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Dear Friends,

Recently Miles of Smiles Therapeutic Riding adjusted its mission statement to say "It is the mission of Miles of Smiles to provide horse assisted activities to individuals with disabilities to enhance their health, independence, and quality of life." This letter is just one step in an exciting phase of the development of our mission. Miles of Smiles has had a dream of expanding our programs and current indoor riding facility to include office space, handicapped accessible restrooms, a multi-purpose room which would allow for classroom work, conferencing, and a viewing window of the arena. This addition will also include a tacking area for the horses, equipment storage, and a specialized mounting area. This addition will allow Miles of Smiles staff and volunteers to work with the program participants in a more suitable, handicapped accessible environment. As one of only a handful of programs in the state of Kansas, this service is critical towards maintaining rehabilitation options for children and adults in the region. Requested funding includes the cost of exterior and interior construction at \$277,000. It is our hope that this letter will inform all of you of our dream, and perhaps make our dream, yours.

Some of you may ask how we plan to raise the funds for this building project. Well, we have taken a giant step already this year by paying off our mortgage! By doing this, we have freed up a large portion of our funding. We also are in the process of writing several grants requesting the assistance of local and regional foundations. And, we are hoping that you will be able to help us in any way you possibly can. You can become a "Friend" to Miles of Smiles by contributing monetarily or by in-kind donations.

Please remember that Miles of Smiles is a 501©3 tax exempt organization. Because of this, your gift, no matter what the size, will be acknowledged with a written receipt. Below you will find levels of giving that we have developed. We hope you will find a level that is comfortable for you and in turn, will show your support of our program and its clients.

**"Friends of Miles of Smiles Levels--"**

**DIAMOND STALLION-\$5,000.00+:** The stallion is the protector over his entire herd. Our DIAMOND STALLION friends help to protect and provide for our program with security to reach our goals and expand our family.

**PLATINUM PONY-\$2,500.00-\$4,900.00:** Our horses, "Ponies" are the base of our program, and like platinum, support us in every way to provide our wonderful service of therapeutic riding. Our PLATINUM PONY friends will keep our program STRONG with their support.

**GOLDEN HORSESHOE - \$1,000.00-\$2,499.00:** The horseshoe is an ancient and enduring symbol of good fortune. Gold represents prosperity. Our GOLDEN HORSESHOE friends help to ensure the good fortune and longevity of our program and also symbolize large steps toward our goals!

**SILVER SADDLE - \$500.00-\$999.00:** The saddle provides a sturdy seat for the rider. Silver is said to be energizing. Our SILVER SADDLE friends are helping to provide a sturdy financial base that will be the energy' for the continuation and growth of our program.

**BRONZE BRIDLE - \$250.00-\$499.00:** The bridle is the main device the rider uses to guide the horse. Bronze represents enduring strength. Our BRONZE BRIDLE friends are helping to guide our program towards a strong and enduring future.

**PURPLE REINS - \$100.00-\$249.00:** The reins are a tool for the rider to communicate with the horse. Purple, one of Miles of Smiles chosen colors, signifies inspiration and growth. Our PURPLE REINS friends are communicating their support for the growth of our unique program.

**TEAL HELMET - \$50.00-\$99.00:** The very first thing our riders do when they arrive for lessons is put on their helmet, which is necessary for their safety. Teal, the second color chosen for Miles of Smiles, stands for new opportunities. Our TEAL HELMET friends are helping to provide for our basic needs and safety so we can continue to provide new opportunities for our riders.

**LITTLE BIT-\$49.00 or less!**

The bit is a small, but essential piece of equipment. It connects the bridle and reins, and allows the rider to have control of his/her horse. Our LITTLE BIT friends are helping to provide stabilization and control of our program, no matter how small their donations may seem.

