



Miracles in Motion

THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRIAN CENTER

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Miracles unveils new website

Check it out! Miracles in Motion has a revamped website that we think will make it easier to find what you are looking for!

Our thanks to Diana Harris from Miracles and Robin Deutschendorf of Brown Wing Studio for their patience and tenacity in bringing this project to launch. Photos were provided from several sources, including Patience Kim Phillips, a recent MVECs graduate. As you navigate around the site, please let us know if there is anything that needs to be updated, or links that need to be tweaked!

If you have items that need to be posted, please let us know. Either respond to this email or email miraclesinmotion@gmail.com. You can access the new website at www.miraclesinmotion.com



Miracles thanks Crescent-Janko Masonic Foundation

Miracles in Motion has received a significant donation from the Crescent-Janko Masonic Foundation to support our students with special needs. The foundation contributes to organizations helping needy children and is administered by the Crescent Lodge No. 25, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

Tom West presented the check to Maddie Lebben our Director of Operations. We very much appreciate this generous support!

Looking for a new horse for our herd

Our therapy horses are so important to us and have a difficult job to do – provide a safe experience to our special riders. We are at the point where we are considering an additional horse for our herd. We only accept geldings 10 years old or older. We are looking for a horse that is sound, with no degenerative conditions, and stands 14 to 15 hands tall. If you have a horse or know of one that could possibly fit our needs, please contact miraclesinmotion@gmail.com.

Our thanks to Shayna Franks for this touching photo after a therapeutic riding class.



Thanks to South Slope Cooperative Communications for their continued support!

We want to extend our thanks to South Slope and welcome them as one of our website sponsors. Their continued support is very much appreciated. In addition to their employees volunteering at Miracles, they have also provided grant funds for us to purchase an Equicizer, a mechanical horse that simulates riding and our mechanical lift.

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Miracles is looking for a farm maintenance person

If you or someone you know is interested – see the job description on our website.



A bit of farm history

Visitors to the farm this time of year often comment on the beautiful perennial plantings – lilacs, peonies, iris, etc. Most of the iris have been donated, but the lilacs for sure, and I'm guessing the peonies, have been around for a very long time.

We recently received an email from Lu Ann Dvorak, the granddaughter of Stanley & Emma (Kvetensky) Dvorak, the couple that built the house ("Sears and the railroad helped"). Their son, her father Edwin, was born in the house. Evidently her great-grandmother, Josephine, had sold the land to Lu Ann's grandparents.

As in many families, there is much more to the story and life wasn't always kind, particularly to Emma. I hope the beautiful flowers gave her some peace. Lu Ann grew up down the lane in what is now the Vanourny house. Our thanks to her for sharing a bit of history and a photo of the couple on their wedding day.

Minis visit Bird House

Our minis, Mr. Sea and Little Guy, can bring joy and comfort in so many different situations. Recently, Jackie Wallace and Karla Miller visited a guest at the Bird House, a residential hospice home in Iowa City. Here is Jackie's account of the visit.

"Karla and I had the most amazing mini visit so far! Today surprised us both! You could not have even imagined better behavior from those guys as they walked into the house, through the living room, into the bedroom, and up to the bed of Bill, a resident there. For the entire extended visit, they stood quietly, approached the bed when asked, and let Bill pet them. We think when they touched the sheets they decided they would like to rest their chins on sheets like that forever. They stood. They sighed. They dozed. A Miracle." We were saddened to hear that Bill passed away shortly after the visit, but we know that our minis brought him joy and peace.

