



# Miracles in Motion

THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRIAN CENTER

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## Gale Mote's Miracles Moment



I came to know about Miracles in Motion through my dear friend Nancy Hauserman. I grew up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin. My first horse was a Shetland pony named Tony. He was gentle and kind. He and I would participate in local horse shows – bareback pleasure, western pleasure, pole bending, and barrel racing. Of course, there were no divisions for ponies, so we competed with the big boys and did just fine. My next horse was a registered Quarter horse, a strawberry roan called Chief Pokey. He was anything but! We enjoyed leisurely rides around the farm and neighborhood.

When I came to Iowa to attend Coe College, I sold my horse and pony so both would continue to get the love and care they deserved. Missing that special connection one has with a horse, I yearned to get that feeling back. Helping with chores at Miracles gives me that opportunity without having to purchase a horse, for which my husband is forever grateful.

My nephew is handicapped so I have great respect for those who provide support and opportunity for special needs individuals. It is so inspiring to see the positive outcomes achieved in our programs.

I taught teamwork for the MBA program at the Tippie College of Business – University of Iowa for over twenty years. I love working with a small group of people, committed to a common purpose, shared goals, and a working approach for which they hold themselves individually and mutually accountable. I appreciate how we respect one another and are willing to help each other learn and grow in our roles. Teamwork is when we go out of our way to make one another great. I love being a part of the Miracles team.



## From the Director's Desk

Warm breeze turns to a crisp chill—days are getting shorter—hard to say goodbye to summer. We can say that September was thirty-one long goodbyes to summer. Now we savor those summer memories and enjoy making wonderful Fall memories.

Here at Miracles this **Saturday, October 14 from 12:00-3:30 will be Boo at the Barn**. We so enjoy hosting this event as we get to share this amazing center with so many. There is **no admission charge**, thanks to all of our wonderful sponsors! We have **craft partners** that have enjoyable crafts to make and take home. There will be **indoor and outdoor games, a scavenger hunt that goes through the property, our minis in costume and a horse parade** (yes, our herd will tolerate costumes only once a year!). **360 Dance Studio** will bring their lovely dancers to perform, you can see spooky stables, and so much more!

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There will be food provided by Maggie's Farm Wood-Fired Pizza and Freddy's Frozen Custard, and Barnetts will supply tasty cookies. You can come in costume if you wish and just enjoy the day at Miracles. There will be no admission charge. We hope to see you! Bring your family and friends!!!

It is hard to believe but this week is the last week of classes. Where did this year go! We so appreciate the families and caregivers that bring the students to ride. It is hard to see this come to an end, but as I tell our riders, we will work with the herd all winter to ensure that they will be ready for next year. Not to mention we will have some new horses next season. This season is somewhat shorter due to the construction that will begin on October 17! Another milestone in Miracles in Motion's history. More to come!

Everyone enjoy Fall and hope to see you at Boo at the Barn 2023!!

—*Deb Leichsenring*

Right: Adaptive Riding lessons at Miracles in early October.



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