



Miracles in Motion

THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRIAN CENTER

March 2024

Ashley Williamson's Miracles Moment



I began volunteering in January 2024. I enjoy assisting with chores and ground work with the herd. My love of horses and being a physical therapist drew me to Miracles. I plan to assist with side walking and other aspects of hippotherapy this spring. My time spent here is truly rewarding on so many levels, especially connecting with the horses.

I am originally from Covington, LA and now reside in Iowa City with my husband Ken and two sons—Jacob and Dylan—plus three dogs. I enjoy being active outdoors and hiking and traveling with the family, especially during football season.

From the Director's Desk

Many questions have been asked: "Is the barn complex completed?" "Will the barn complex be ready for when class starts?" "Will classes be delayed?" "How are the horses doing without a barn?" All are valid questions, and some answers will be vague. So, here goes: No, the barn complex is not completed and we do not have a definite date of completion. No, the barn complex will not be completed when classes start. We will still start classes on time, April 1. The horses' life has been somewhat different, but they get the same attention and love no matter if they are in a barn or in a makeshift barn temporarily. It is good the staff, instructors, volunteers, and herd are all flexible.

We are planning how we will do our volunteer training and how we will tack and how we will hold classes. It all will look somewhat different. What will be the same will be the attention to detail and to the safety of the riders, the horses, and our volunteers. That is what Miracles never wavers from.

The construction teams working on this project have been doing their best to keep this project moving forward. With many construction projects (and this one is no different), unforeseen issues come up and forward movement is on hold at times. I am grateful that everyone is ensuring that everything is done correctly. On any given day various different trades are working, all getting along with such respect. It is great to see.

When we are finally in the new barn complex, it will be amazing! I, for one, will be doing a happy dance! Thank you everyone who has made this possibility a reality! We are all so grateful.

—Deb Leichsenring



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Classes Resume the Week of April 1

The first session of programming for 2024 will begin the week of April 1. The application for registration and other important forms are available on the Miracles in Motion website and click on Our Services: <https://miraclesinmotion.com/our-services>

Adaptive Riding

Wednesdays 6-6:50 p.m. and 7-7:50 p.m. and Saturdays 10-10:50 a.m. and 11-11:50 a.m.

Adaptive Horsemanship and Private/semi-private lessons

Offered Monday evening \$60 for semi-private; \$70 for private

Calendar: 8-week sessions

Spring Session: April 1-May 25 Summer Session: June 10-August 3

Fall Session: August 24-October 21. No class 9/2 (Labor Day) or 10/19 (Boo at the Barn)



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