



Miracles in Motion

THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRIAN CENTER

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Susan Stump's Miracles Moment



Miracles in Motion is a place where miracles actually do happen. Children and adults with special challenges reach new goals, gain confidence, and develop friendships with their horses, patient instructors, and the volunteers who support them. They can start feeling scared or nervous, but somehow the motion and spirit of the horse convinces them it will be ok. One lap around the arena is usually all it takes. I decided to give Miracles a try and stayed because of the amazing work being done. I love the laughter and unbelievable strides made by the riders. I treasure the friendships I've made with a group of dedicated volunteers--who show up in rain, snow, and bitter cold to take care of the herd. I can hear the birds sing, watch the sunset, and take a moment to pet Ace the barn cat or feel the warm breath of horse on my cold hands. It's a place of peace and goodness in a world where it is sorely needed. I'm lucky I found it!

From the Director's Desk

What make horses such special creatures? They are majestic, strong, and can display a broad range of emotions. Whether horses are around humans or other horses, they are amazing communicators and thrive in social settings. These qualities are part of the reason why horses can develop such a strong bond with humans. Horses are social and affectionate animals. They have an excellent memory of people and particularly of their faces. Horses have low level of fearfulness and low aggression. All of this and more is why horses make excellent therapy partners. Each one of the Miracles herd is unique in personality, markings, and color, and they all possess the previously mentioned qualities.

This year we are retiring two of our horses--they have served their riders well and still have much life in them and will be with us at the center. Although we will never replace their individual personalities, we are looking for two more unique horses to be part of the up and coming Miracles herd.

Being a part of the Miracles herd takes a special horse: the first two requirements would be 10+ years old and a gelding. Being at Miracles is a great second career for a horse! They will have freedom in our pastures, friends with our volunteers, who give much care and love, and other horses, and forage.

If you have a horse that might be a good fit for being a therapy horse, give me a call at 319.857.4141 or email me at miraclesinmotion@gmail.com.

DO YOU KNOW A HORSE WHO HAS WHAT IT TAKES TO "MAKE MIRACLES HAPPEN"?

- Geldings only
- 10+ years old
- Calm, willing disposition
- Sound & healthy
- Prefer 15.2hh and under

CALL:
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—Deb Leichsenring

Make Miracles Happen in 2023--Volunteer!

Training dates: March 18, March 25, April 22, May 20, June 24, July 29, August 26

Please join us for a session of training to learn about Miracles in Motion--classes, our students/riders, the horses, and YOUR role in making Miracles happen.

Everyone volunteering to be involved in our classes is required to attend one training session each year. Each training date will have two sessions, morning and afternoon. The first session will start at 9 a.m. and end at 12 p.m., the second session will start at 1 p.m. and end at 4 p.m. **Horse Leaders** and **Barn Assistants** will need to attend one of the 3-hour sessions, **Side Walkers** will need to attend one of the sessions from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Training sessions will be at Miracles in Motion, 2049 120th St. NW, Swisher, IA. Register now for the Volunteer Training that works best for you here <https://miraclesinmotion.com/pages/volunteer> or email the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteermiraclesinmotion@gmail.com.

THANK YOU! We can't wait to see you!

Class Schedule for 2023!

Adaptive Riding

Three 8-week sessions with classes Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Enrolling for a 4-week session may be possible.

Session 1: April 3-May 27

Session 2: June 5-July 29

Session 3: August 14-October 9

Monday and Wednesday classes are at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday classes are at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. The first week of each Adaptive Riding session will focus on Adaptive Horsemanship.

Adaptive Horsemanship

Centered on learning about the horse from the ground, this class offers help with confidence and coordination through hands-on time with a gentle Miracles horse. Students learn about horse care, body parts of the horse, grooming, horse health, horse illness, and how to lead a horse. Classes are limited to three students. Every student is attended closely by Miracles' staff and instructors at all times. Each session is 50 minutes long. Three 8-week sessions with classes on Wednesday at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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For more information on all classes, including the online application form and medical form, visit <https://miraclesinmotion.com/our-services/therapeutic-riding-classes>.



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