

## Our Volunteers

We had over 225 volunteers helping out with our riding programs, special events, & ranch projects.

Children's Program = 3525 hours

Veteran's Program = 1261 hours

Events / Projects = 782 hours

**Total Volunteer Hours = 5568**

## Our Horses

MHR owns 2 draft horses, 3 ponies, and 8 horses which are used in our riding programs plus 3 privately owned horses that are used for select classes. In 2017, these horses had a total of 982 rider hours throughout the season. We also used the horses for 97 hours of Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy during the summer session.

## Financials for 2017

### Current Assets:

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| Checking:             | \$83,012    |
| Arena Account:        | \$200,369   |
| Savings:              | \$185,447   |
| Accounts Receivable:  | \$7,289     |
| Employee Receivables  | \$141       |
| Prepaid Expenses:     | \$3,367     |
| Arena Deposits        | \$21,000    |
| Property & Equipment: | \$2,208,838 |
| Less—Depreciation:    | (\$192,506) |

**Total Assets: \$2,516,956**

### Liabilities & Capital:

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| Liabilities                            |                    |
| Accounts Payable                       | \$2,602            |
| Payroll Liabilities                    | \$7,229            |
| Total Liabilities                      | \$9,831            |
| Capital                                |                    |
| Retained Earnings                      | \$323,713          |
| Net Income                             | \$2,183,412        |
| Total Capital                          | \$2,507,125        |
| <b>Total Liabilities &amp; Capital</b> | <b>\$2,516,956</b> |

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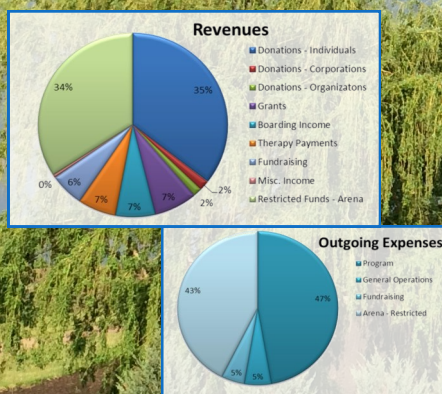
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# 2017 Annual Report

**Mission:** To provide children & young adults with special needs and armed forces personnel, active duty and veterans in rehabilitation, the opportunity to achieve a sense of freedom, accomplishment, and increased self-esteem while giving their families hope through the use of Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies.

## **Year in review:**

- We also welcomed a new Board Member to our Board of Directors, Ms. Tammy Loeffler. A ranch and business owner herself, Tammy has volunteered at MHR, is a big supporter of what MHR provides, and looks forward to taking an active role communicating within the community and beyond to help us expand our programs.
- Jen and Erik Espinoza have taken on the responsibility of helping Kim Howard, Founder/C.E.O, of MHR, design and meet with contractors, county and city officials, in order to build an indoor arena. We are proud of their accomplishments as we move forward with the plans for the arena.
- Three new much needed pieces of equipment were purchased, through the donation of Ms. Kim Howard; that of a round bale trailer, a new and larger Bob Cat, and a snow blower. We are sure that Erik's life will be made easier now that these essential equipment purchases have been added to our inventory. Thanks so much Kim!
- A strategic plan going through 2023 is currently and has been worked on thanks to the leading efforts of the MHR Board's Vice President, Mike Evers. Through his leadership and expertise, and Kim's story of starting Majestic Hills Ranch that 2018 and beyond will be very successful in the growth of what services we provide to the deserving individuals that need and want our help to grow and heal.

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## Children's Program

### Statistics for 2017

This year we had **78** riders participate in our riding classes and we had **16** participants in the Horse Sense Psychotherapy classes.

Due to inclement weather we had to cancel several classes throughout the year, but make up classes or refunds were arranged for those riders.

46 riders were male and 32 were female.

While over 43 different diagnoses were present in our riders, below are the 4 that affected many of those that participated.

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

4% were under 5 years old, 36% were between 6 & 10 years, 29% were between 11 & 18 years, and 9% were over 19 years.

We offered classes to riders throughout the 7 county metro area, but 91% lived in the cities south of the Minnesota River. Of those cities, the top 4 are:

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| Lakeville    | (21%) |
| Burnsville   | (14%) |
| Apple Valley | (13%) |
| Eagan        | (10%) |

### Program Highlights:

In 2017, Laura taught Monday nights, Brenda taught Wednesday nights (including our advanced riders), and Gay began teaching Thursday nights under supervision. Kris taught Tuesday evenings with Sue as Teaching Assistant and Jackie took over the summer morning classes on Mondays and Thursdays.

A third year of Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy was hosted at MHR for mental health specialist Paula Achenbach. 16 of her clients came out to the ranch on Mondays to work hands on with our horses and ponies. Kris, with the help of volunteers Sue and Londa, worked as horse experts in these classes.

## Heroes on Horseback Veteran's Program



Total number of injured military personnel, active duty and veterans in rehabilitation, that were served by the **Heroes on Horseback Program: 31**  
226 visits & 452 hours

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|-----|--------|-----|---------------------|
| 39% | Navy   | 10% | Air Force           |
| 32% | Army   | 3%  | Army National Guard |
| 13% | Marine | 3%  | Coast Guard         |

94% of our veterans were male

6% of our veterans were female

While multiple diagnosis were present below are the top (4) four that affected our riders participating in the Heroes on Horseback Program: (Many have multiple secondary conditions.)

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| ◆ Dementia                              | 23% |
| ◆ (TBI) Traumatic Brain Injury          | 13% |
| ◆ (PTSD) Post Traumatic Stress Disorder | 11% |
| ◆ Schizophrenia                         | 6%  |

We worked closely with several military organizations and most riders were referred by the following groups:

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| 32% | Veteran's Adult Day Center                      |
| 26% | Outpatient Veteran Referrals                    |
| 26% | Veterans' Home—Hastings Branch                  |
| 16% | VA Medical Center—Minneapolis: Poly-Trauma Unit |

### Program Highlights:

We welcomed a new group to our Heroes on Horseback Program; the State of MN Veterans Adult Day Center.

Brenda with Jackie's assistance welcomed the State of MN Veterans Adult Day Center group to MHR for the first time. We were finally able to accommodate their schedule to participant in our Heroes on Horseback Program. The overall response from these wonderful veterans was great and when you speak to the instructors, both were quick to say just how much they enjoyed the group throughout the season and were waiting patiently to have them return in 2018.