



Miracles in Motion

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Miracles Moment

Mary Finch

I have loved horses my whole life, but never got to be around them. After volunteering at two barns I still didn't feel like I "fit in," so I looked up barns and found Miracles In Motion. I started looking into Miracles, gave it a try, came out a few more times in 2022, and then took a break. I started wanting to get back into it, so I took almost a whole year to know the horses. I now have a horse that I have connected with at Miracles: Max. I spent a lot of my time that year just getting to know the herd and learning more about the horses. This year I'm now doing both, I'm going to groundwork and coming out to sidewalk a few times. Once I finish high school I plan to be out there a lot more.



From The Director's Desk

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If a 77-acre working farm/center like ours could speak, it would say, "I wish I had volunteer groups that would help with tasks!" Miracles in Motion, as a nonprofit, is so fortunate to have just that! Miracles would be lost without the volunteer work groups that help accomplish our to-do list, which seems endless!

On May 9 we had three groups at Miracles for the United Way Day of Caring: Collins Aerospace, CRST, and Crystal Group. The weather was not the blue skies we had hoped for, but we worked between rain drops. The teams divided the tasks and accomplished so much by the end of the day!

The tasks included fencing, mounting new security cameras, replacing flood lights in one of the horse shelters. painting a bathroom, and starting to place some of the saddle and halter hardware in the new barn complex. The basement laundry room in the farmhouse had a complete overhaul and reorganization. Volunteers thinned out the rock gardens, cleaned out bushes and trees in fence lines, and much more!

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When you see the small groups working together, the results are amazing. We here at Miracles are so thankful to all the work groups that come out. If you have an organization or company that would like to help in our tasks—at any experience level—just email us or call! I know you will enjoy the scenery!

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Deb's Diner and More!

Help us furnish our new stables and complete this project in style!

As anyone who's constructed a new building can tell you, it is an incredible undertaking with a thousand moving parts to organize! Our new stables are looking great—the building is in place, the stalls and rooms are taking shape, and the utilities are underway. We are all so looking forward to all the doors that this facility will open upon completion, from the safety and accessibility upgrades to the additional space and increased capacity.

However, *none* of this would have happened without Deb Leichsenring, our Director of Operations. Deb's contribution cannot be overstated. She has shown time and again throughout her career her incredible dedication to Miracles in Motion. During this project, she's been instrumental in organizing contractors—spending long days, nights, and weekends working overtime to make this happen. In honor of her diligence throughout this project, three of our long-time volunteers have sponsored the grain room and named it *Deb's Diner*.

We know there are many others bringing their talents and contributions to our community, and we would like to share this opportunity to help furnish the grain room, tack room and activity center in honor of these exceptional individuals! In this light, we have created a campaign to outfit our stables, and we ask that you consider donating to bring us home.

<https://miraclesinmotion.networkforgood.com/projects/225095-bring-us-home-outfitting-the-new-stables>



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