



Miracles in Motion

THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRIAN CENTER

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Miracles Moment

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When thinking about what brought me to Miracles in Motion, there were a lot of reasons. I've always wanted to become a veterinarian so I decided to see how it was working with horses. But when I came out here, I realized that it wasn't just working with horses--it was making relationships, feeling like I'm worth something. These horses have made a huge impact on my life. I could be stressed or depressed, but once I see one of these boys my whole world lights up. When becoming a side walker, I was very nervous about working with the students, but these horses took all my worries away--especially when they look back at me out of the corner of their eye, knowing everything will be okay.

All of the volunteers are so welcoming, kind, and have an amazing passion for the horses and riders. I will always be forever grateful for this amazing organization, the volunteers, riders, and their families, and of course all of these amazing horses that have stolen my heart! Every week I look forward to coming out to Miracles to see Diamond, Shadow, Max, Flash, Don Pecos, the minis, and the rest of the herd. Every single one has made an impact in my life and I couldn't be more blessed.

From The *Director's Desk*

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Here at Miracles, October is full of classes, Fall vetting of the herd, mini horse visits, and our big event, **Boo at the Barn**. This popular fall tradition is on **Saturday, October 11**, sensory friendly hour 12-1:00 and then open to the public 1-3:00. Our costumed horse parade will be a highlight! Free admission thanks to our wonderful sponsors. Everyone is welcome to come in (family-friendly) costume!

The origins of Halloween go back thousands of years to the Celts of ancient Britain and Iceland with the celebration of Samhain, the festival that marked the end of the harvest season. Halloween in America started in the southern colonies. People began to celebrate the harvest with parties, telling ghost stories and carving pumpkins. Many of these traditions were brought from their country of origin. Trick or treating became popular by 1950s when Halloween became a true national event with costumes and decorating.

At Miracles we go all-out at our Boo event! Come join us! Looking forward to seeing all the ghosts and goblins!



Thank you to our lead sponsors for Boo at the Barn!

Hills Bank

With Boo at the Barn fast approaching, we want to acknowledge the tremendous support that Miracles receives from Hills Bank! In addition to sponsoring a stall in our new barn, they have been one of the lead sponsors for Boo at the Barn since 2018! Just one example of how, as a locally owned bank, they support local community organizations and businesses.



James Investment Group

Miracles is so appreciative of our long-time supporter, James Investment Group. In addition to sponsoring a stall in our new barn, this family-owned business will serve as one of the Lead Sponsors for Boo at the Barn. We're grateful to have had their support for 9 years in a row.



Horse of the Year Contest Enters the Home Stretch!

If you have been reading our newsletter each month or following Miracles on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), you would know that Miracles has a contest each year, **The Horse Of The Year**! We all know it is hard to pick a favorite, but certain horses tug on our hearts in a particular way.

As we all know, these majestic animals do come with a cost. Every dollar donated to Miracles in this campaign counts as a "vote" for the horse you designate and goes toward the care and support of our wonderful herd.

Here is the link: [Vote for Miracles' Horse of the Year](#)

Brett is in the lead, but you never know who will take the honors until the last vote/dollar is counted! Encourage your family and friends to support their (or your!) favorite horse.

The contest will end after Boo at the Barn, which is October 11 this year. Thank you for all your support. We could not do what we do without you!



Miracles Minis Little Guy and Mr. Sea visited ChildServe Cedar Rapids' Autism Day Program in September.

BOO AT THE BARN

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