Dear Parelli Foundation Supporter:

What an incredible year for the Parelli Foundation! After serving as a member of the Board of Directors since 2017, I was honored to take on the role of President of the Board of Directors in May of 2018. What an inspiring experience the past months have been!

In 2018 the Parelli Foundation touched many lives, equine and human. Here is just a sampling of our accomplishments: nearly $60,000 awarded to grant and scholarship recipients, our Future of Horsemanship scholarship program was revised to give more youth access to natural horsemanship education and a new program to support veterans and active military, the Heroes and Horsemanship Veterans Initiative, was debuted!

As I write, our team is reviewing applications for our 2018 Future of Horsemanship program scholarships and we are excited to award several young natural horsemanship enthusiasts with scholarships to pursue their goals in the first weeks of January 2019. Learning about these diligent and goal driven youth applicants has been inspiring to say the least. The Future of Horsemanship is looking bright!

As you see, 2018 was an incredible year and we aim to help even more horses and humans gain access to natural horsemanship education in 2019. As we close out 2018, we want to thank you for your support and dedication as we work to make natural horsemanship more accessible to therapeutic horsemanship centers, equine welfare organizations, exceptional youth and career minded students alike.

With your help we can make our dream of providing even more grants and scholarships in 2019 and beyond come true!

How can you help?

· Become a Parelli Foundation Partner today and help us promote our mission each month! Receive “partner perks” when you pledge at least $10 monthly. https://parellifoundation.org/partnership-program/
· Support our fundraising events as a sponsor and receive sponsor benefits.
· Sign up for your employer’s charitable match program. If your company matches donations don’t forget to sign up. This match of your donation is a tremendous help to our programs!
· Interested in planned giving options? Join our Pegasus Circle today and help ensure that the good works of the Parelli Foundation continue for the future is to make provisions for planned giving through your estate. This might include a provision in your will or...
Hello Parelli Foundation Supporters,

It has been a whirlwind of an experience since taking on the role of Executive Director in April and I am honored to be writing to you about the upcoming year at the Parelli Foundation. I am excited to continue working to reach our goals and objectives with new energy and enthusiasm after reviewing the great impact made through the Foundation’s programs while assembling information for this Annual Report.

We have many exciting plans coming down the line, all of which will contribute to our ultimate goal of touching more lives with natural horsemanship education. Natural horsemanship is a special part of all our lives and as a natural horsemanship enthusiast, you know the importance of promoting love, language, and leadership in your horsemanship. The Parelli Foundation plays a critical and unique role in promoting and preserving natural horsemanship.

We at the Foundation are incredibly driven to affect lives for the better through our four programs. Whether granting an equine rescue funds to provide horses with professional training or a therapeutic riding center with a clinic to help volunteers better connect with therapeutic mounts, providing resources and equipment to deserving programs through our Lovingly Used Equipment Program, or seeing dreams realized and goals accomplished via our Career and Future of Horsemanship Scholarships, each of our programs is designed to make a long-term impact on the horses and humans on the receiving end, truly making a difference in their lives.

The combination of our efforts is strengthening natural horsemanship-based programs and enabling us to fulfill our mission. We owe our accomplishments to you, our incredible donors and supporters! Without your support we could not touch the lives of the horses and people you will meet throughout our Annual Report and dozens of others each year. Your continued support paired with our cost saving efforts over the past two years will ensure we continue to increase our scholarships and grants in 2019.

Our dedicated group of staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers is already hard at work in preparation to reach our 2019 goals. I am grateful for this dedicated team and, of course, to each and every donor who so generously gives so that humans and horses alike can receive the life changing natural horsemanship educational opportunities that our grants and scholarships provide.

Summer Wyatt Bacharach
Executive Director

2018 By The Numbers

Over 200 donors donated more than $150,000 this past year. Every donor and every donation is significant to us. Each dollar donated means an increase in the horses and humans touched by our programs. Since our inception in 2011 we have awarded over $500,000, thanks in large part to our incredible and
generous donors. You can see how your donations are used here: parellifoundation.org/donations-to-work/

2018 was our second year participating in Giving Tuesday, the largest global giving day of the year. A total of 49 donors raised a collective $6,740 in donations during our 2018 Giving Tuesday Campaign.

