



# Miracles in Motion

THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRIAN CENTER

August 2025

## Miracles Moment: Thank You, Summer Interns!



This summer, we hosted three high school student interns as part of the Kirkwood Workplace Learning Connection program. In total, they contributed over 120 hours through side walking in our classes, and caring for our herd. Each of these hard-working students has been such a joy to have at the farm, and we have been so happy to be a part of their journey. Thank you, Mia, Brennan, and Trinity—we can't wait to see what your future holds!

### From The *Director's Desk*

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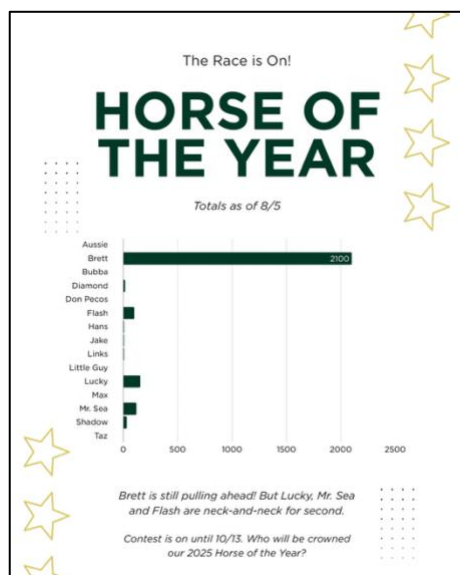
You can tell summer is trying to come to a close: back-to-school ads, the Iowa State Fair, crickets, Halloween displays in stores. The days are gradually getting shorter. Summer seems to go way too quickly.

Miracles will be wrapping up the summer riding session and start planning our last session of the season which will be the Fall Session. We still are working with the herd to ensure they will be ready for each rider.

Also coming to an end for this year will be volunteer training--the last session will be Saturday, August 23. If you are interested go onto our website: [miraclesinmotion.com](http://miraclesinmotion.com), under volunteering. The fall session is a great time to volunteer, especially the evening classes, the sunsets at Miracles are so magnificent!

Another special attraction in fall is **Boo at the Barn**: mark your calendars, **Saturday, October 11!** The fan favorite event is always the Horse Parade! The herd does a great job of tolerating being in costume! Boo at the Barn is free and open to the community thanks to our generous sponsors. If you are interested in joining this unique community event as a sponsor, please let us know at [MakeMiraclesIA@gmail.com](mailto:MakeMiraclesIA@gmail.com).

For me summertime memories get me through winter, knowing spring then summer is not far behind! Whatever your favorite event might be, make the best of the last month of summer!



## Celebrating Our Herd: Horse of the Year

August is off to an exciting start at Miracles in Motion, and we're kicking it off with the Horse of the Year fundraiser! Launched on National Horse Lovers Day and continuing into October, this annual event celebrates the incredible therapy horses at the heart of our riding program. These gentle, patient partners do so much more than carry our riders — they build confidence, offer comfort, and help create moments that stay with our riders long after they leave the arena. Now, we have the chance to give a little love back.

Here's how it works: Every dollar you donate equals one vote for your favorite horse. At the end of the campaign, the horse with the most votes will be crowned Horse of the Year! But more importantly, every vote helps cover the care these special animals need to keep doing what they do best.



- \$60 feeds one horse for a month
- \$80 helps ensure a perfect tack fit
- \$150 provides senior horse supplements for a month
- \$300 covers farrier care
- \$500 supports essential veterinary care

Whether it's your first time voting or you've supported this event in years past, we hope you'll join us in celebrating the horses who make miracles happen every day. Ready to vote? Click here to cast your vote and help crown our next Horse of the Year: <https://miraclesinmotion.networkforgood.com/projects/254851-2025-horse-of-the-year>

And don't forget to share the fundraiser with your friends and family — the more support our herd receives, the stronger our entire program becomes. Thank you for showing love to the horses who give so much in return.

Want to meet the herd and learn more about our horses? Follow us on [Facebook](#) to see their bios!

## Join "Roger That" at Cedar Rapids Kernels August 31

Step up to the plate and reserve your tickets now for the Roger That Baseball Game! Join us for an afternoon of Cedar Rapids Kernels baseball, a silent auction, great company, and plenty of fun—all in memory of Roger Oberfoell and in support of Miracles in Motion. August 31, 1:05 p.m. Tickets: \$40 (includes entry/food/drinks!) Reserve tickets using the link and pay for them day of! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3HZGWPX>

## A New Stage for Miracles: The Giving Tree Theater

Miracles in Motion is the proud nonprofit partner of The Giving Tree Theater! With each show, the Marion theater donates a portion of ticket sales to a local nonprofit, and this season, they've chosen Miracles in Motion. Learn more and get tickets at [givingtreetheater.com/giving](https://givingtreetheater.com/giving)

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