

Miracles in Motion



THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRIAN CENTER

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025

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ABOUT MIRACLES

MISSION: WE FOSTER PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT FOR PERSONS FACING CHALLENGES BY PROVIDING DIVERSE EQUINE-ASSISTED SERVICES WITH THERAPEUTIC, EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL BENEFITS.

VISION: WE EMPOWER THOSE FACING CHALLENGES BY CREATING OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT WITH THE ENERGY AND SPIRIT OF THE HORSE.

CORE VALUES:

COMPASSION. WE PROVIDE SAFE AND ETHICAL SERVICES FOR OUR PARTICIPANTS AND HORSES. WE ARE COMPASSIONATE PARTNERS IN OUR PARTICIPANTS' JOURNEYS.

INCLUSION. WE ACCEPT THE DIGNITY OF OUR PARTICIPANTS REGARDLESS OF THEIR BACKGROUND AND RESPECTIVE NEEDS. WE VALUE EACH OF THEM.

RESPECT. WE RESPECT PARTICIPANTS' NEEDS AND EMPOWER THEM TO REACH THEIR PERSONAL GOALS.

ACHIEVEMENT. WE ENCOURAGE PARTICIPANTS TO ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AND INCREASE CONFIDENCE, SKILLS, AND A SENSE OF PRIDE.

Miracles in Motion is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit as defined by the Internal Revenue Code.

Our organization is recognized as a Premier Center by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) and has been certified by PATH since 1988.

We are also a member of the American Hippotherapy Association.

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

We have much to be grateful for as we look back on the past year. Miracles' mission centers on our students and the equine-assisted services they access. Our participants come from all walks of life, reflecting how disabilities and traumatic events can affect anyone. Our programs focus on providing each individual with tailored experiences that offer physical, cognitive, and emotional benefits. We could not accomplish these services without our dedicated instructors and therapists.

Our volunteers remain the cornerstone of everything we accomplished in 2025. This past year was one of our busiest, and despite challenging weather at times, our volunteers showed up for every lesson, event, and feeding of the herd. We are honored to have such an incredible team providing support.

Finally, our mission to improve the lives of our riders in partnership with our horses would not be possible without our generous donors. We are deeply grateful to the individuals, foundations, and corporations that have invested in Miracles. We would also like to extend a special thank you to those who have included Miracles in their estate planning.

DEB LEICHSENRING

Executive Director



VOLUNTEER IMPACT

Our volunteers continue to be the heartbeat of our mission each year, and 2025 was another fantastic year at Miracles! With nearly 12,000 hours of generous support for our mission, our volunteer team remains the foundation of all we do to make Miracles happen.

We collect many statistics to assess the impact our volunteers have on our horses and participants. However, if you look at the amount of memories made, smiles created, friendships, “walk-ons”, and “woahs”, their impact on our program is priceless. Our participants and horses thrive in the environment our volunteers create. Their dedication is inspiring and a privilege to witness.

Each year brings many fun “firsts”. In 2025, we hosted our largest crowd at Boo at the Barn, our herd created beautiful art, and we welcomed lunch parties and tour groups— all of which would not have been possible without our volunteer team. Thanks to our volunteers, 2025 was packed with Miracles, so many beyond measure.

