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Director's Corner

As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of Miracles in Motion, we reflect on the thousands of volunteers, staff, instructors, board members, and therapists who have brought us to this point. The mission, vision and work has carried us through good times and sustained us during rough patches.

We owe our undying gratitude to the collective, 30-year herd of horses, with their patience and healing powers, who uplifted thousands of children and adults by making their lives richer and more manageable; teaching them things that they and their parents never dreamed possible.

The horses who served and passed on live in the hearts of those who rode them and those who worked with them. The horses in the present herd continue the work by trusting and giving of themselves, just as those who came before them.

Recently, the Miracles family lost a beloved volunteer, friend, and board member, Amy McClure. She gave us her wisdom, strength, and creativity. She made the costumes for the minis and the big guys. She loved Halloween and converted the barn into a spooky but fun place. She, along with her friend and colleague Mary Chadwick, made holidays special, welcomed Spring at Miracles, painted faces, and laid out a reception for the veterans. She helped provide oversight for the organization. In short, she will always be a part of the fabric, life, and story of Miracles.

Thirty years of the commitment of volunteers, staff, horses, and donors sharing lives in a community of hope, endurance, and triumph is something to be proud of. Well done everyone.

Karla Miller



Miracles 30th celebration will feature more than 20 silent auction items!

Our thanks to Laura Young, for donating one of her beautiful Iowa landscape paintings for our silent auction! This framed original is done in acrylics on rag paper.

Laura is a painter, currently living in Iowa City, where she is a lecturer in the School of Art & Art History at the University of Iowa. Her work is represented in private and corporate collections across the country. Learn more about her work at <http://laurayoungart.com>.



Thanks to Leash on Life for sponsoring our newsletter. You can visit them on their website at www.leashonlife.net

TJ West earns the MVECS Buckle!

TJ West, a July graduate of our MVECS program, became the third student to successfully meet all the requirements for the MVECS belt buckle. To earn the buckle, veterans must complete a 10-week course, have put in 25 hours of volunteer service at the farm, and pass a final test with a score of 95 percent or better. The test comprises a written examination covering the entire course, as well as a practical demonstration of the hands-on horse skills the student has acquired, including catching and haltering their animal, grooming, tacking, leading, exercise, and riding.



TJ is a veteran of 14 years in the U.S. Army, with one deployment to Iraq and two to Afghanistan. He has two wonderful kids, Haiden, 10, and Connor, 8, who also took part in the program and did a great job with the minis. TJ has also been very helpful with the new class currently underway. Hats off to SSG West! Good job Cowboy!

Ken Manley, Barn Manager & MVECS Sponsor

Thanks to Z102.9 for letting Miracles tag along!

Radio station Z102.9 is graciously helping Miracles recruit volunteers during their Friday Tailgate Tour 2018. Throughout the football season, KGYM visits 14 different high schools, hosting a one-hour, live "game day" show, featuring players, coaches and more. Z1029 is there throwing a big party and has invited Miracles in Motion to tag along!

This is a great opportunity to reach students across the Corridor and recruit volunteers to help with our programs. Thanks to Jerry Mohwinkle for making the connection and Maddie DeVore for helping with recruitment!

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