Laura Donahue Halloran has been named president of the Parelli Foundation Board of Directors and will officially assumed this new role May 1. Halloran replaces Dr. Kerul Kassel, who expertly led the Foundation since November of 2016.

“As outgoing President of the Parelli Foundation, I feel delighted and grateful that the Parelli Foundation is so blessed and lucky to have such smart, savvy, energetic woman in incoming President, Laura Donahue Halloran. With Laura at the helm, I am excited for what is ahead for the organization and for horses and the people who love them.”

Halloran’s background uniquely positions her to assume this post, as she has a passion for helping people and animals alike. She currently serves as the Executive Director of the Texas Humane Legislation Network (THLN), a 501c4 non-profit that lobbies for stronger animal protection laws in Texas. Prior to joining THLN, Laura was a lobbyist and policy consultant for the Pew Charitable Trusts. She has also previously served with the Humane Society of the United States and founded the political action committee, Humane Dominion, both animal advocacy organizations in the Washington D.C. area. Before entering political advocacy, she worked in supportive housing services and substance abuse prevention.

Halloran previously served the Foundation as a board member. “As a horse welfare advocate and social worker, I have personally witnessed how natural horsemanship can both heal humans and give horses a chance at a better life. Is it a true honor to serve the unique mission of the Parelli Foundation.”
Equine Therapy Grant Recipient Spotlight

Horses have a demanding job at McKenna Farms Therapy Services. They help youth with special needs, ages 5 to 21, to achieve their full potential through participation in the hippotherapy, therapeutic riding, and equestrian team programs. McKenna Farms Therapy Services is a non-profit organization in Dallas, Georgia that serves 500 children per week with the help of 23 therapists, dozens of volunteers, and 16 amazing horses.

When the four-legged therapists encounter their own occupational challenges, Parelli Natural Horsemanship comes to the rescue. The Parelli Foundation's $2,000 grant to the McKenna Farms Therapy Services facilitated the staff members’ natural horsemanship education. This March, Ashley Boswell, a 1* Parelli Professional from Raleigh, North Carolina, visited the farm and provided a 2-day workshop to the ten staff members who most closely work with the horses.

The training was a combination of classroom time, groundwork and riding. The staff members learned the Seven Games and the four phases, analyzed horses' abilities, and studied horse development. By the end of the two days they expanded their knowledge, improved their skills, and gained a better understanding of how to effectively support their equine co-therapists on a daily basis. With Parelli Natural Horsemanship and the Parelli Foundation, the horses at McKenna Farms are on their way to achieving their full potential while providing an invaluable service. To see this and more inspiring stories at our web site, visit inspiring stories.

Calling All Volunteers!
We are always looking for talented people who are able to volunteer their time and skills to help us change the world through Natural Horsemanship education!

If you have experience with fundraising, event management, administrative assistance, donor appreciation programs, or marketing, we'd love to talk to you. But if that's not you, don't worry. We have many other opportunities for motivated, enthusiastic Natural Horsemanship enthusiasts who believe that a Natural Horsemanship education is the foundation of a better world for horses and humans.

Typically, we are looking for an ongoing commitment of 5 to 10 hours per week, although we also have opportunities for one-time projects. Some of the opportunities include:
- Copy Editor
- Creative Writer
- Website Monitor
- Fundraising Guru
- Photographer/Videographer
- Website Analytics and SEO Specialist

Complete the online application, let us know what you're great at, and let's see if we have a match!

Road to the Summit
Horses Offered For Sale
For four years, Atwood Ranch has generously donated yearlings to the Parelli Foundation for what has been dubbed the Road to the Summit, a fundraising program for the Foundation. Prior to that, these young horses went through the foundation program at Atwood Ranch which includes imprinting, foal handling, and yearling preschool development.

As a result of that investment in quality time and education, the horses were already well on their way to becoming fantastic lifelong partners. They have been paired with top Parelli Professionals to continue their training, start under saddle, and prepare for their lives as dream riding horses. The 2018 Road to the Summit horses are for sale at this time and their sale price benefits the Foundation to continue to fund programs focused on natural horsemanship education.

For info on Raven, Zoe, or the RTTS program, email summer@parellifoundation.org or call 855-687-7273