



Miracles in Motion

THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRIAN CENTER

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Miracles Moment: Monica O'Neil

I am new to Miracles, but not new to horses. I had a horse growing up near Solon and for some years as an adult. I didn't fully realize the void in my life since I have been away from them. Since retiring, I was looking for ways to fill my days. I heard about the wonderful work Miracles does and after visiting their incredible facility, I decided to volunteer. I am on a chore team and love it! I love being around the horses, feeding, grooming, distributing hay, even cleaning stalls! There is a certain kinship I feel with a horse. The other volunteers are patient with me and are teaching me so much. I hope to become more involved with the programs here at Miracles as it will benefit me as much as the students. For me there is nothing so special as a relationship with a horse. The bond is undeniable and lasts a lifetime. It would be an honor to help others realize this for themselves.

From The *Director's Desk*

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The End of Year Campaign, Nora Loves Rainbows, just ended with the close of December 2025. I want to say a special thank you to Nora and her parents for being so open about Nora's journey here at Miracles In Motion.

As I think about the End of Year Campaign, it reminds me of watching waves of the ocean coming in from a distance: the waves start small but then gain momentum. I am humbled by everyone's generosity as this will place Miracles in a stronger position to start 2026. These donations will be used to support our programs, ensure the well-being of our herd, maintain the center, and so much more. Your support sets all of this in motion. All of you are an important part of our organization and help us create positive change for our participants.

Your support means the world to Miracles, as we would not have the impact or achieve our mission without all of you. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Thank you for supporting “Nora Loves Rainbows”

Dear Miracle Makers,

Nora’s father describes Nora’s time at Miracles as bringing out the light inside of her. Her mother adds that, along with improving her balance and core strength, riding the horses here at Miracles has built confidence in Nora in all areas in and out of the arena.

In addition to the physical and emotional benefits, your generosity helps us to provide the opportunity for students like Nora to experience what it feels like to enjoy being just a kid on the back of a horse. Your donations assist us in providing support for riders like Nora and helping create a community for them and their families.

It’s stories like Nora’s that open up new experiences for students who face challenges every day. We exceeded our \$40,000 match this year, so your donation will have double the impact. Thank you so much for your support.

We would love to stay connected so that you can continue to see the success stories of our students here at Miracles, and see the difference your generosity continues to make. Please let us know if you’d like to visit our farm. We would love to give you a tour. Thank you for helping to Make Miracles!



A big Thank You to Barb Sullivan’s second-grade classroom at St. Joseph’s Elementary in Marion! They chose Miracles in Motion as their Giving Tuesday charity! Tina Koepnick, our Vice President of the Miracles Board, visited the class and shared with the students what our mission is at Miracles and how we train and care for our wonderful herd of horses. The second-graders had a great time learning more about how we help Make Miracles!



Welcome, Dakota!

After our 2025 class season ended, we welcomed a new member to the Miracles herd! Meet Dakota, a 20-something-year-old palomino quarter horse. He is extremely friendly and is one of the first to greet you at the gate. He has been enjoying his training and is excelling at learning the Miracles way. He has settled in with the herd nicely and gets along well with everyone. We are looking forward to him joining our programs this year. Welcome Dakota!



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