



Miracles in Motion

THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRIAN CENTER

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From The *Director's Desk*

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Autumn is here! The transition from summer warmth brings crisp autumn air. Our morning chore teams are enjoying the relief from the heat, and the herd is happily grazing while the grass lasts. While the days grow shorter and dusk arrives earlier as we are nearing the autumn equinox, autumn brings so much to look forward to—from cool morning chills and changing leaves to everything pumpkin and apple.

Here at Miracles in Motion, we are busy preparing for our upcoming event: BOO AT THE BARN! Mark your calendars! The date is Saturday, October 10th from 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM. All are welcome to join us on the Miracles farm in Swisher.

There will be plenty of fun activities for everyone, including spooky stables, a scavenger hunt, indoor games, and a costumed horse parade. We are also excited to host Maggie's Farm Wood-Fired Pizza and Freddy's Frozen Custard, who will be on-site serving up delicious food and treats.

Come out and enjoy the afternoon with us! Admission is free, and donations are warmly welcomed to support our programs.

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BOO AT THE BARN

OCTOBER 10TH
1-3PM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
12-1PM SENSORY-FRIENDLY HOUR

  

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BOO AT THE BARN

Miracles Moment: Noreen O'Connor-Abel



When we moved to Iowa City from Pennsylvania, one of the first things I looked for in Iowa was a therapeutic riding center for our son Seamus (left), who started riding in middle school. We were thrilled to find Miracles in Motion, a PATH-certified equestrian center, close by in Swisher. Seamus started Adaptive Riding classes in 2021 and he now enjoys Adapted Horsemanship classes where the students learn about horses then groom and lead them in the arena. I wanted to become more involved with Miracles, and it's been a great experience serving as a parent representative on the Miracles board of directors. I've been editing and formatting the newsletter since 2023.

The impact of being with horses at Miracles is amazing. I've seen firsthand how a horse can be a calming presence, and the volunteers and class instructors are so patient and encouraging with the participants. My husband Ted and I are proud to support Miracles because its programs meet a great need and provide connection and understanding in a peaceful setting. I love telling people about Miracles and that such a special place is right in their own backyard.

Megan Conrad is Headed to Alabama



Megan Conrad, our volunteer coordinator, is moving to Alabama for new opportunities--along with her family, her pets, and Penny, Lucy, Emma, Rebel. Her last official day in Iowa was September 14.

Megan has been with Miracles since February 2021, contributing to many different areas of our organization, including chores, classes, and photography. In 2023, she accepted the position of Volunteer Coordinator. In this role, she continued with her previous responsibilities while also managing volunteer scheduling for classes, chores, and events, handling social media, organizing volunteer appreciation, sending out birthday cards, and much more.

Megan will work with Miracles to help transition the new Volunteer Coordinator. She has truly made an impact here at Miracles and will be missed! Wishing you the best, Megan, on your next adventure!

The Volunteer Coordinator job is posted on Indeed.com in case anyone is interested or knows of anyone who might be interested in this position. [Indeed link for Volunteer Coordinator](#)



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