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Second Annual Boo at the Barn enjoyed by all!

Eerie inflatables, ghoulish games, spooky stables, and creepy crafts set the stage for a fun-filled Boo at the Barn October 27th.

The minis – dressed as Thing 1, Thing 2 and Thing 3 – greeted more than 350 kids and their parents and guardians. Craft partners were set up in the arena, along with face painting, a silent auction and kids’ raffle. Everyone was well fed with Maggie’s Farm Wood Fired pizza along with popcorn and treats. The stables were decorated – some scary, some less scary – and one was set up as a photo booth. Outdoor games were under two large tents. The weather cooperated, and everyone had a great time.

Both KGAN and KCRG were on hand and news stories appeared on both networks:

<https://cbs2iowa.com/news/local/miracles-in-motion-celebrates-halloween-with-boo-at-the-barn>
<https://www.kcrg.com/content/news/Miracles-in-Motion-holds-498796711.html>

South Slope, Rapids Reproduction, and Hills Bank employees helped with the set-up in the days leading up to the event. Thank you to all

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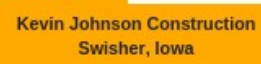
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Images from Boo at the Barn
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Thanks to South Slope, Hills Bank & Rapids Reproduction for coordinating their work days with preparation for Boo at the Barn!





Deidra Green, 3rd District Jr. American Legion Auxiliary President has selected Miracles in Motion as her President's project for the year. We have been fortunate to receive several tangible donations from this project over the past few months. In addition, Deidra volunteered at Miracles in Motion's 2nd Annual Boo at the Barn event on October 27th; in which she handed out candy. We look forward to continuing our partnership and thank Deidra for selecting Miracles in Motion.

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



2019 Calendars featuring our therapy horses – in seasonal outfits!

We still have a few 2019 calendars left. Each month features several of our therapy horses in appropriate attire for the season, as well as a birthday shot of monthly celebrants! Calendars are \$15 each or 5 for \$50. They are a great holiday gift idea for the horse lover on your list! Thanks to Maddie DeVore for her fun photos and Kora McClure for horse wrangling! Call or email me to arrange for pickup or delivery! Lois at 319-331-5412 loisjames@gmail.com

Thoughts as we draw the season to a close

It is unbelievable to me that the 2018 Miracles Season is coming to a close. With only a few more weeks of classes, we will be moving into a more reflective mode. Each year, we evaluate our season, including classes; students; volunteers; horses; pairings; instructors, and curricula. We evaluate everything; and implement adjustments in an effort to keep facilitating better services for the students.

We also celebrate the many achievements of our students and the hard work of instructors, staff and volunteers. This year, we will hold the first annual Suzanne B. Allen Memorial Annual Staff, Volunteer and Board Recognition and Appreciation Supper. I am pleased to say that this event is made possible by memorial money in honor of my mom. We hope to supplement this fund each year to honor everyone who makes Miracles great.

We will be turning our attention and efforts to preparing the herd and the property for winter. We are having our long-time vet, Dr. McNutt, come to do the bi-annual physicals, shots, and routine healthcare for the herd. This operation requires the vet and at least eight volunteers to work with the 18 horses. We attend to everything from head to hoof. Actually, the farrier will be out another day soon to handle foot care. This also requires several volunteers. As the horse people are fond of saying, "No hoof, no horse." We are very pleased to have a talented and gifted farrier in Cody Roller.

Volunteers remain active throughout the winter. We perform chores twice a day (Jasper and Scooter make sure this happens), fix fences, and move the muck. The house needs winterizing, the swim noodles in the Sensory Trail need to be gathered and the fish are inside. We will be reaching out to a talented horse trainer to work with us this winter and will have a regular exercise regime for the horses.

This year, we have had some incredible events, generous donors, and a great partner, South Slope. It was a great year!

Finally, what you've all (well, some of you) have been waiting for: the naming of our Equicizer, a functioning wooden horse designed to measure kids for equipment to be used in class, simulate the movement of the horse, and can be used if a child is initially apprehensive or cannot be comfortably seated on a real horse. We held a contest to name our new member of the herd. We looked to our students, staff, volunteers and the public for suggestions.

The names submitted included: Miracle; Dewey; Sanchez; Trusty; Major; Skippy; Bucky; Spirit; Trigger, and Collage. Members of the Horse Committee voted. The winning name is...Spirit! Spirit is the name of the horse in a beautiful story about a child and a horse seeking freedom together.

Karla S. Miller, LISW, Acting Executive Director

Thank you to our supporters

Autumn is a bittersweet time at Miracles – a mixture of relief and sadness that classes are winding down, but also appreciation for the cool weather after hot summer days, and the beautiful fall colors at the farm. This year, we are also coming to the close of our celebration of 30 years of Miracles – another bittersweet feeling.

One of the most rewarding parts of this celebration has been hearing from parents and kids that have participated at Miracles over multiple years. Nathan Douglas is one of these kids. I first reached out to Nathan's mom to tell me a little about what Miracles has meant to their family for a grant request I was writing. Wow – she sent me three pages of stories and photos of Nathan in each of the six years he has been riding at Miracles. It brought tears to my eyes and many of the folks I shared it with.

Thank you from the Douglas family, and all the kids who have benefited from our programs at Miracles! Your support has made it all possible.

Lois James

If you want to read more about Nathan's story, head over to our website. <http://www.miraclescanmoveyou.com/>



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Nathan's
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Quilt of Valor presented to Ken Manley

Ken Manley, a Vietnam Veteran and Miracles in Motion MVECS Coordinator, was presented with a Quilt of Valor on Monday, October 29th by Laura Wanken, also a veteran and a member of both the Conrad Legion Post 681 and the Conrad American Legion Auxiliary Unit 681. Congratulations to Ken and best wishes to him for a speedy recovery from recent surgery.

