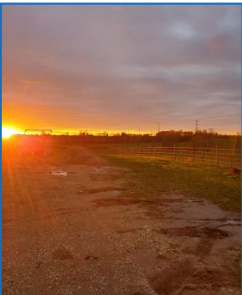




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YEAR IN REVIEW

- We began the year of 2020 with winter classes in January and scheduling classes for the upcoming season—just like every other spring. Then, COVID-19 hit and everything was in lockdown and life came screeching to a halt. We progressed slowly, with many online meetings and messages back and forth from other centers from around the world (through PATH and other social groups) we were able to put together a schedule to try and reopen classes slowly in a safe and healthy environment for our riders, their families, our volunteers, and staff.
- We trained parents and PCAs to become sidewalkers so that we could have some of our riders come back to classes.
- Community volunteers helped by leading the horses, and kept social distancing whenever possible.
- We instigated cleaning and disinfecting protocols throughout the ranch, from wearing masks and washing hands to disinfecting the tack after being touched by anyone, washing halters with lead ropes, assigning helmets used, and wiping down common arena in the Clubhouse.

HEROES ON HORSEBACK 2020

In 2020, we were not able to see many of our HOH riders. Obviously most of the veterans that were normally able to come out to MHR either to ride or work with the horses on the ground were in a high risk group during the pandemic.

There were a couple of weeks that they were able to come out to ride, and the therapists from the Minneapolis Veterans Home became the side walkers due to social distancing and our lead was 6 feet away as well and a very experienced horse volunteer.

We also had a couple of wonderful afternoons that the Hastings Veterans come out to groom their horses and to let them relax and graze on the grass by our willow trees.

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DONATIONS TO THE RANCH



In January of 2020 the **MN Horse Council** held their Annual Meeting on a very snowy Saturday evening in St. Louis Park and all of the proceeds from the

silent auction was donated to Majestic Hills Ranch's programs. Their gathering, to celebrate all things horse that happened in Minnesota during 2019, was attended by many and all were looking forward to the upcoming riding season and especially the MN Horse Expo in April.



Thanks to **Wagners Greenhouses** and to those who purchased flowers from them in May. We had many jumping into spring by purchasing their flowers through MHR during our Fundraiser, which we received all proceeds after the plant cost was covered. This festive and timely event helped us begin the pandemic with something bright and hopeful in a time of uncertainty. Thanks to Kim Turner for everything as well as those that ordered:

Paulette A., Kelly H., Kim H., Ann K., Jessica L., Barbara M., Jodi M., Diane N., Susan S., C. V., Janice W., Catherine W., Nancy W. and all others that I may have missed, we thank you all!



September 9, 2020 -

Ms. Lori Felten, Branch Manager, **New Market Bank, Lakeville** presents \$500.00 check to Larry Johnson, President of Majestic Hills Ranch Foundation. When I asked Lori how they heard of Majestic Hills Ranch she said that one of their customers volunteers at the ranch and recommended a donation to us. I brought a portfolio of our services and talked with Lori. She was particularly interested in our Heroes on Horseback program as her daughter just finished a deployment to Afghanistan and because of her father. I offered her a tour when the weather gets better and she and her husband are thinking about volunteering in some capacity in 2021. It was a great meeting and along with the \$500 donation from the bank another of their employees, when hearing about us, also donated a check for \$25. We are so grateful for their help and can't wait to have them tour the ranch. Thank you New Market Bank and your employees.



2020 FUNDRAISING

In March of 2020, COVID-19 closed down any gatherings, social situations, and all of our traditional Fundraisers that we had planned throughout the year. We relied heavily on online donations and the support of our boarders, riders, and volunteers. Thank you!!

May 1—8 **GiveMN** hosted the first Give at HomeMN event to help the nonprofits that were struggling with COVID-19.



Anonymous Donations

Sheri A.

Diane Clouch

Caitlin Duffy

Thomas Hartley—Dedicated to All the employees, volunteers and horses at Majestic Hills Ranch. I have never known a more kind group of people.

Jeanine Haws

Kim Howard

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Carol Meagher

Laura Peterson

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John Shanks

Mary Steininger

Corinne J Tate

Londa Tushie

Gay Uttenhove

Kris Zieska—In honor of the program horses.



In June we did put together a Used Tack & Yard Sale in our indoor arena. Over the past year or so we had accumulated hundreds of items that had been donated to

our program with the understanding that if we couldn't use it we would sell it and use the proceeds for our horse care. We had volunteers come in late February and sort, clean, tag, & document all of the items but then were not able to bring them to the regularly scheduled Tack Swap. With all of the items in our Clubhouse, we finally had to clear them out before we were able to start having classes. For 1 weekend we had tables, racks, barrels and posts holding up saddles, pads, and so many other horse related items. We had many people stop by and go shopping, it was certainly a highlight in a rather unusual year. We enjoyed having people come see our arena, so we may do it in the future!





