

Happy Trails Riding Academy

2016 Annual Report

What a busy and exciting year it has been! We have been blessed with a full riding schedule, a transformed property, and many fun events. All of this was made possible by Happy Trails' amazing community of staff, volunteers, and donors.

Our top focus at Happy Trails is the riders and helping them experience life in its fullest through riding classes and activities. Again this year we were blessed with a phenomenal staff and committed group of volunteers. We provided more than 2,412 rides with support from over 10,782 volunteer hours! Leading the way was



Lisa, our Program Director, who celebrated her 21st anniversary with Happy Trails this year. Lisa and the instructors are knowledgeable, experienced, dedicated, and compassionate – which is why we have a first class riding program!

Next time you come visit Happy Trails, you'll notice things look a little different. With support from Saputo Dairy Products, Fansler Foundation, Visalia Rotary Foundation, Sence Foundation and Visalia Sunset Rotary and the community we were able to develop the front 10 acres into an outdoor arena and permanent pasture. Thank you to all of the organizations who volunteered time to paint fences and make our property look stunning.

Happy Trails had another year of fun and successful events. Night at the Races and Round Up were well attended and we enjoyed betting on horses and spending an evening at Happy Trails. The financial impact from these events allows Happy Trails to continue our mission. We appreciate your attendance this past year and encourage you to join us again in 2017.

With your continued support, I am looking forward to another successful year at Happy Trails.

Sincerely,
Dr. Neal Spiro, President of the Board

YEAR	NUMBER OF RIDES OFFERED
2005	789
2006	1,035
2007	1,239
2008	1,387
2009	1,654
2010	1,851
2011	2,019
2012	2,112
2013	2,279
2014	2,360
2015	2,394
2016	2,412

Rider Lessons

2500

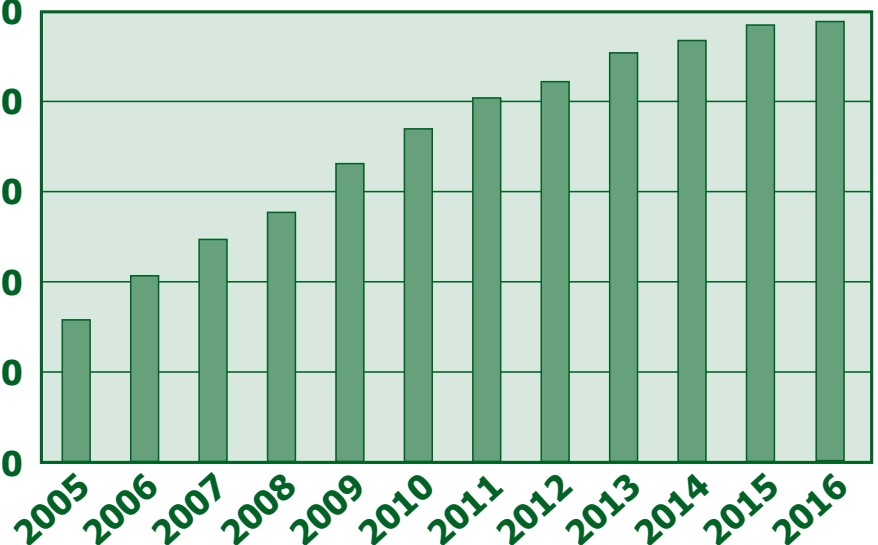
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Mission Statement

Happy Trails Riding Academy is a premier accredited program which enriches the lives of children and adults with physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities through equine facilitated therapy.

Special Events

On May 20, 2016 we hosted our most successful fundraising event of the year, Night at the Races, at the Visalia Convention Center. Thanks to our many sponsors, prize donors and attendees we raised over \$100,000.

On October 7, 2016, we hosted the annual Round Up in the Sence Arena on our property. Over 400 people attended the event which included a wine raffle, a wonderful dinner and entertainment.

We were also able to continue our popular Adopt a Rider (\$2,500), Adopt a Horse (\$1,000), Adopt a Class (\$500) and Adopt a Ride (\$25) programs with support from donations and pledges. We exceeded our goal of \$35,000 early in 2016.

Our fundraising was flanked by several smaller events which included Tulare County Motorcycle Ride, Harley-Davidson Poker Run, Boots & Blossoms Trail Challenge and the Happy Trails Horse Show.

Happy Trails is once again in a healthy fiscal position. A renewed emphasis on fund raising and the money generated from the EFP contract along with riding fees and other community support allowed Happy Trails to meet its budget of \$445,000 this year. The approved budget for 2016-2017 is set at \$448,000



Statement of Activities October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016

Revenues

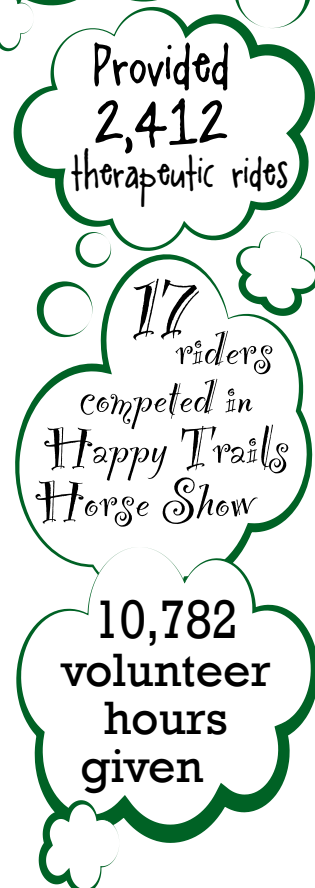
Fundraising	\$170,344
Donations	\$126,959
Tulare County Contract	\$ 89,907
Contributions	\$ 56,095
Rider Fees	\$ 36,212
Total Revenue	\$479,517

Restricted	\$103,003
Unrestricted	\$376,514

Expenses

Staff/Certified Instructors	\$137,305
Program Expenses	\$160,368
Office/Support	\$ 48,654
Fundraising	\$ 32,091
Capital Improvements	\$ 27,997
Total Expenses	\$406,415
Restricted	\$ 27,997
Unrestricted	\$378,418

Happy Trails Riding Academy's annual budget is approved by the board of directors and is reviewed on a regular basis. In addition, the board approves all capital improvement plans, budgets and expenditures.



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