



To provide children and young adults with special needs the opportunity to achieve a sense of freedom, accomplishment, and self-esteem while giving their families hope. Our mission is to also enrich and enhance the lives of Armed Forces Veterans with special needs, as well as their families.

MAJESTIC HILLS RANCH ANNUAL REPORT 2012

Statistics for both programs in 2012...

Total number of riders served by the **Children's Program**: 78

- 14% Under 5 years old
- 33% Between ages 6 and 10 years old
- 35% Between ages 11 and 15 years old
- 18% Over 16 years

58% of our riders were male; 42% were female

While over 29 different diagnosis were present, below are the top 4 that affected 70% of total riders that participated with the programs.

1. Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
2. Cerebral palsy (CP)
3. Developmental Delay (DD)
4. Attention deficit disorder / Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADD/ADHD)

We offered classes to riders throughout the 7 county metro area, but 90% fell to the cities south of the Minnesota River. Of those cities, listed below are the top 4:

1. Lakeville (26%)
2. Burnsville (15%)
3. Eagan (10%)
4. Apple Valley (9%)



Our Volunteers

We had over 288 volunteers helping out with our riding programs, picnics and special events.

Children's Programs = 4914 hours Picnics / Events = 1782 hours
Veteran's Program = 625 hours

Total Volunteer Hours = 7321 hours

Our Riders



Total amount of visits and hours for those that participated in the **MHR Heroes on Horseback Program**: 380 visits / 756 hours.

- 67% Army
- 21% Navy
- 4% Air Force
- 4% Marine
- 4% Army Reserve

83% of our veterans were male; 17% were female

While dozens of different diagnosis were present with our HOH riders, below are the top 3 that affected many that participated in the program.

1. Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
2. Chemical Dependency
3. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

While we worked closely with several military organizations, most riders were referred by the following groups:

- 29% VA Medical Center
- 29% MN Veterans Home—Minneapolis Branch
- 21% MN Veterans Home—Hastings Branch
- 17% Self referred (with a medical order from their physician.)
- 4% Veteran's Service Center

Our Horses

MHR has 18 horses in both programs that were used for a total of 2210 hours throughout the season plus being used in 4 Picnics (over 250 riders) and pulling our wagon for parades (14 hours.)



2012 Year In Review

- The Children's Program changed their classes to become (3) seven week sessions throughout the year, one in spring, one in summer and the last in fall. Because of late notice of this change to parents, the number of scheduled riders was down from 2011, but the attendance in classes improved by over 30%.
- MHR Served 78 children and young adults with special needs of which 11 of them participated in the advanced riding classes.
- Military Veterans were offered over 380 visits (756 hours) of Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies.
- In June we offered a "Day at the Ranch" to over 75 family members from Cornerstone, a non-profit with a mission to prevent domestic abuse, to provide children and adults a continuum of service that builds sustainable self-reliance and revives the human spirit. This event included pony and horse rides, hay rides, rock painting, cowboy hat decorating, games, and a picnic lunch.
- In July MHR offered a "Day at the Ranch" to over 175 family members from HopeKids, a non-profit which provides ongoing events & activities and a powerful, unique support community for families who have a child with cancer or some other life-threatening medical condition. They enjoyed similar entertainment as the previous event.
- In August MHR hosted it's first ever "Heroes on Horseback" veteran's picnic to welcome current riders and to let some of the military organizations see our facility. We had many guests, including Lakeville Mayor Mark Bellows, who presented MHR with a proclamation signed by Governor Mark Dayton and Secretary of State Mark Ritchie, proclaiming August 24th, 2012 Majestic Hills Ranch – Heroes on Horseback Day!
- Several of the program horses were retired in 2012—including Moon, Annie, Goldie (Sahara), and Tuesday. 2 privately owned horses were used with the Children's Program to help balance out the workload of the remainder of the horses. Gus (owned by Program Director Kris Zieska) and Cheyenne (owned by instructor Jen Espinoza) were used in multiple classes per week.
- MHR had 3 wonderful instructors that volunteered all of their time and energy in teaching classes this year. Molly Rootes continued as the instructor of half of the morning classes in the summer, while Brenda Steinhauer and Jen Espinoza took over some evening classes. We want to thank them so very much for all of their hard work, making the lessons fun and informative—and yet safe for all!

