



Miracles in Motion

THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRIAN CENTER

April 2020

In Memory of Scooter

The first time I visited Miracles in Motion, I thought it was so touching to see the names of horses that had passed on posted on a pole in the barn. It saddens me to add Scooter's name plate to the post. He touched so many lives since coming to Miracles in 2006. Prior to his retirement job at Miracles, he was a barrel racer and a police horse. He was a Standardbred Pacer, which is no surprise to anyone who led him around the arena – (or was led by him!) He was always willing to "walk on"!

So many kids lives have been touched by spending time with Scooter in Therapeutic Riding and/or Hippotherapy.

Here are just some of the comments made by board members and volunteers on learning of his passing:

He will be missed forever in our hearts and the hearts of our students. Nikole

He's been a good boy. He could not have received more support. But I think his body was telling us time to let go. When people/ animals stop eating no matter how hard they try, it's time to let go. But we will miss him. Colleen

Scooter always gave his best. Such a role model for human and horse. What is comforting is that he knew he gave his best to Miracles and in all of his life endeavors and that he was so loved. As we loved him so, we knew it was time to let him go.

"Horses change lives. They give our young people confidence and self-esteem. They provide peace and tranquility to troubled souls. They give us hope." Robinson

Scooter was all of this and more. Deb

I enjoyed leading Scooter in TR Classes. When the Instructors would play Green light Red light we always won, thrilling the rider, with Scooter's quick step. He was always willing to Walk On and quickly. It just won't be the same. Jerry

While serving as a side walker and then a horse leader with Miracles in Motion, I had the opportunity to work with Scooter quite a bit. I quickly recognized what a wonderful asset he is to all the therapeutic riding programs. His dedication is outstanding and because of his unique personality, I wanted to provide him with continued support through the "Adopt a Horse" program. Tracy

I am so sorry. He was a sweetie. Sue

I felt honored to do chores for several weeks last fall, and during that time was able to get to know dear Scooter. May he rest in peace. Judith

If you wish to donate in memory of Scooter, head to our website, www.miraclesinmotion.com or send a check to 2049 120th Street NW, Swisher, Iowa 52338.



From the Director's Desk

March was a tough month for everyone in the United States with the outbreak of COVID-19, and our thoughts and concerns are with everyone. Here at Miracles, there are visible differences of our life here, that is for sure. But then, there are also so many aspects of Miracles In Motion being a working farm that daily life is similar.

Among our ongoing projects, we have been placing rock down by fences and water tanks in the pastures to ensure footing for the safety of both the horses and our volunteers. We are still feeding the herd twice a day with the help of two to three volunteers, who are staying safe distance apart - our boys still need their daily meals!

We also have been exercising the herd to ensure that when classes do resume our therapeutic horses are ready. We had a tiling project, as part of our hill pasture and south lot was becoming unusable, as wet as it always was. Soon that land will be able to be used as it should have been. The farrier is coming monthly to maintain healthy hooves of our herd - we call it Spa Day for the herd! When our horses need veterinary attention, our vet comes out to see to the proper health of our herd.

Recently, we have seen life in our gardens: no matter the virus, the season do change. Here at Miracles we know that the normal daily routine will return, until then we wish you all stay healthy and be safe. Deb Leichsenring, Director of Operations



FLASHBACK TO BOO AT THE BARN

One of the “in demand” items at the Boo at the Barn silent auction was a Miracles quilt made by instructor-in-training and board member, Nikole Tutton.

This was a labor of love for Nikole – using donated and left-over t-shirts along with some muslin panels printed with the Miracles logo. Measuring about 8’ X 10’, the quilt took between 40 - 50 hours to construct from October 1st to the wee hours of October 26th, 2019 (the day of the event)!

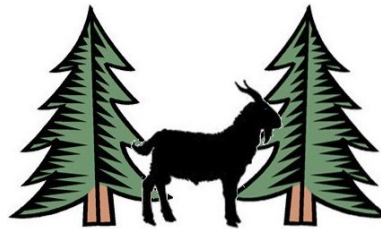
A grateful husband, who gave it to his wife for their 10th anniversary, was the lucky highest bidder!

Conditions permitting, Boo at the Barn is scheduled for October 17th, 2020.

Horse-related activities for kids

We would love to decorate our horses’ stalls with pictures of horses and stories about horses. We will also publish in the newsletter or on the website.

Here is a fun website to get you started:
<https://allpony.com>



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Calling all volunteers -share your Miracles Moment!

During this time of isolation, let’s unite around our common bond: Miracles in Motion! Each of us has a different Miracles story to tell but we all share the love and dedication for the mission of Miracles and our hope to add some happiness to the lives of others.

Lauren Crippes, a Miracles volunteer since 2019, shared her Miracles Moment:



Volunteering at Miracles makes me feel like I’m making a difference. I enjoy working with the horses, the riders and all the wonderful people.

We want to hear your Miracles Moment! Take a moment to share and send to volunteermiraclesinmotion@gmail.com

Congratulations to Diana Harris for completing her PATH certification

Diana Harris has been notified that she has fulfilled all of the requirements to be a PATH certified instructor! We are so proud of her. Diana heads our Horse Committee, which has done a great job of keeping the horses exercised and engaged this winter. We are looking forward to having her leading classes as soon as conditions permit!

