



MILE MARKERS

SPRING 2010



The Miles of Smiles Therapeutic Riding Program Newsletter

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2010 has started with a bang and we have been busier than ever! We have had wonderful support from the community that has made all this possible! None of our accomplishments would be possible without the help and assistance that our program gets from volunteers, sponsors, and interested members of the public. For that we say **THANKS!**

FINANCIAL SUPPORTORS:

City of Garden City Community Grant,
 Compassion Kansas, Community
 Congregational Church, Thompson Memorial
 Fund, Garden City Company/PICS program
 Garden City High & Holcomb High,
 Western Kansas Community Foundation,
 The Finnup Foundation, Mary Smith, SDSI,
 Boothill Model Train Club



2010 IN-KIND CONTRIBUTORS:

The Smythe Family, Tiffany Schmidt,
 The Standley Family, Heat Wave,
 Huber Sand, Swords & Smith Animal
 Hospital, Robin Boos-DVM, Milligan
 Enterprises, RSVP, Garden True Value,
 USD #457, Crop Production Services,
 Hutcheson Real Estate

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Garden City Fire Department will provide NARHA required First Aid/CPR training to our instructors & a few volunteers later this month!
THANK YOU!

"We are never really happy until we try to brighten the lives of others."
 Helen Keller (1880-1968)

Our MOS WISH LIST:

- Volunteers to help with riding lessons during Spring, Summer, and Fall.
- Volunteers to help serve on committees, such as Fundraising, Property Maintenance, & so on.
- Retirement homes for our aged horses who have given so much
- A tractor or Bob Cat to move large bales of hay and do other big jobs.
- A Service Group for special "work day" projects.
- A new loafing barn for our horses. (The old one is falling apart!)

If you feel you can help out in any way, please call our office at (620)260-9997!

MILES OF SMILES

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 where it is most needed, unless specified otherwise by you.

(Cut out & send in with your donation! Thank you)
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Who We Are!

The 2010 Board of Directors includes:

Tiffany Schmidt-President
 Jennifer Standley-V. President
 Connie Hunn-Secretary
 Ellen Lynn-Co-Treasurer
 Ryan Anderson Brian Schwindt
 Earle Rice Dale Theye
 Roy Dixon Marvin Hammond
 Joe Gasper Megan Gasper
 Brad Weller

Our 2010 Herd of Equine Partners:

Sugar-A true sweetheart
 Ginger-The "spice" of our group
 Skip-The grumpy old man
 Paint-Our own comedian
 Satch-The ladies man
 Money-A true gentleman
 Tiny-He's anything but small!
 Twister-On the Move!
 April-A spring flower
 Magic-A "special" little girl



SPRING 2010 LESSON VOLUNTEERS:

Brian Alexander
 Ryan Anderson
 Heidi Boyles
 Sara Brown-Director of Programs, Instructor*
 Randy Buckley
 Emily Burns
 Mitzi Coash-Stable Manager, Instructor*

Rick Collins
 Karen Coulter
 Frosty Crouse
 Lisa Dechant
 Kelli Ford
 Gene & Vicki Gile
 Chayli, Cody, Dana, & Marvin Hammond
 Katie Hendrix
 Travis Kessler
 Tammy Lobmeyer
 Rebeca Lopez
 Ellen Lynn-Instructor*
 Anna McPherson
 Esther Oppliger
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 Darcy Pendry
 Lexi Peterson
 Tiana Perea
 Valencia & Tobias Polanco
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 Earle Rice
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 Judy Valerio
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 Rob Walck
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**Thanks also to all the families and significant others of all our volunteers, who often adjust their own schedules to accommodate ours!



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HELP FINANCIALLY, BUT **WITHOUT MONEY!**



- Donate your used vehicles!
Call 877-CARS-4US (227-7487)
Ext. 1651
(the extension # is how the donation gets applied to Miles of Smiles!)

OR

Donate On-Line at www.donationline.com

GIVE US YOUR USED



**CELL PHONES,
INK CARTRIDGES
AND
ALUMINUM CANS
TO RECYCLE!**

We have drop off boxes at our office and at Garden True Value. These items can also be given to any board member!

WAYS TO HELP FINANCIALLY

- Donations to support various projects of the program such as...
 - Rider Scholarships
 - Adopt-A-Rider Sponsors
 - Adopt-A-Horse Sponsorships
 - Feed and Equipment
 - General Operating Funds
- When planning your estate or thinking of long term giving, you might want to consider Miles of Smiles!

Mark Your Calendar!

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

- April 16-18, NARHA Region 7 meeting, Kansas City, KS
- May 8, Women's Day Out Fiesta Courtyard
- Saturday May 22, Summer Volunteer Training, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- Summer Session of lessons; May 31 to July 1.
- Saturday June 26; Annual Miles of Smiles Showcase, An event for our participants to demonstrate what they can do! All are welcome to attend!
- August 28, Annual Charity Rummage Sale In-Door Arena
- Saturday, Sept. 12, Fall Volunteer Training 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- Fall Session of Lessons, Sept. 20 to Oct. 28
 - November 3-6; NARHA National Conference & Annual Meeting, Denver, CO

Thanks to grants from WKCF & Compassion KS, instructors Ellen Lynn, Jennifer Standley, Tiffany Schmidt, & Sara Brown traveled to the NARHA Region 7 Conference in Kansas City, April 16-18. The instructors received required continuing ed, got lots of new ideas, and enjoyed networking with others in the field of Equine Assisted Therapies!



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