Giving Tuesday, the biggest global giving day, is this Tuesday, December 3rd!

Our goal is to raise $10,000 in donations for Therapeutic Horsemanship program grants!

Grant applications are in and we aim to double our grants, for a total of $20,000 to be awarded to deserving organizations! We can do it with your help!

Donations will help us reach our goal to DOUBLE these grants!

Therapeutic Horsemanship grants benefit places like Born 2 Be where program director Mary Gwinner had this to say about a recent grant: “Consistency in handling is vital when you have many volunteer hands working with a herd of therapy horses. The training the volunteers received has made them more effective leaders, teaching them to think like a horse! All of us at Born 2 Be TEC would like to thank the Parelli Foundation for the generous grant that allowed us to become more in tune with the horses in our herd.”

Grant Spotlight: Equine-Assisted Counseling for Veterans at S.T.E.P.S with Horses

Find out more and share with friends!
Above: Parelli Foundation President Laura Halloran and E.D. Summer Bacharach visited S.T.E.P.S with Horses, meeting staff, volunteers and Cowboy, one of their therapy horses.

by Joan Reinbott

After funding for equine-assisted counseling ran dry for veterans at S.T.E.P.S. with Horses in Texas, a $2,500 Heroes and Horsemanship grant from the Parelli Foundation drew them back in July 2019. Licensed professional counselors (or supervised graduate-level interns) and Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.)-certified equine specialists in mental health and learning have since held 18 sessions for four clients. Just as Parelli Natural Horsemanship focuses on relationships between humans and horses, S.T.E.P.S. emphasizes the importance of the relationship between a client and horse, values the horse’s role as a sentient being, and allows a horse to be self-directed in interacting with a client.

Among the counselors are the S.T.E.P.S. co-founders. Hallie Sheade, Ph.D., is a licensed professional counselor, author, registered play therapist, and national certified counselor. Paul Ziehe is a Marine who supported Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and 2004 and later became a PATH International riding instructor. The pair collaborated in 2017 to fill a gap in the mental health field that wasn’t well served, they believed, particularly for veterans and at-risk youth who don’t respond to or avoid traditional office-based therapy. Read more here.

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