MEGAN CONRAD

Volunteer Coordinator



11,915 Total Hours Given



Nearly 500 Hours from Work
Groups



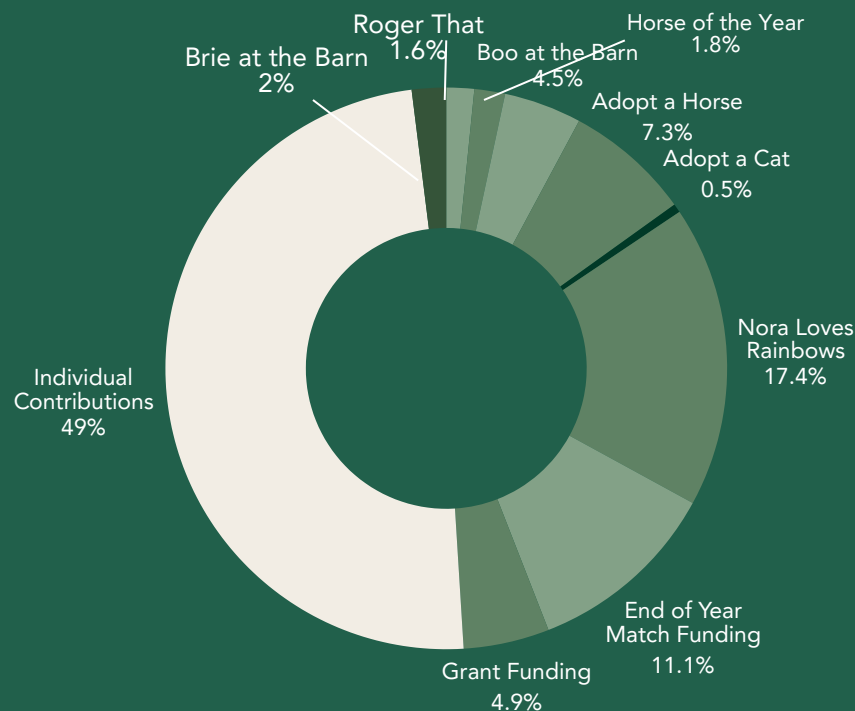
155 Total Volunteers

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

This year was our 37th Anniversary of Making Miracles! As a nonprofit, we rely on the generous financial support from donors, grants and community sponsors. We are so grateful for the continued support we have received this past year and appreciate those partnerships that helps us continue to Make Miracles! Continued support is vital to keeping our organization afloat and fees for our programs at an absolute minimum - a necessity for financial accessibility. We are very grateful for the strong foundation upon which our organization has been built as we prepare to meet the challenges we will face in 2026 and beyond.

KRISTY CONRAD-WOODS

Director of Income Development



INCOME

We raised \$703,788 in 2025. This includes a generous one-time bequest of \$332,034 that was put into a long-term reserve fund. This chart shows the sources of the remaining \$371,754

All 18 horses in our herd have been adopted,
some more than once, with an annual donor
commitment of

\$1,200

All 3 of our cats have been adopted at \$50 per
month or an annual commitment of

\$600

In total in 2025, our Adopt-a program brought in

\$27,899

in recurring donations: creating stability for our
organization through the commitment and
generosity of our Adopters.

If you would like to adopt a horse or cat, please
contact Kristy at makemiraclesia@gmail.com.



