



# Annual Report 2023

### PROGRAM IMPACT

2,020 Total number of therapeutic rides offered

124 TOTAL

NUMBER OF **PARTICIPANTS**  16

CENTRAL VALLEY COMMUNITIES

70%

RIDERS UNDER 18 YEARS OLD

40% RIDERS ARE

MALE

60% RIDERS ARE **FEMALE** 



#### CORE PROGRAMS

Therapeutic Riding

Equine-Facilitated Psychotherapy/Learning Equine-Assisted Therapy with an Occupational Therapist Equine Services for Heroes

### **VOLUNTEERS & STAFF IMPACT**

9,860 Total number of volunteer hours

2,734 TOTAL VOLUNTEER

CLASS HOURS

LOCAL CLUBS **VOLUNTEERED** ON FACILITY **PROJECTS** 

VOLUNTEER **PROPERTY HOURS** 

**PRESENTATIONS** TO THE COMMUNITY

TOP 5 DISABILITIES SERVED

Autism, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy,

ADHD and General Anxiety Disorder

**FULL TIME** STAFF **MEMBERS** 

PART TIME STAFF **MEMBERS** 

### **OUR HORSES**

16 Equines served our riders

15 HORSES

MINIATURE DONKEY

#### Located at:

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# 2023 Highlights

- Celebrated our 39th year of service to the community
- · PATH Intl. Instructor of the Year, Klara Bergtholdt
- Tulare County Health and Human Services partnership is strong with our 14th contract in place
- \$236,000 was generated by our two major fundraisers, Night at the Races & Round Up
- \$100,000 was donated in our Adopt-a-thon campaign
- Hosted our 6th CAMP Happy Trails with 50 campers
- Continued partnerships with Quail Park at Shannon Ranch Memory Care Unit & Central Valley Regional Center
- Featured on California Bountiful television show
- · Reached over 50,000 people with our social media posts
- Achieved our status as Premier Accredited Center with a score of 96%, the highest level of accreditation with PATH Intl.



### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

CHERI BARNES President LAURA MORRELLI Vice President RAY LEWIS Secretary ANDRE GASTON Treasurer DAVID ALLEN **ERIN BROOKS CINDY BROWN** STEVE DUERRE KEN HERNANDEZ **ROLAND HILL RAY LEWIS VERNA MONDELL** CHARLIE NORMAN SAM SIGAL **ED WRISTEN** 

### STAFF

LESLIE GARDNER Executive Director NICOLE PAYNE Director of Services **BETH SPUHLER** Director of Operations KLARA BERGTHOLDT Certified Instructor KAY CONNLEY Volunteer Coordinator LOZEN HENDRIX Certified Instructor SARAH ELIZONDO Certified Instructor LACEY JURECKA Instructor in Training KENDRA HENDERSON Instructor in Training DONNY CAMPBELL Barn/Class Manager **ANISSA TORRES** Barn/Class Manager **RON SUMMERS** Facility Maintenance SCOTT WILLIS Facility Maintenance

## Mission Statement

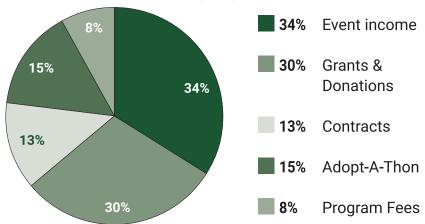
Happy Trails Riding Academy is a premier accredited program which enriches the lives of children and adults with physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities through equine-assisted services.



### WHERE DOES OUR REVENUE COME FROM?

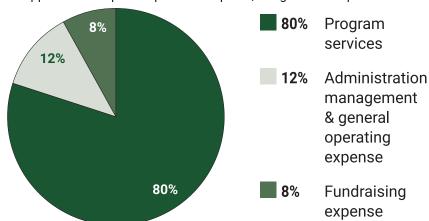
\$690,000 was generated in 2023.

500 unique donors-financial gifts, grants and in-kind donations.



### **HOW DO WE USE OUR DOLLARS?**

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.



Happy Trails is the only premier center program of equine-assisted activities between Bakersfield and Modesto.
Our 25-acre facility boasts a beautiful and inviting environment for our riders, families and the community.
By setting the bar high, working hard, collaborative efforts and your support we are established as one of the premier centers in the country.

