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From the Director's Corner

It's August and we are nearing the end of our second round of summer classes. Our students are doing spectacularly! It is so much fun watching them gain confidence, learn new skills and strengthen their bodies. Parents are still reporting that their children feel better, and happier and generally calm after they complete a class. Our herd of horses being used in classes (Blaze, Jasper, Aspen, Scooter, Diamond, Charlie, Bear, Jet, Cinco, Raven, Brett, and Aussie) have been golden. Whether they are working in a Hippotherapy class or Therapeutic Riding, they are champs. The kids love them and get so excited when they see their horse come into the arena. A special thanks to our instructors; staff; team leads; horse leaders; side walkers, and barn assistants.

The Miracles in Motion Miniature Horse Ambassadors are stepping up their game. Li'l Guy and Lucky are in training for Hippotherapy classes for our littlest students. Mr. Sea and Li'l Guy's schedules are filling up with events and appearances. Turns out, they are in more demand than we even thought! Recently, Jackie Wallace, Joe Petta took Mr. Sea and Li'l Guy to participate in the Swisher Fun Days Parade. We fell behind the parade quite a bit because little kids and older folks wanted a chance to pet these guys. Then, to our surprise, as we were crossing in front of the announcer's table, Miracles in Motion was announced as winning the "Best Horse(s)" trophy! I can't be sure but I think the little guys walked a little taller after that.

We have exciting news: the latest addition to our herd has arrived. It is an Equicizer which is a horse that is designed and built to assist instructors and therapists in working with kids. Originally designed by an injured jockey to help with his rehab, the Equicizer replicates the movement of a horse and is measuring them for tack to getting used to the movement of a horse. From measuring kids for tack to helping them feel what it will be like on the back of a horse, to helping a child who might be scared of the real deal and wants to work up to a real horse, this tool will prove invaluable to us in so many ways. Thanks so much to Aureon, South Slope, LuAnn Bower, Matt & Red Rissi, Shirley & Merle Ries, Dianne & David Lacina, Ronnye Wieland, Dick Meade, JoAnn Klein, Diane Roetlin, Mary Chadwick, Dorothy Ramsey, Diane Boyd, Erin Payne-Christiansen, American Legion Auxiliary Swisher, Kevin Miller and Dan & Nancy Hudson for making this acquisition possible. (Continued on page 2)



Our
newest
herd
member
at
Miracles!



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Now that we have the Equicizer, we need to name him (he's a boy, we decided because all our horses are boys (geldings). To get just the right name, we are having a contest: Name the Horse With No Name! All students and volunteers are eligible to submit entries. The First Place winner will receive a cool prize and a ride on the Equicizer. The Second and Third Place winners will receive a slightly less cool prize and a ride on the Equicizer. The contest will run through August at which time we will review the entries and determine the name that best is guy. Then, the name will be engraved on a chestplate for all to know for a very long time.

To enter, please write the name that you think is best for our new herd member and email it to miraclesinmotion@gmail.com.

Name

Address

Email:

The name you would like to submit

Why you chose that name.

You can send it by snail mail but make sure it gets here by August 31st!

Miracles in Motion

"Name the Horse with No Name" Contest

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Students and volunteers who are on-site will be able to put their entries into a container.

This next month is filled with lots of events and activity. I can't wait!

Karla Miller, Acting Executive Director



Face painting a big hit at North Liberty Blues & BBQ!

Kitty face and Ninja Turtle designs were the most popular request for Amy McClure, our very own Miracles face painter! In addition to serving as a Miracles board member, Amy also works at Hills Bank as a VP of Sales & Service. Our thanks to South Slope Cooperative Communications for sharing their area at the North Liberty Blues & BBQ with Miracles in Motion.

Help needed for Miracles newsletter

We're looking for volunteer(s) to help with writing and producing our monthly Miracles newsletter. If you're interested, please reach out – thanks so much! Lois James 319-331-5412 loisjames@gmail.com.



Leash on Life donates a basket for dog lovers for our 30th Celebration silent auction

In addition to sponsoring this newsletter, Leash on Life has donated a wonderful basket of toys and treats for the dogs in your life! You can visit them on their website at www.leashonlife.net or stop by their stores in North Liberty and Iowa City.



Thanks to all our volunteers!

Without volunteers, Miracles in Motion would not be possible. Countless hours have been put in by our 90+ volunteers. With each class, we need a barn assistant, multiple horse leaders, and side walkers to make things run smoothly. There are also many volunteers that work “behind the scenes.”

Saturday after the Swisher Fun Days parade, we had a volunteer appreciation lunch where t-shirts were presented to the volunteers that had been chosen from a drawing. We also enjoyed sub sandwiches and cookies provided by the events team. Board member, Mary Chadwick, and her mom, JoAnn Klein, coordinated lunch; Joe Petta, Karla Miller & Jackie Wallace joined us after participating in the parade with the mini's; board member, Jerry Mohwinkle, helped with cleaning and clean up. It was a fun day, made even better by perfect weather and the three mini's providing our entertainment!

We continue to grow and learn about our database, Volgistics. Volgistics is new this year and allows us to communicate in mass quantities and volunteers can log their hours electronically. (Anyone remember the sign in book in the barn??) We hope to make use of the scheduling feature in the near future!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered and we are excited to see you in Fall 1 and Fall 2! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please complete a volunteer application online. If you have not been trained to work with our horses and would like to volunteer for Fall 1 and Fall 2 please RSVP to the Aug 18th training by emailing Becca at b.wilhelm1234@gmail.com.

Becca Wilhelm, Volunteer Coordinator

Little Guy and Mr. Sea represent Miracles in Swisher Fun Days parade

Wherever we bring our charming, adorable minis, they are greeted with smiles, affection, and the attention they love. The Swisher Fun Days parade, held Saturday, July 28, was no exception. Little Guy and Mr. Sea marched proudly along the parade route, stopping frequently to be petted and photographed, and doing what they do best – serving as Miracles Ambassadors. Hats off to Jackie Wallace and Karla Miller, who led them through the maze of well-wishers. Joe Petta was also there to trailer the boys to the parade, then walked along distributing flyers announcing our 30th anniversary celebration in September.



Miracles in Motion Therapeutic Equestrian Center Needs Volunteers!



**Our next volunteer training class is on August 18th from
1 to 4 pm at Miracles!**

Miracles in Motion provides equestrian lessons and therapeutic riding to individuals of all ages with physical, emotional, or cognitive challenges. Our programs include Hippotherapy, Therapeutic Riding, and ground work. We need volunteers for all programs, including Horse Leaders, Side Walkers, and Barn Assistants. Volunteers must attend training to learn Miracles in Motion's procedures.

Horse Leader: Volunteers lead horses while the participants ride during lessons. Leaders must be at least 15 years old and have at least one year of experience with horses. Leaders bring in horses, groom, complete hoof care and tack with adaptive equipment. During lessons, Horse Leaders are responsible for leading the horse and ensuring safety.

Side Walker: Volunteers walk beside the horses while participants ride, supporting riders from the ground. Side Walkers greet students and families, assists students with helmets and mounting their horses. During lessons, Side Walkers assist students in understanding instructors, offer encouragement, and help ensure safety.

Barn Assistants: Volunteers arrive early and work alongside Horse Leaders, helping with chores, grooming, and preparing horses for class. After class, Barn Assistants help groom and release horses, put away tack, muck stalls and clean the barn and arena. This is a great way to start working with horses!

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