



Miracles in Motion

THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRIAN CENTER

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Miracles Moment

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I started volunteering at Miracles in Motion in November 2022, doing chores on Saturday afternoons. Before that, I volunteered at Miracles in Motion from 2006 to 2010 as a side walker.

I LOVE Miracles in Motion! I cannot say enough about this program! Being from the city, I love having a chance to be out in the country, experiencing the farmland and pastures. I also love the people I volunteer with, and most of all, I LOVE all of Miracles' horses! Being around Miracles horses has been incredibly healing and renewing for me. Every week I look forward to coming out on Saturdays to see Jake and the Littles, Aussie, Blaze, Max, Diamond, and the rest. The horses are like my family, along with the people I volunteer with and have come to know. When I think of Miracles in Motion volunteers, the words passionate and dedicated come to mind. I do not think I have ever seen as many passionate and dedicated volunteers as I have seen at Miracles in Motion.

I have learned so much about horses, and about people, volunteering at Miracles in Motion. I am a mental health therapist, and I would love to someday incorporate Miracles in Motion horses with equine mental health therapy. But that is something for the future. Right now, I am happily enjoying the wonderful, crazy horses at Miracles, and am enjoying being a volunteer. I hope I can give back to Miracles in Motion as much as I am getting from it!

From The Director's Desk

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Autumn is upon us. The days are getting shorter. Football season is in full motion. What is your favorite part of autumn?

Here at Miracles we are busy with classes, some days two types of class in one day! Thank you to the instructors and volunteers who make these classes happen! We are grateful to the donors who support the programs we offer. As we know, horses are unbelievable healers and partners for our riders. With their multidirectional movements the horse can aid balance and posture, strengthen muscles, and help range of motion, to name a few benefits. We are fortunate for the herd that we have at Miracles as they are the backbone, so to speak, of this organization.

Committees are also preparing for the 7th Annual Boo At The Barn. This is one of our favorite events--the date is October 19! We so enjoy opening up the center for everyone. I am not sure how much the herd enjoys the Horse Parade and the costumes, but they tolerate it--they know there will be treats at the end for them!



Boo at the Barn is Coming!

When: Saturday October 19th from noon until 3:30
 (sensory hour 12-1; event open to the public from 1-3:30)
 Where: Miracles in Motion, 2049 120th Street NW, Swisher, IA
 What: Craft activities, games, scavenger hunt, food,
 costumed Horse Parade

Attire: costumes are welcome, provided they are family friendly

Sponsorships for Boo at the Barn are available at many levels.
 Miracles is proud to have the James Investment Group and
 UFG Insurance as sponsors.

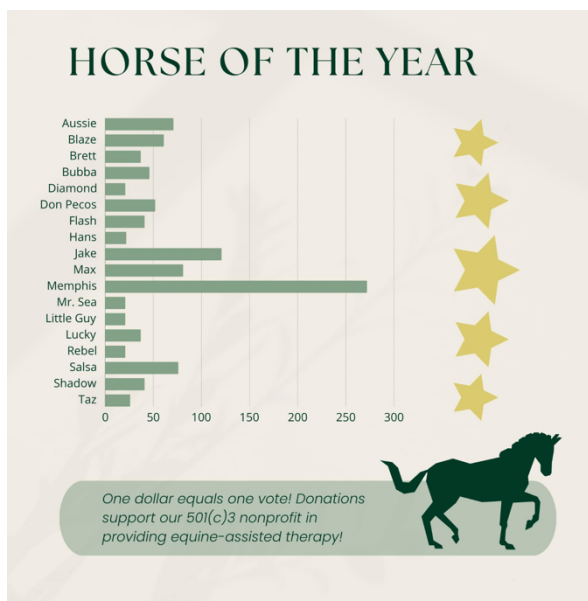
We welcome other businesses to join in supporting this fun, free,
 and family-friendly community event that is in its 7th year.



Have You “Voted” for Miracles’ Horse of the Year?

Our competition for the Miracles’ 2024 Horse of the Year is live now! You can vote by donating: one dollar equals one vote! Donations benefit our nonprofit and help provide equine-assisted therapies. (Graph shows totals as of mid-September).

The horse who raises the most funding will win the role as our Miracles in Motion Horse of the Year!



Roger That Memorial Bike Ride Supports Miracles

The Roger That Memorial Bike Ride honors the life of Roger Oberfoell, and this year’s ride will be Saturday, September 28, 2024, in Cedar Rapids. Miracles is honored to be the Ride’s partner charity for this year. Ride all or part of the route, bid on amazing items in the silent auction, enjoy the excitement, and support Miracles in Motion!



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