Our Career and Talent Scholarship recipients are giving back through the Pay It Forward Program; doing their part to spread natural horsemanship education by volunteering their time and talents for a specified number of hours in one of our four program areas within 5 years of their receiving a scholarship. This year nine scholarship recipients contributed nearly 1200 Pay It Forward volunteer hours to therapeutic horsemanship and equine welfare centers, at risk youth programs, and more.

Above: Tanja Dominioni Pays It Forward by incorporating Parelli Natural Horsemanship methods during her time spent applying natural horsemanship methods while instructing vaulting students and mounts in Italy.

Through our Lovingly Used Equipment Program over $5,000 in new and gently used natural horsemanship equipment and Level 1 kits was dispersed to non-profit centers. Did you know we accept donations of Parelli and Parelli “type” equipment to outfit equine rescues, therapeutic centers, youth clubs and more with natural horsemanship tools? Email info@parellifoundation.org for more information.

"I just wanted to say a huge thank you for setting us up to receive the smart pads! We got them and they are great. We are so grateful and our horses will be happier!"

–Erica Williams & The Midland Horsemanship Program

Donated as yearlings by Atwood Ranch, Road to the Summit horses Raven and Zoe (now “Roo”) have found their forever homes thanks to the diligent work of 2* LPP Ashley Dudas and 3* Parelli Professional Jerilyn Caldwell. 6* Licensed Parelli Master Instructor Dave Ellis designed 20 development tasks, which each horse and professional performed on video. These 40 benchmark videos were watched a combined 24,812
We are grateful to Atwood Ranch for their support of the RTTS program, a fundraiser for the Foundation, for the past 4 years. Many thanks also to Dave Ellis, Jerilyn Caldwell and Ashley Dudas for their incredible dedication to this program, the Foundation, and the development of these incredible horses. We are thrilled to see both Raven and Zoe go to spectacular homes.

Above: Ashley Dudas with Raven
Right: Jerilyn Caldwell with Zoe, now “Roo”

Volunteers are the backbone of the Parelli Foundation! We are grateful to those who give their time in support of our four grant and scholarship programs designed to promote our mission. Over a dozen volunteers clocked an average of 39 hours this year! We are always looking for more helping hands! If you’re interested, please go to https://parellifoundation.org/volunteer/

The Parelli Foundation Board of Directors consists of seven voting and two emeritus members. Our Board Members volunteered an average of 65 hours of their time in 2018. We are grateful to this incredible group for their leadership and service.

The Parelli Foundation advances natural horsemanship education in four program areas. A total of $59,716 was made available in grants and scholarships via our programs in 2018. From contributing to an aspiring professional’s education to providing training to volunteer staff and horses at equine rescue centers, our scholarships and grants are a representation of the full circle that is natural horsemanship education. We are proud to pursue our unique mission knowing how our work is touching the lives and having a lasting impact on horses and humans alike.

Equine Talent and Career Scholarships help development of future natural horsemanship professionals. Through scholarships, the Parelli Foundation is increasing the number of highly qualified instructors, horse development specialists, equine practitioners, and competitors who will touch the lives of students and equine enthusiasts around the world. This year Career and Equine Talent Scholarships totaling $24,000 were awarded to four aspiring professionals.

“Receiving this scholarship means more than just the money” says 2* Parelli Professional Kari Bowser. “It was such an amazing feeling when I got the news to know that the Foundation and others had a belief in me that warranted this scholarship.”
In 2018 the **Future of Horsemanship** Youth Scholarship Program was restructured to provide young people from 10–24 years old needing financial assistance with scholarships to further their natural horsemanship education. This program is a partnership between the Parelli Foundation and motivated students and is designed to help younger students move through the Parelli Levels Program or advance their studies in natural horsemanship, as well as help older students prepare for one of the many careers in the horse industry. The goal of this program is to educate young people and prepare them to make a positive difference in the horse world.

Our 2018 Future of Horsemanship scholarships were awarded to 13 young horsemen ages 12–23. In addition, Parelli Natural Horsemanship gifted a Savvy Club Membership to those who were not current members! Applicants not receiving a scholarship received a complimentary Level 1 Kit to study the basics and hone their skills before applying for our 2019 scholarships.