- We had over 288 volunteers helping out at the ranch this year, both with classes and with special events. They put in over 7300 hours of work, which included helping in both Children's and Veteran's programs, ranch maintenance, winter conditioning of the horses, spring and fall clean up events, "Day at the Ranch" picnics, welcoming picnic for Veterans, Brat Stands, Ride-A-Thon, and stacking hay. We had groups from BlueCross/BlueShield, United Healthcare, and Lakeville Summer Stretch Youth programs all help out with special events or general ranch maintenance. We could never have been able to have our classes as safe as they are without them—so we always need to send a huge THANK YOU to everyone that volunteered.
- MHR collaborated with groups such as Courage Center, HopeKids, Cornerstone, VA Medical Center, MN Veteran's Home—Minneapolis, MN Veteran's Home—Hastings, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (South of the River), several of the American Legion groups and VFW's, Lupus Foundation of MN, MN School of Business—Lakeville campus, Dakota and Scott County Dept. of Corrections, MN Council of Non-Profits, Hands On Twin Cities, and GuideStar for non-profits.
- MHR became a member of PATH, Intl. (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship, International.) This shows our commitment to the safety of our riders.

Goals for 2013

MHR has several exciting updates to look forward to in the new year, some of which will impact our riders.

- ◆ The most important one is that in 2013 we will be starting a Capital Campaign to get the funding to build an indoor arena. We are hoping to be able to construct an arena that is well insulated, if not actually heated, so that we can expand our riding seasons. This will also allow us to have classes on days that we now have to cancel due to rain (but not thunder or lightning), wind, and higher or lower temperatures. We will keep everyone up to date on the progress of this. If you have experience with or want to assist with fundraising towards this, please contact the office.
- ◆ MHR will be working towards becoming a Minnesota Horse Council Certified Stable. To become such a stable, you need to demonstrate to a representative of the Council that your barn meets or exceeds the level of safety they deem necessary. Because of the diligence and care that Erik Espinoza, our Ranch Manager, gives to Majestic Hills—this should be an easy visit to pass. Membership as a certified stable once again shows our commitment towards the safety of our horses, and towards the people that ride them.
- ◆ We are going to continue expand our both of our Programs—increasing the number of instructors and teaching assistants in both as well as expanding on the number of riders and visits made by Military Veterans.

Majestic Hills Ranch is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit that serves riders in the seven county region around Minneapolis & St. Paul, Minnesota. MHR does not discriminate against anyone, rider or volunteer, due to race, religion, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, or political beliefs.

Foundations / Corporations / Civic Organizations

We wish to thank all of our funders who believe in what we do. Without their ongoing support, Majestic Hills Ranch would not be able to provide its services to the children and the veterans.

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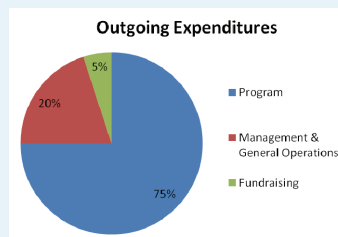
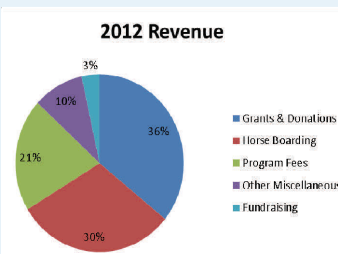
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Chris Lyons	Western Saddle
Chuck & Jill Schwantes	Paver stone for patio
Clint Anderson	Banner made for stands, etc.
District 196 MN HS Equestrian Assn.	Blankets for silent auction
Dorothea Bauman	Handmade queen size quilt
Erik & Shanon Bjornard	Rights to the song & video "Majestic Hills Ranch"
Erik Espinoza	Farrier (shoes for program horses)
Gay Carpenter	Western saddle
Jacob Thoresen	Riding helmet
Kim Howard	(2) Lawn mowers
Kris Zieska	Misc. items used in class / on the ranch
Linda Flicek	Juicer & Christmas tree
Mary Smith	Digital copy of "Child on Horse" for MHR card
Northern Tool & Equipment	Gift card
Pam & Lydia Famer	Tack
Patti Wallin & Kevin Herrboldt	400 Square bales of hay
Paul Smith	Repairing the hydraulic lift
River Valley Vet	Misc. supplements & medications
Sue Anderson	Riding helmet



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Financials for 2012

Current Assets:	
Checking:	\$12,188
CD:	\$15,584
Savings:	\$9,842
Accounts Receivable:	\$615
Prepaid Expenses:	\$1,371
Property & Equipment:	\$390,473
Less—Depreciation:	(\$121,086)

Total Assets: \$308,986

Liabilities & Capital:	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$61,206
Mortgage Payable	\$45,000
Note payable	\$21,493
Total Liabilities	\$127,700

Capital	
Retained Earnings	\$242,539
Net Income	(\$61,252)
Total Capital	\$181,286

Total Liabilities & Capital \$308,986

We would like to thank everyone for their support of our Programs! With this financial support, we were able to offer low cost or pro-bono equine assisted activities to children and young adults with special needs and to military veterans in rehabilitation.

The following donations were made to our first **MHR Ride-A-Thon**.

Thank you everyone for supporting our riders and volunteers!

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