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Miracles Moment: Connie Timm

I started volunteering at Miracles in Motion during a stressful time in my life. I've always loved horses and knew that spending time around them would be therapeutic for me. Being around the horses, helping care for them, and spending time at the facility has provided a welcome break from everyday stress and has given me something positive to look forward to each week. Volunteering has allowed me to combine my love for horses with the opportunity to give back to others in a meaningful way.

One of the most rewarding parts of volunteering has been working as a side walker and helping support the riders during their lessons. I enjoy seeing how much the riders love being on the horses and witnessing the joy, confidence, and excitement they experience while riding. It has been inspiring to meet the riders and their families and to be part of an organization that makes such a positive impact in people's lives. Through this experience, I have not only been able to spend time with horses, which I love, but I have also found a sense of purpose, connection, and fulfillment that has enriched my own life.

From The *Director's Desk*

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Volunteers are the heart and soul of Miracles in Motion. Without their dedication and hard work, our barn doors couldn't stay open seven days a week. Miracles offers a wide range of volunteer opportunities, and horse experience is not required. Miracles is fortunate as our volunteers are committed, reliable, empathetic, and flexible. They show up on time in all types of weather, take their assigned tasks seriously, and care deeply for our riders, horses, and mission. I know that many have even changed their personal plans to help when needed, which truly shows their dedication.

So far this year, our volunteers have contributed over 6,500 hours to Miracles in Motion. Their kindness means so much to our center, and I am truly grateful. If volunteering at Miracles in Motion interests you, please visit the volunteer tab on our website to fill out an application. You never know what fulfillment you might find here.

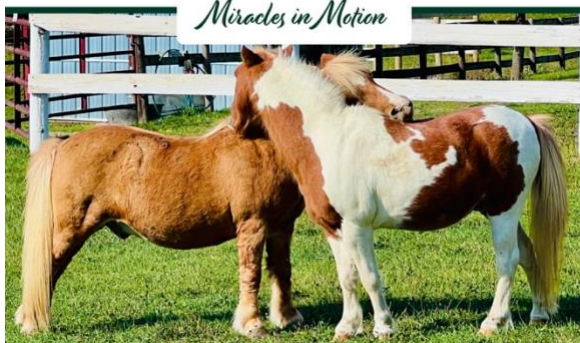


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Minis on “Tour”: Ambassadors for Miracles

They may be the smallest members of the herd, but our miniature horses—Little Guy, Mr. Sea, and Lucky—have been living the rock star life this season: the Miracles Minis have been on the road several times every month! These adorable ambassadors travel all around Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, appearing at community events, assisted-living facilities, and other local organizations.

In July they were at Unity Point Cedar Rapids and Mercy Hospice Iowa City. Earlier in the spring, they participated in “Barnyard Days” at Hills Bank in Marion and then a public event at Culvers Garden and Landscaping. They brought their magic to Colonial Manor in May, and to Bickford in Iowa City and the Summit in Coralville in June.

The miniatures are transported to these auxiliary locations for outreach to the community. If your organization is interested in arranging a visit with the Miracles minis, please contact miraclesinmotion@gmail.com.



American Legion Supports Miracles

The American Legion of Iowa Foundation was founded in 1978 to provide financial assistance to promote various programs and assistance including youth programs. This is their way to provide meaningful philanthropy. The American Legion of Iowa Foundation recently made a generous donation to Miracles in Motion. We are so fortunate to have their support!



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