Focus on Horse Welfare: 2020 Grant Awards

Grant Presented to WindyHill Rescue and Rehoming

Board member Elizabeth Womack recently presented a 2020 Horse Welfare grant to WindyHill Equine Rescue and Rehoming in Celina, Texas.

(Left to right: WindyHill Founder Becky Shewchuk, Parelli Foundation Board of Directors member Elizabeth Womack, Matea Babcock)

Matea Babcock uses natural horsemanship with Mango and other horses there to help them have the best possible futures by becoming adoptable!

We are proud to support organizations like WindyHill in their work to change the lives of the equines in their care through natural horsemanship education.

Your support of our Horse Welfare program helps us help more horses!

Giving Tuesday - It's not too late!

It's not too late to give for GivingTuesday!
Donations help places like Leg Up Therapy and kids like HJ!

Leg Up says "It took HJ, a 6 year old girl with autism, who is also non-verbal, six sessions of being around the horse, grooming a pony, watching her younger brother ride before she was willing to get on the horse herself. Now, she gets up at 3 in the morning, puts on her cowboy boots and says "today the day" and "Vegas go"..."go fast." The changes brought about by therapy using equine movement are phenomenal!"

Your Giving Tuesday donations will help us increase Therapeutic Horsemanship grants this month!

We've raised over $2,200 so far, but it's not too late to give! This is our FINAL grant cycle for 2020 - let's send this year off with a BANG!

Help Increase Therapeutic Horsemanship Grants

Supporting the Future of Horsemanship

We recently awarded ten young horesmen with scholarships to pursue their horsemanship goals!

Future of Horsemanship scholarships benefit horsemen like Ada Draghici and horses around the world!
We know you’ll enjoy her latest video submission below. She says: “Orka, a Right Brain Introvert, arrived to me from Ortiz Ranch Andallusians, Texas, in June 2020. In this video it is Orka’s second time on the beach, first time ever at liberty on the beach, and first time ponying next to Kai off property.

She is an intuitive learner, a phenomenal communicator and is always willing to try new things. My auditions-buddy Kai, formerly Left Brain Introvert but now pretty centered, is nine years old. He’s been with me since he was four—we passed our level two in September of 2015!”

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**Equines at Risk Emergency Grant Recipient Halleck Creek Ranch!**

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Halleck Creek Ranch in Nicasio, CA, a nonprofit therapeutic riding center that has been connecting horses with people with disabilities for over 43 years, received an Equines at Risk Emergency grant to help with costs associated with having to evacuate their 18 therapy horses due to the wildfires affecting California back in August.

Halleck Creek reports “Unfortunately, due to the level of stress our horses experienced, and the fact that they needed to be housed in groups larger than usual, we incurred unforeseen veterinary care costs for multiple injuries and two bouts of colic.

Luckily, a local boarding facility had three large turnout paddocks we could use, and we remained evacuated for ten days while we waited for another dry lightning storm to pass and while fire fighters contained the flames. Luckily all of our horses returned home healthy and happy, and while our team is prepared to leave again at a moments notice, we hope that does not occur again anytime soon.

Since the fires in nearby Sonoma County in 2017, our team made it our mission to design not only an evacuation and shelter-in-place plan for any humans who may be on our property, but also an evacuation and shelter-in-place plan for each of our 18 horses. The plan includes actions to take during a wildfire, and is based upon the order given by the local authorities, whether it be an evacuation warning, order, or a shelter-in-place order. Our plan is practiced regularly by staff, board members and volunteers, and is updated regularly to ensure accuracy in execution.

In addition to the added stress from the risk of fire and entrapment due to our location at the end of a narrow, 2.5 mile dirt road through oak woodlands, our team has been faced with the challenge of having to cancel programming due to Red Flag warnings and poor air quality due to the wildfires. At a time when the pandemic has just started to settle and we’ve been able to offer in-person programming again, we’ve been forced to cancel volunteers and riders in order to maintain their safety.”

The Parelli Foundation is proud to support organizations like Halleck Creek at such times, so that they are able to continue provide incredible equine assisted services.

**Holiday Auction-NEW items JUST ADDED**

All proceeds will benefit our
Therapeutic Horsemanship grants later this month! Your bids mean so much to horses and people who love them!

Shop NOW through December 15th!!

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