



Miracles in Motion

THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRIAN CENTER

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Miracles Moment by Pam Purington

I have always had a love for horses. After years of asking for a horse for birthdays, Christmas, and any other time a gift was given, I got a horse for my 14th birthday! Some of my best memories are times spent with my horse. I have never lost that love for horses.

When I was nearing retirement from the Post Office I knew I needed something to keep me busy. I had been following Miracles in Motion on Facebook for quite a while and really loved what they did with kids. So I went online and signed up to volunteer with them. I have now been volunteering with them for going on two years. I have no regrets and love the time I volunteer here.

Of course I love the time I spend with the horses, grooming, ground work, being a horse lead in classes, and doing chores, but the kids have won my heart. Their joy in riding in classes is contagious! Seeing their smiles, laughter, and the fun they have in their classes fills my heart. It humbles me to see these kids doing all they can to do what they are asked to do while on the horses. Stretching their arms up to the sky or to their sides, riding side saddle and backward! Trusting the side walkers to keep them safe.

I love my time at Miracles. I get way more out of it than I put into it.



From the Desk of the Director of Operations



Miracles volunteers at Oktoberfest

You can feel autumn in the air and see the harvest in the fields surrounding Miracles. It is one of the best times of the year in Iowa. The herd is enjoying the cooler days and less flies. The volunteers are feeling the relief also!

There are various ways that Miracles brings in cash flow to cover expenses. One of those ways is Oktoberfest in Amana, which has held this event since 1965. 21 volunteers and I headed to Amana on October 1 to cover shifts in the Festhalle from 9 to midnight. The hours we worked and the tips we collected are donated to Miracles. If you love polka music, this is the place for you! Our team (including several from Hills Bank, neighbors, and friends!) worked hard, but we had fun serving the patrons. We heard they had record crowds.

As always, I am appreciative of the time that our volunteers gave to this event and all they do for Miracles. The Miracles' volunteers are the heart of this organization, and I am grateful to each and every one!

– Deb Leichsenring



It takes a village

We say this a lot around Miracles! We also say, “there’s a lot of moving parts.” To me these two oft-repeated sayings come together when it comes to fundraising! Every single donor is important to the success of Miracles! And most of those moving parts don’t move without money!

I’ve been thinking about this a lot since I was notified that I was selected as Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser by the Eastern Iowa Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals! It was a complete surprise that my name had been submitted by Miracles, and I was touched that several wrote in support of the submission. We have been so fortunate to have many hear the Miracles story and choose to support us with their time, talent, and donations/ sponsorships. It takes a village!

Thank you to all of you who have made my “job” as fundraiser for Miracles easy – I will be accepting on your behalf!

Lois James

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