorse, such as ground work, activities in which our students also reflects the goal of development-professionalism within the industry not limited to new requirements, additional specialty certifications, additional specialty collaborations for members, and standards. *International* reflects the growth of therapeutic activities and therapies to other countries, not strictly North America. Hand-Riders is pleased to be a part of the evolving face of the equine-assisted activities and therapies industry.



an intentional switch as mounted use of the horse husbandry, and engage. The new name is a heightened level of try; this includes, but is not limited to, instructor certification and trainings, college accreditation standards.



Paint & share your horse day

Helping Hands Make The Difference: Volunteer!

Volunteers enable our riders to accomplish what they do; come join us in supporting their efforts. Summer Session is currently underway, and our Fall Session starts in September. Our riders need volunteers to help lead or walk beside them to aid with balance and assist with activities. Under the direction of a certified instructor, our volunteers provide a safe, secure and greatly enhanced riding experience for children, teens and adults with a variety of special needs. Volunteers are the lifeblood of our program. Thanks to all the dedicated friends who contribute so much time and energy to sustain our mission and vision.

Volunteers are not paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.

— Anonymous

Our next Volunteer Orientation will be held Saturday, September 10, 2011.

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Sherrie Noel, at 533-5333 to sign-up today.

Thank you to all our Summer session volunteers who made our summer day programs possible. With your assistance, our riders not only rode their horses, but also expanded their knowledge of caring for a horse and the basics of equine health and wellness. Thank you again!

SAVE THE DATE

July 2011

Thursday, July 28th.

Summer Session ends

August 2011

Saturday/Sunday 20

Honky-Tonkin on the River

September 2011

Saturday, September 10th

Volunteer Orientation

Monday, September 12th

Fall Session Starts

October 2011

November 2011

Saturday, November 5th

Fall Session Ends



Equine anatomy: "Muzzle"

