

Blaze a Path Forward

In a challenging year, Miracles has decided to “Blaze forward” and address some much needed improvements to enhance the experience for our students with special needs and veterans. A big “thank you” goes to The Hall-Perrine Foundation for providing match money for a new “front door” and walls on the pavilion. For every two dollars Miracles raises for the project, Hall-Perrine will match one dollar up to \$20,000. With this money and additional money from our generous supporters, we will be able to upgrade the experience of our students, parent/caretakers, instructors, therapists, veterans and visitors. As part of “enhancing the experience”, we will also be resurfacing the driveway to our property.

So many benefits:

Arena addition:

- Quiet room/therapy room
- Handicapped-accessible bathroom
- Training space for volunteers
- Overhang for inclement weather protection
- Instructor station
- Prep area before classes and sessions
- Parent viewing area
- Meeting and activity area for group visitors

Pavilion enclosure:

- Protection from wind
- Comfortable viewing area for outdoor arena
- Outdoor activity area for group visitors

Resurfacing the driveway:

- Fill in potholes
- Create positive first impression

*“These projects are a game-changer for us!”,
Lois James, President, Board of Directors*

*“Now the quality of the facilities will match the quality
of the services”, donor*

From a rider’s perspective...

Imagine the first time a child in a wheelchair comes to participate in therapeutic riding at Miracles in Motion. Imagine the courage it takes to trust a horse & the volunteers and instructor to make it a safe and effective experience. Rolling into the arena can be intimidating – a large open space bustling with horses being led in the arena, other children and parents preparing for class, and volunteers waiting to assist - can be overwhelming.

Now imagine the experience with our new “front door” to the arena. There is an overhang that protects them from inclement weather and just inside the door is a convenient, handicapped-accessible bathroom. There is a quiet room if it is all too much to take in at once. The sounds from the arena are muted and in that relative quiet, volunteers are introduced, helmets are fitted and questions answered. A safe, calm and confidence-building introduction to an exciting but potentially anxiety-producing therapeutic riding session.

The arena expansion is consistent with our goal of providing diverse equine activities for children and adults with special needs, as well as military veterans who will have a space to gather before and after classes that will contribute to the bonding experience integral to their continual development.