Miracles in Motion
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Beyond the Saddle: Cash's story



Everyone who comes to Miracles arrives with their own hopes for what their time here will look like. Then they discover something more: confidence, connection and a bond with a horse who knows them. That's what our year-end campaign, Beyond the Saddle, is all about.

For Cash, a seventh grader in our Adaptive Horsemanship class, that discovery came through his favorite horse, Dakota. Working alongside Dakota, he has learned to be patient, read Dakota's moods and adapt when things don't go as planned. Along the way, he's found confidence in himself and a friend who accepts him just as he is. His dad, Joshua, says Cash leaves Miracles feeling good every single time.

We can't wait to share more with you over the coming weeks about Cash, Dakota, and how you can help others discover what lies beyond the saddle. To learn more about Cash's story, please visit: https://miraclesinmotion.networkforgood.com/projects/308338-beyond-the-saddle

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From The Director's Desk
WRITTEN BY DEB LEICHSENRING

From the start of the year, Miracles in Motion has been going nonstop—writing grants, meeting with donors, planning center events and outreach, organizing programming, training volunteers, managing property projects, and so much more. None of this would be possible without our dedicated team and our incredible horses. I want to pause and extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the hands and hooves that deliver their very best effort each and every day.

With November being the month of Thanksgiving, everyone at Miracles has so much to be thankful for, thanks to your continued support. Showing gratitude is one of the simplest yet most powerful things we can do for one another.

I also want to warmly welcome two new staff members to our team: Becca Cunigan, Manager of Income Development, and Ruth Blanco, Volunteer Coordinator. We are thrilled to bring on their unique expertise and fresh perspectives. You can read more about both of them in this month's newsletter.

Thank you again for everything you do to support our mission.

Miracles in Motion's 2026 Horse of the Year is . . . Flash!



Congrats to him and to all who voted for him! Thanks to your support of our campaign, we raised over $4,000 to go toward the health and care of our entire herd! Until next year, Flash will be enjoying the life of royalty as horse of the year! Make sure you give him extra treats and pats the next time you see him!





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Memorable Moments from Boo at the Barn 2026

We had a BOO-tiful day at this year's Boo at the Barn! Over 350 guests joined us at the farm to enjoy beautiful fall weather, four-legged friends, and plenty of fall festivities! Families enjoyed games, crafts, food, and of course, the horse parade! It was wonderful to welcome so many familiar faces and new friends to Miracles and share such a special day together.



We are so grateful to all of our sponsors, partners, and volunteers who helped make the day such a success, as well as everyone who came out to celebrate with us! Thank you for making this year's event one to remember! We can't wait to see everyone again next year!

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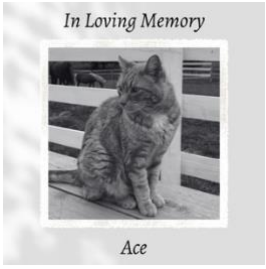
Welcome, Ruth Blanco, Volunteer Coordinator

Hi, I'm Ruth Blanco! I was born and raised in Northern Virginia, but I'm an Iowan at heart! I've spent much of my life volunteering at my church, where I developed a passion for serving others and building community. I'm excited to bring that same passion to Miracles in Motion and be part of such a wonderful team! Outside of volunteering, I love being with my family, exploring new places, and trying new foods. I'm a huge foodie and love discovering different cultures through their cuisine. My door is always open, so please stop by and say hello!



Welcome, Becca Cunigan, Manager of Income Development

Becca Cunigan started as the Manager of Income Development in October 2026. She graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in Communications, and she has previously worked in marketing, most recently as a Marketing Coordinator for Billion Automotive. Becca grew up in Northwestern Iowa, where she spent much of her childhood around horses. She's very excited to bring her experience and passion for building relationships to Miracles in Motion and to help support an organization that makes such a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals and families throughout the community.



After a long 18-year residency here at Miracles In Motion, our beloved yellow cat, Ace, has passed away. Ace was found on the highway in front of our property by Stefani Vikora-Zobala when he was just three months old. Over the years, Ace became a constant companion to our staff, volunteers, riders, and visitors. I will deeply miss my office mate, but I take comfort in knowing Ace lived his life on his own terms and let me know when it was time. It is said that no one ever really dies who is remembered with love—and Ace was truly loved. -- Deb Leichsenring

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