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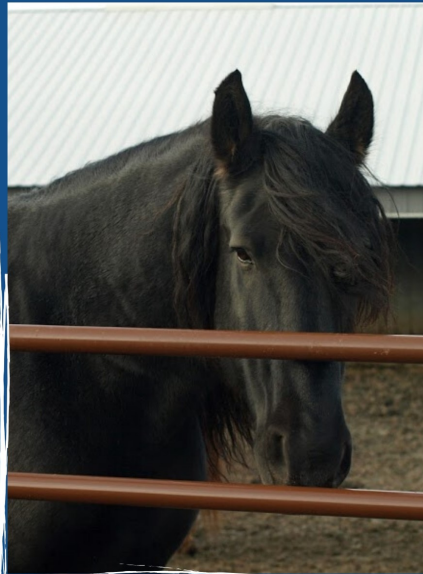
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Vicki Newendorp—*In honor of
James, who loves "his"
horses there very much!*
Lisa Partyka—*Dedicated to
Brynn Partyka*
Corinne J Tate—*Dedicated to
The wonderful horses and
staff*



*Thank
You!*

For your support
and love...



THANK YOU TO THE 2020 VOLUNTEERS!

A huge **THANK YOU** goes out to the approximately 60 volunteers that came out to help with classes—of which many were parents or PCAs of our riders. If it were not for your willingness to come help, we wouldn't have been able to open our doors this year. We also want to thank our instructors: **Brenda Steinhauer, Gay Uttenhove, Laura Peterson, Shanelle Wendt & Liz Zelles.**

I tried to get everyone's names listed below—but if you helped out at the ranch this year and you are not on the list, it is entirely my fault and I apologize. Your help was greatly appreciated and we certainly welcomed it!

Susan Algren
Katie Allen
Sheri Angen
Angela Ardorf
Kristen Bartsch
Silas Bowman
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We also greatly appreciate all that came out to help with our Ranch chores and landscaping projects:

CIP Ladies from the Shakopee Correctional Facility & Staff
Forrest Green & Son
Dan & Dylan Hulse
Jeff Johnson
Faith Larson (Oak Creek Equine) - Horse Massages
Paul & Mary Smith

& all that helped while we had injured staff... **THANK YOU!!**



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Organizations

American Legion Post 225, Forest Lake
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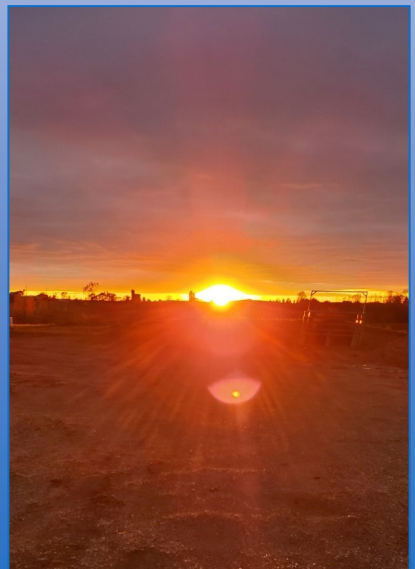
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 Marc Suarez—Daikin Applied
 Kimberly Bachmeier—Medica
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Rose Marie Lipovsky
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 David Weststrom—*In Memory of Kim's*
Brother
 Gail Wateczak—*In honor of Emma*
Wateczak



STATISTICS FOR 2020

Children's & Adult's Programs

- Total number of riders served by the **Children's & Adult's Programs: 34**
 - 23% Between ages 4 and 8 years old
 - 21% Between ages 9 and 11 years old
 - 29% Between ages 12 and 17 years old
 - 27% Over 18 years
- 59% were male; 41% were female
- While over 43 different diagnoses were present in our riders, below are the 4 that affected a majority of our riders.
 1. Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
 2. Developmental Delay (DD)
 3. Attention deficit disorder / Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADD/ADHD)
 4. Cerebral palsy (CP)
- We offered classes to riders throughout the metro area and surrounding counties, but 85% lived in the cities south of the Minnesota River.

Of those cities, the top 4 are:

Lakeville	(29%)
Prior Lake	(18%)
Apple Valley	(12%)
Eagan	(12%)

Our Volunteers

We had over 78 volunteers, of which 25 were parents or PCAs of our riders, helping out with our riding programs and ranch projects:

Children's & Adult's Programs = 967 hours

Projects = 819 hours

Veteran's Program = 8 hours

Total Volunteer Hours = 1,794 Hours



MHR Heroes on Horseback Program

- Total number of injured military personnel, active duty and veterans in rehabilitation, that were served by the **Heroes on Horseback Program: 8**
- We assist all military branches, but our current riders have been in the following services:
 - ◆ Air Force
 - ◆ Army
 - ◆ Marine
 - ◆ Navy
 - ◆ US Coast Guard
- 100% of our veterans were male
- While multiple diagnosis were present, below are those that affected our riders participating in the Heroes on Horseback Program: (Many have multiple secondary conditions.)
 - ◆ Amputee
 - ◆ Chemical Dependency
 - ◆ Depression
 - ◆ Diabetes
 - ◆ Paranoid Schizophrenia
 - ◆ Vascular Dementia
- We work closely with several military organizations and most of our riders/participants were referred by the following groups:
 - ◆ Veteran's Home—Hastings Branch
 - ◆ Veteran's Home—Hennepin County Branch

Our Horses

MHR owns 2 draft horses, 2 ponies, and 13 horses which are used in our riding programs. In 2020 these horses had a total of .354 rider hours throughout the season.

We rehomed 2 horses (Olaf & Billy) and lost 1 pony (Molly) to old age / illness in 2020.

