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## Boo at the Barn—a fun time for all!

Miracles' first Halloween Celebration, Boo at the Barn, held Saturday, Oct. 21, was a rousing success, with nearly 350 guests in attendance! It was a Spooky Halloween celebration with kids and adults alike enjoying lots of Spooktacular fun with the Miracles' team and our miraculous herd of horses. Activities included games, face painting, treats, games, and a bouncy castle, with many of the kids in their Halloween costumes. Some of our horses were wearing their costumes, too! In addition to fun, games and treats, kids had the opportunity to meet our horses up close and personal, including Mr. Sea and Little Guy, our astounding and adorable miniature horses. The event was covered by KCRG News, which broadcast the story throughout the weekend.

Here's a link: <http://www.kcrg.com/content/news/Miracles--452158273.html>

See all the Boo sponsors as well as more photos on our website—[www.miraclescanmoveyou.com](http://www.miraclescanmoveyou.com)



### Thank you to RSM US for helping out at Miracles

There's always a project that needs doing at Miracles and we were fortunate that RSM US employees were willing to help out October 25<sup>th</sup>. They concentrated on fencing – tearing down and/or repairing old wood fencing as well as installed new posts and wire fencing. In addition, they cleaned up rocks from one of the pastures. We really appreciate their assistance in keeping our therapy horses where they need to be (despite Blaze's best efforts to get to the "grass that's greener" on the other side of his pasture)!

### Announcing a match for year-end contributions to Miracles

We are very excited to announce that contributions to Miracles in Motion through December 31<sup>st</sup> will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$10,000. Our donors and volunteers play a huge part in providing the programs that are so beneficial for our students and veterans. 2017 has been a rebuilding year and was turned into a winning season because of that support! We have a donor who is pledging to match dollar-for-dollar any donations made between now and Dec. 31 up to \$10,000! This is a wonderful opportunity to double the value of your contributions. Please include us in your year-end-giving plans. Donate on our website or by sending a check to our Swisher address.

## Rockwell Collins donates \$500.

Thanks go out to Rockwell Collins Disability and Supporters Employee Resource Group for donating \$500 to support the Fall Therapeutic Riding Sessions. We rely on donations from individuals, corporations and foundations for the majority of our funding.

## Brothers benefit from Hippotherapy and Therapeutic Riding

The lobby area of the arena was fairly quiet awaiting the arrival of the 7 p.m. therapeutic riding students. When Jaden and Jonathan entered they were obviously agitated, crying and didn't seem at all interested in riding a horse! Their mother said, "Jaden will calm down as soon as he sits on the horse". If I hadn't been there I don't know that I would have believed the transformation. Once all four of the class' riders were mounted, the arena was quiet again – really - perfectly still!

Of course, class then began with the instructor leading the various exercises and games that make the classes both fun and therapeutic! I talked with Jaden and Jonathan's mother and learned more about how the Miracles program has made a difference in their lives. They started with Hippotherapy this summer and then started in the therapeutic riding classes this fall. She has seen a difference in their balance and core strength and also noted how much calmer they have been.

The boys use a letter board to communicate. As we were beginning the after-class "huddle", Jaden answered a couple of questions, captivating all of us with how well he could communicate spelling out words one letter at a time. He said, "I feel being on Raven makes my mind relaxed."

Read a poem Jonathan has written to his horse on our website, [www.miraclescanmoveyou.com](http://www.miraclescanmoveyou.com)



**A rebuilding year turns to a winning season thanks to your support!** As classes wind down for 2017, our thoughts turn to our donors and volunteers who have made this remarkable year happen. Without your support, it would have been virtually impossible to deliver the services that make our students' lives better. Thank you so much!