**Benefits to being a "friend" include:**

- \*Listed on Miles of Smiles website and newsletter
- \*Permanent display at the Miles of Smiles facility
- \*Sponsor certificate displaying level of giving and sponsor's name

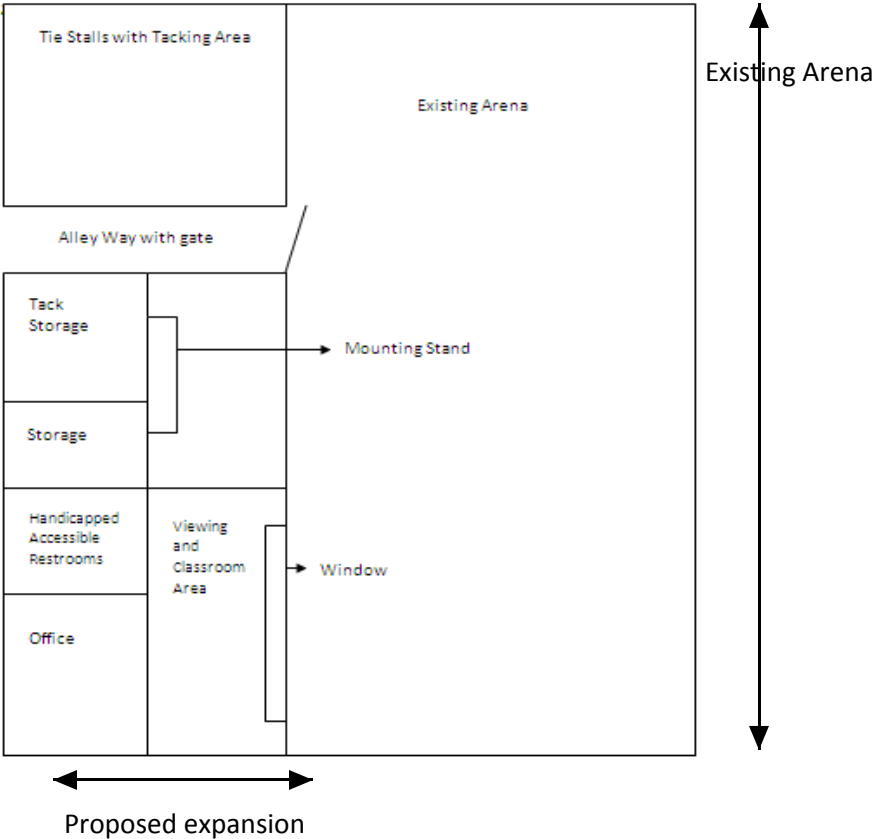
If our dream has become yours, please consider helping our program and its participants out by using the included giving form and returning it to our office.

Thank you for your interest in Miles of Smiles Therapeutic Riding Program and your support of this project phase.

Sincerely,

Miles of Smiles Board of Directors,  
Certified Instructors & staff members,  
& most of all, our clients and their families

Proposed expansion project



*Just a few of our Riders and Friends*

## **Mark Your Calendar!**

\*Our Board of Directors' meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month. 5:30 PM.

### **2011 Calendar of Events**

- July 23, Finney County Fair Horse Shows  
(Miles of Smiles Vaulting Team will be performing!)
- July 29-31, NARHA Region 7 Conference, Springfield, MO
- August 20, Annual Rummage Sale, Taking donations anytime after July 1.  
(Please no clothes)
  - Sept. 10, Fall Volunteer Training,  
(We always need new volunteers)
  - Sept. 19-Oct. 27, Fall Lesson Dates
    - Oct. 22, Walk & Whoa;  
Miles of Smiles' Benefit Auction & Dance
- Nov. 10-13; PATH International Conference & Annual Meeting, Lexington, KY  
(PATH, formerly known as NARHA)

**\*Save your ink cartridges, cell phones, & aluminum cans for us to recycle & cash in!**

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## **THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM**

I/We wish to gift Miles Of Smiles' with \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Donor(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, & Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Your gift will be used to help fund our new addition, unless specified otherwise by you.**

(Please cut out & send in with your donation! No amount is too small! Thank you)