



September, 2019

From the President's Desk

If you've been near the Miracles farm lately, you've noticed two things – construction on 120th Street and a striking new sign at the entrance to the farm. Our thanks to Jacob Van Zante for the sign design, fabrication, funding, and installation! Jacob is working on attaining Eagle Scout rank and our sign is his Eagle Scout Service Project. We'll be having a "sign dedication" officially thanking Jacob and his family on Saturday, September 21st from 3 to 5 p.m. at the farm. Please join us if you can.

So many volunteers have continued to help in maintaining and improving things around the farm. Jackie Wallace, Colleen Brems and Jackie's sister, Sherry Moffit, have weeded, as well as transplanted daylilies in front of the house. They will also be adding prairie plantings around the new sign.

Home Repair Team is nearing completion of our new porch – a much more welcoming first view of the house than the caution tape that has been up for a couple of years!

We'll be needing volunteers for Hippotherapy session starting this month. There will be a training for sidewalkers September 20th starting at 6:00 p.m. If you haven't been trained in 2019, I hope you can attend.

We also still need to fill a few slots for Oktoberfest – Miracles volunteers work admissions, serve wine, and pour beer as a fundraiser for our programs. If you're available Friday, Saturday or Sunday, October 4th, 5th and 6th and would like to volunteer, reach out to miraclesinmotion@gmail.com for more information.

Sunday, September 22nd there will be a BBQ Rib Cook-off at Ushers Ferry. Ken Manley, head of our MVECS program, will be one of the contestants, cooking for Marion Masonic Lodge 6. All profits will support three charities, including Miracles in Motion. The minis will also be in attendance. For more information, check out the flyer in this newsletter.

Finally, don't forget to "save the date" for our Boo at the Barn event – Saturday, October 26th. This family-friendly celebration of fall and the end of the therapeutic riding season is free and open to the public thanks to our loyal sponsors!

Lois James, President, Miracles Board of Directors

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2049 120TH ST.
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*To thank Jacob Van Zante and
his family for his dedication
and to show our immense
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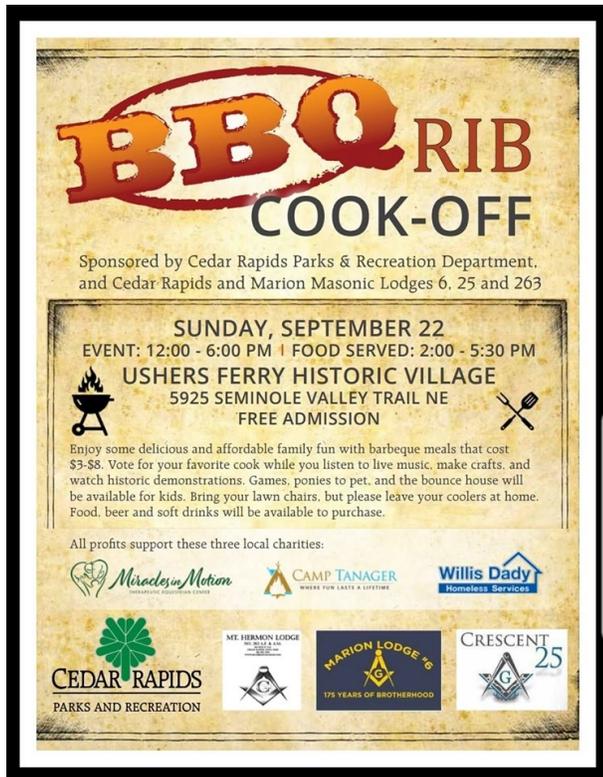
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Walmart supports our Fall TR classes

Miracles thanks the Coralville Walmart for their generous grant to support our Fall Therapeutic Riding classes. The Walmart organization encourages local stores to support and invest in communities through local giving, volunteerism, and programs to strengthen community cohesion. We very much appreciate the Coralville Walmart choosing to support Miracles in this way! You can visit them at 2801 Commerce Drive in Coralville.



Training session will be held Friday, September 20th

If you're interested in volunteering in classes as a side-walker, there will be a training session at the farm on September 20th starting at 6:00 p.m. You must have already submitted an application to be a volunteer through our website: www.miraclesinmotion.com – just click on the "Volunteer" tab and "Apply Now" button or enter this link in your browser: <https://miraclesinmotion.com/pages/volunteer>



Our new porch will be finished soon - ready to paint!

Miracles volunteer Chuck Klohs passes

Our sympathy goes out to Dawn Klohs on the passing of her husband, Chuck in June of 2019. Chuck was instrumental in doing several projects for Miracles including work on the bathroom during his five years of volunteering at the farm. Dawn generously gave a memorial donation in memory of her husband.

Miracles welcomes Twin Pine Farm as our newsletter sponsor

You may recall our story last month about the goats and sheep that helped with our pasture management at Miracles. Dustin & Jennifer Wall graciously donated their services to Miracles and in return we are welcoming them as our newsletter sponsor for a year.

Twin Pine Farm is a small farm in northeastern Iowa that raises Spanish, Savanna and Spanish/Savanna Cross goats. Starting in 2005, Twin Pine Farm has specialized in "prescriptive grazing", the service they provided to Miracles.

Because goats eat all sorts of things including many noxious weeds, they can be a great solution to just the situation we had – a pasture that was overgrown and treacherous to mow with rocks hidden in the weeds. Check them out on their website: www.iowagoats.com as well as on Facebook. Contact them at iowa1spanishgoats@yahoo.com.



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