



Miracles in Motion

THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRIAN CENTER

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Miracles Moment

Are You Ready to Make Miracles?



On the fence about volunteering at Miracles? Our volunteers are at the heart of our programs, and we would love for you to join the team. Take it from our volunteers, they love to make Miracles happen.

"I can truly say that my life has been enriched by our determined riders, their supportive families, our gentle horses, caring fellow volunteers, and very capable, thoughtful instructors. What an amazing place!" – Patti H, side walker

"I became interested in Miracles through a fellow church member. Her autistic grandson took classes at Miracles, with miraculous results. He went from being nonverbal to starting to talk while taking classes. Hearing that story was enough to bring me to an orientation class, and I was hooked from there." – Maxine K, chores volunteer, side walker, horse leader

"Children and adults with special challenges reach new goals, gain confidence, and develop friendships with their horses, patient instructors, and the volunteers who support them." – Susan S, Board President

"Of course I love the time I spend with the horses, grooming, groundwork, being a horse lead in classes, and doing chores, but the kids have won my heart. Their joy in riding in classes is contagious!" – Pam P, chores volunteer, horse leader

"Coming to the farm every week feels like a mini vacation, and working with the horses is a constant joy!"
– Miranda S, horse leader, chores volunteer

Ready to make Miracles? Our first training of the year is on March 22. Side walker training begins at 9 am, horse leader training begins at noon! Feel free to sign up on Volgistics or email Megan at volunteermiraclesinmotion@gmail.com to get scheduled!

From The *Director's Desk*

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I look at our volunteers and I see what volunteering is all about. They care deeply, they step up to support, always asking if there is anything else you need when helping with chores, an event, classes, work days, and more. They are all an inspiration to me. Each one helps make a difference at Miracles. They all provide immeasurable and valuable work. Their dedication is essential to the work that Miracles does. We know that being a volunteer is a demanding task. We appreciate your time, energy, and effort.

We need more volunteers as we will be starting classes in less than a month at Miracles. It would be wonderful if each of our volunteers could bring a friend or family member to our volunteer training that is happening this month. Then together we can work toward making a difference in our riders' lives, make Miracles happen. Each of you can make an unforgettable difference. Spread the word!

Farmers State Bank Sponsors Miracles Newsletter, Website in 2025

Many thanks to Farmers State Bank for renewing their sponsorship of Miracles for 2025! FSB is sponsoring our website and newsletter—allowing us to continue providing vital information, updates and transparency about our organization and programming to our community.

As a locally owned community bank, FSB takes pride in giving back to the community in which they live and work. FSB supports a variety of local community enrichment programs, donor-dependent charitable organizations, and numerous informational and educational programs—donations totaling more than \$275,000!

In addition to their financial commitment, FSB employees volunteer more than 2,000 hours of their time each year in numerous ways to many organizations, with the purpose of improving the quality of life in our communities. FSB has offices in Marion, Cedar Rapids, Hiawatha, Tiffin and Alburnett.

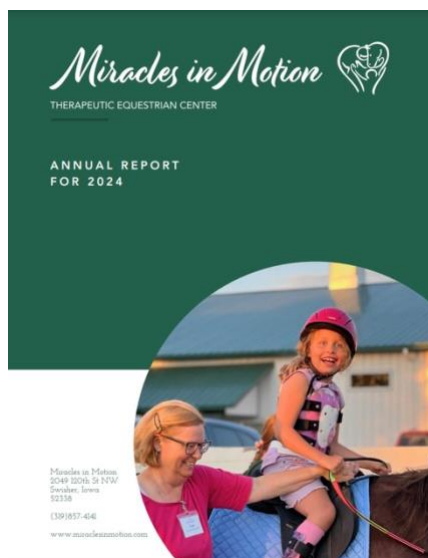
Miracles in Motion is pleased to be a part of Farmers State Bank's tradition of community investment and improvement again this year. Thank you FSB!

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From left: Jason Neighbor, Gene Neighbor, Tess Bracher-Dorrington (Miracles), Kent Neighbor, and Steve Neighbor

Annual Report for 2024 Available



The Miracles in Motion Annual Report for 2024 is available on the Miracles in Motion website <https://miraclesinmotion.com/pages/news-events>.

The report contains a summary of the year at Miracles, including fundraising and donor statistics, notable volunteer hours, and the opening of the Busse Barn complex.

Mr. Sea in Motion

Mr. Sea was featured in a [Reel on the Miracles Facebook page](#)--and on [Instagram](#)--and it was one of our most watched posts ever! See for yourself! Did you know our miniature horse could run that fast? Follow Miracles on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for more fun with the herd.



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