

From the Director's Desk (continued)

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Diana has interests outside of Miracles, including travel to visit family and friends. Carrie is a full-time nurse at the University of Iowa Hospitals, and has a horse of her own and family that fills her time.

I asked each of them, "Why be a PATH CTKI?" Diana replied, "Being an instructor keeps me connected to horses that are doing such a great service and seeing the amazing changes that individual riders make in their riding journey." Carrie said, "I enjoy being a CTRI for Miracles in Motion because I get to teach about horses and riding skills. I also get to care for the horses, be a part of an organization and see the smiling faces of the participants, families and volunteers. My training and work as a CTRI is a life accomplishment and the best hobby ever."

To both of you, thank you from the Miracles family!

Deb Leichsenring

Good Things Comes in Threes (and a Half)

Every year at Miracles, we highlight one rider's story to illustrate the impact of our incredible community of donors, volunteers and sponsors. As this year, 2023, marks our 35th Anniversary of providing equine-assisted therapy, we chose to highlight three very special riders: Ben, Jackson, and Adam—and of course, Adam's service dog, Turbo.

These three young men have been riding together at Miracles for over a decade. Some have ridden at Miracles for over 20 years, but once they began riding together they never stopped! Now, they ride together almost every week, 24 weeks a year. Not only have they achieved milestones of strength and flexibility throughout their riding careers, they have achieved much more: solid bonds of brotherhood, shared experiences, joy and laughter.

The families of these three young men have also bonded in this time—sharing stories, resources, and support over the years. Miracles farm has been their backdrop for years of positive experiences, and your generosity has been crucial to making this joy possible.

As I reflect on this year and the past 35 years, I also think about the future and where Miracles will go next. We have done so much for so many families in Iowa—I'm so excited to see this tradition of joy, growth, and community continue for another 35 years. I ask that you, our Miracles community, reflect on the impact you've made by investing in us and all that we can accomplish through working together for a better future. Please consider continuing this tradition of impact and invest for the next 35 years of equine-assisted therapies.

With deepest gratitude and sincerest respect,

—Tess Bracher-Dorrington, Director of Income Development



Thank you, Miracles Volunteers, for over 15,000 service hours this year!

As of December 10, we have surpassed our total volunteer hours in 2022! We could not create life-changing experiences for our students and care for our herd without our outstanding crew of volunteers. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do this year, 2024 here we come!

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