Pictured above: Two-time Future of Horsemanship Scholarship recipient IrisAnne.

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**Horse Welfare Program** grants fund education initiatives for horse rescue centers, such as clinics for staff and volunteers and training for horses. These grants improve the welfare of the horse and increase adoptability, raising awareness of how natural horsemanship can help ensure rescued horses have a future. **Horse Welfare grants totaled $10,475, benefitting 7 centers** in 2018.

Horse Welfare grant recipient Wildhorse Ranch’s Kim Meager said: “Our volunteers, adopters, and management team are thrilled to see the progress in not only their own skills but also in how the horses react to being around people who handle them with love, language, and

Snow (pictured), a 25-year-old mare, had no prior handling, having been left in a herd. “When we received her, she was difficult to touch, catch, halter, fly mask, groom, lead, did not tie, kicked when asked to lift her feet, reared and bolted when afraid. By training our volunteers to consistently drive and draw her, using approach and retreat, we are now able to catch her in a pen, halter and tie her. She is much improved with grooming and hoof handling, now tolerates the farrier for trims, and has had her vaccines and teeth floated by our vet with minimal struggle. She is definitely a success story in using the Parelli tools and techniques to gentle her and help her build her confidence and respect for humans. Snow was 100 percent feral just 6 months ago. Horses like her find their way into Human Partnership with PNH and we are so grateful for your financial support in helping us fund
leadership. Our donors love our updates and the progress we make turning unwanted horses into rock stars! So many people have told us that we’ve helped them live their dreams.”

Above: Wildhorse Ranch volunteer Andy with Lightning Bolt.

**Therapeutic Horsemanship Program** grants provide and fund education for therapeutic horsemanship program staff and volunteers, and support opportunities for individuals to access therapeutic horsemanship programs and build their horsemanship skills. $20,241 in Therapeutic Horsemanship Program grants were distributed to 12 centers in 2018.

“Therapy horses do a lot of hard work! The use of the Parelli program has helped my staff to better understand and connect with our horses, and it has made life more fun and interesting for our horses. We want to prevent burnout and feel that this program is definitely helping to make our barn a happy, safe place for our equine partners. It feels like a very healthy program for our barn.”

For example, one boy arrived frustrated and angry. Best explained: “He had never had the opportunity to be around horses, but when given the opportunity at Heritage, he decided to try. It wasn’t long after that he started to truly appreciate and enjoy his time working with the horses. He felt drawn to one of the horses in our program that was a lot like him.” That Paint gelding, Scout, pictured above with the featured student, was fearful and untrusting of people.

“I started to teach this student the Parelli program, and we talked about how he needed to become a leader for his horse,” said Best. “He needed to help his horse feel safe and trust him so that they could accomplish important tasks together. Throughout his stay at Heritage, this student developed a great relationship with Scout and was able to help him accomplish huge tasks—like going over a jump, touching a tarp, and squeezing through barrels. It took a lot of patience and understanding, but in the end, this student was able to figure out things about himself, his own past trauma, and how he wanted to move forward with his life. It truly was a beautiful thing to behold, and the horse and human were both better because of it.”

–Chelsea Best–Heritage Community, a Therapeutic Horsemanship grant recipient

Leg Up Farm in Mount Wolf, Pa., has horses and horse lovers well versed in natural horsemanship thanks to Parelli Professional Dan Roser. Powered by a Parelli Foundation grant, Roser gave four all-day clinics and eight short training sessions; helping Leg Up provide therapeutic services to many, like this little horse lover pictured.

Above: 4* Parelli Professional Jesse R. Peters during a clinic at 2018 grant recipient Serenity Farm Equestrian Center.
The Parelli Foundation is an independent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization for the natural horsemanship community. It follows the principles of Parelli Natural Horsemanship (PNH) but operates independently of PNH. The Parelli Foundation (previously named the Parelli Education Institute) earned the “Gold Level” designation from GuideStar, USA, Inc., an information service specializing in reporting on U.S. nonprofit companies. Out of 1.5 million nonprofits, fewer than 5,000 have achieved Gold Level status. Donors to the Parelli Foundation can be assured their investments are being used wisely and appropriately, with contributions tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.