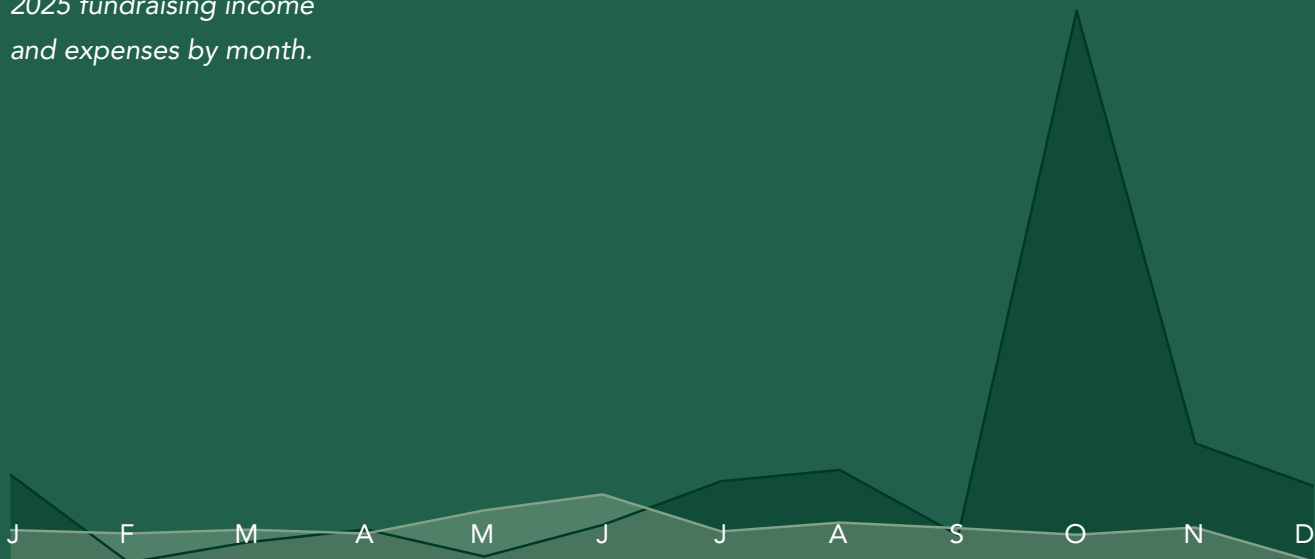
NEW DONORS

*Out of 261 total individual donors in
2025, 96 donated for the first time. This
means 37% were new donors. We look
forward to them becoming loyal donors
in the future!*

INCOME AND EXPENSES BY MONTH

● Income ● Expenses

*2025 fundraising income
and expenses by month.*



HOW YOU CAN MAKE MIRACLES



Attend our events and invite family and friends! Join us on our beautiful, 77-acre farm in Swisher, Iowa for one of our free, accessible events like Boo at the Barn and bring guests! Help us share our mission through these vital community-building celebrations.

Donor-Advised Giving: Donor-advised funds are established to provide the timing of tax benefits to the donors. Grants to charitable organizations like Miracles in Motion can get distributed at any time.

Monthly Giving: Allow Miracles in Motion to provide our services while knowing your support sustains various aspects of our mission. Recurring giving can be set up on our website at any time in any denomination.

Volunteer: The gift of time! Your time and talents are a vital resource for our organization. No experience needed to create Miracles!

Estate Planning: choosing to benefit charities like Miracles in Motion helps to ensure our future and ability to continue making Miracles, and can reduce your future estate tax liability.

Legacy Giving: Create a lasting impact by leaving a Legacy Gift to Miracles in Motion that can help support our work for years to come!

2025 HERD



AUSSIE



BRETT



BUBBA



DIAMOND



DON PECOS



FLASH



HANS



JAKE



JOSEPH



LINKS



LITTLE GUY



LUCKY



MAX



MR. SEA



SHADOW



SILVER



TAZ

2025 PROGRAMS

ADAPTIVE RIDING

CLASSES FOCUS ON BUILDING STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH PHYSICAL, COGNITIVE, SOCIAL, OR OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL CHALLENGES.

HIPPOTHERAPY

IN HIPPO THERAPY, PHYSICAL, OCCUPATIONAL, AND/OR SPEECH THERAPISTS FROM CHILDSERVE AND THE STEAD FAMILY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL DIRECT THERAPY SESSIONS FOR CLIENTS ON HORSEBACK.

MVECS AND VETERANS

THE MVECS PROGRAM IS CREATED BY AND FOR VETERANS. PROGRAMMING IS FOCUSED ON STRESS AND ANXIETY REDUCTION, BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS, CREATING CONNECTIONS WITH FELLOW VETERANS, ENHANCING EACH PARTICIPANT'S CONFIDENCE.

CONNECT WITH HORSES

THERAPEUTIC EQUINE-ASSISTED ACTIVITIES FOR PARAMEDICS, FIRST RESPONDERS, NURSES, AND INDIVIDUALS WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS. CLIENTS WORK TO BROADEN SKILLS LINKED TO PROMOTING POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH. THESE PROGRAMS ARE FACILITATED BY MIRACLES' ESMHLS (EQUINE SPECIALISTS IN MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARNING)

2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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PROPERTY

2025 STAFF AND INSTRUCTORS

DEB LEICHSENRING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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CONRAD-WOODS**
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INSTRUCTOR

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INSTRUCTOR

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ESMHL, LISW

COLLEEN BREMS
ESMHL

THANK YOU

Thank you for reinforcing our mission. At Miracles in Motion, we occupy a unique niche where the primary connection for our participants is with one of our incredible horses. Within our classes, we witness a significant increase in participant self-confidence. As herd animals, horses possess a natural calmness and gentleness, along with an innate ability to work as a team. Horses offer a non-judgmental presence, and because of these traits, the possibilities for what we can achieve here are endless. We are humbled every day by the volunteers, donors, and instructors who bring the mission of Miracles to life in so many ways. As we close 2025, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support.

We look forward to the journey in the coming year. Thank you for being an essential part of our center.





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