

Sponsor A Horse at Willow Creek Ranch Equine Assisted Services Therapy – Learning - Horsemanship

We need your help! Our therapy herd of horses is the essential part of offering services to children and adults with special needs and mental health concerns. Each horse can cost between \$1490 and \$2900 to annually support their care and health needs-things like hay, grain, and supplements; farrier, dental, and veterinary services; vaccines; deworming, fly spray; grooming products; and pasture/shelter upkeep.

Your help is needed more than ever! As we have been unable to have our annual fundraising rodeo the past few years, we are counting on our donors to support us in other ways. Several of our horses are already sponsored for 2022 so we are offering the others for you to read about and help.

We invite you or your group to sponsor a therapy horse at WCR by making a \$1,600 contribution for their care for an entire year. Our miniature donkeys also are looking for sponsors.

For Your \$1,600 One-Year Sponsorship, You Will Receive:

- Certificate of Sponsorship for your horse
- Your name and/or picture with your horse; a personal tour of WCR
- Grateful thanks from the staff, participants, and volunteers at WCR
- Recognition in Willow Creek Ranch newsletter and website
- Bragging rights about “your” horse; knowing you are helping children and adults with health concerns
- A receipt for your tax-deductible donation

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Thank you.

Yes! I/We will sponsor WCR therapy horse/donkey _____ for 2022 with a donation of \$1,600 to help pay for care so they can continue to provide their unique abilities to help serve people with physical, cognitive, and emotional concerns.

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____ for general program and horse care needs. Any size gift of support is appreciated.

Please see next pages for picture and short bio of each of our available WCR therapy equines:

Calibur Gator George Grace Luka Jo Mickey Pixie Rusty Slapshot Oliver
 Toby Freddie SamiO Beere Takoda Charlie Hank (\$800) Patrick (\$800)

Please print:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Payment: \$ _____ (Check payable to *Willow Creek Ranch, Inc.* Mailed to 7404 Northwest Hwy 83, Mukwonago WI 53149 or dropped off at the Ranch.)

Available for Sponsorship...



TOBY joined WCR in October 2017 and was a former driving and riding pony. He has proven to be a Rock Star in his patience and calmness with some of our more challenging participants. He understands what he needs to do to make it a positive experience for those needing more help, but he also can challenge independent participants who need a riding challenge! He is adorable and sweet and loves to give lots of nibbles and wet kisses. He loves treats but has been on a special diet over the winter to help him lose his 'roundness' and ward off any potential health problems. He is experienced in both the horsemanship and equine assisted psychotherapy programs. Born April 2004, Haflinger. The mom of a participant said how Toby's interactions helped... *our 3-year-old daughter has become more assertive on the playground and definitely has increased her endurance, where before she would let her peers push her to the side, now she stands up for herself and has a voice.*

SLAPSHOT is one of WCR's first therapy horses, helping since 2007. In his younger life he competed in barrel racing and pole bending and reached championship levels. He is a calm, charming fellow and has been a mainstay of the WCR therapeutic horsemanship program for many years. As he is aging, he needs some special treatments for aches and pains, but he continues to give his all whenever he is providing lessons for our participants. Born March 2002, registered Appaloosa. A parent shared how Slapshot has made a difference...*my daughter's attention span has increased, and she is more aware of her surroundings, and loves riding outdoors.*



PATRICK (on the left) is half-brother to Hank (right) and joined WCR in 2016. Both donkeys participate weekly in the mental health program. They seem to intuitively know what a person needs as they come to WCR for their recovery process -- It could be showing sibling rivalry, rambunctiousness, curiosity, or overall cuteness, or even gently bumping a client when they needed a nudge to be in the present and confront their issues. They also have introduced new participants to our equine learning programs as their miniature donkey size is less intimidating to some. They love ear rubs. Donkeys can live to be almost 45 years old! Born 2012.

PATRICK needs a sponsor. Hank has a sponsor for 2022.

Introducing the newest members of the WCR therapy team needing sponsorship...

SAMIO came to WCR in December 2021. He is about 11.1 hands (45" tall) – that's his back at about waist high to our volunteers – a perfect size for our sidewalkers. SamiO was donated by a generous donor. He was used in riding lessons, parades, trail riding, and family fun. SamiO will be for our smaller riders who may be afraid of our larger horses. He is patient, very social with people and other horses, and will make a terrific addition to our equine team. He is currently going through training to be a confident, calm therapy horse and learn Willow Creek Ranch ways. Born 7/08/2014, Tobiano paint pony.



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GEORGE is a big guy! But he has a gentle way and shows participants that big is not scary. He was a former trail horse and went on hunting trips out west. He has been part of the riding program since 2018. He calmly provides assurance to inexperienced participants, giving them the confidence to excel. Born April 2000, Tennessee Walking Horse.

George was sponsored in 2021 and now again for 2022 by Bob, Pat and Kevin Bade. Kevin has been riding George for several years and has become more comfortable participating in reaching and stretching exercises, rein holding, enjoying trail rides, and he likes to trot.



MICKEY joined WCR in fall 2020. He has fit in very well with his calmness and curiosity. As a taller, stocky horse, he is a good fit for our older, stable riders. He has a brand on his left hip, an outline of an arrowhead with letters AP inside. We do not know much about his past other than he came from an Oklahoma auction. Born 2010 (vet estimate), black and white Tobiano Paint, Fox Trotter cross.

Mickey was sponsored in 2021 and again in 2022 by WCR Volunteer Marie Michaels. Marie has been a volunteer and donor for Willow Creek Ranch programs.



FREDDIE came to WCR in January 2022. We have been told that Freddie came from the state of Missouri, was bought at an auction in North Dakota, then to Illinois prior to coming to WCR. He was purchased for WCR by a generous donor. In Missouri he may have been used at a stockyard to move cattle, sheep, goats, and horses up for auction, and trail riding. Freddie is an in-your-pocket type of horse, super friendly, and curious, and with his smaller size will be able to accommodate more of our younger riders. Born 8/23/2014, Quarter Horse.

Freddie is sponsored by Marty Hren, WCR volunteer. She has sponsored other horses in the past.



HANK came to Willow Creek Ranch in 2016 with his half-brother Patrick. He is a team member in the mental health program--showing sibling rivalry at times, rambunctiousness, curiosity, and overall cuteness. Hank has represented WCR in the Mukwonago Christmas parade and has also introduced new participants to our equine learning programs. He loves ear rubs. Hank was born in 2012.

Hank was sponsored in 2021 and now again in 2022 by Cheryl and Bruce Pritzlaff

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OLIVER came to WCR on New Year's Day in 2017 an extremely sick fellow. We were fortunate to be able to rescue him and provide a safe, healthy home for him. He may have been a former logging horse in northern Wisconsin, possibly also a riding and driving horse at some time. He is very guarded and cautious, observant, and perceptive of both humans and other horses. His trust must be earned. This all has made him an excellent partner in providing equine assisted psychotherapy services as he works with children and adults who suffer from trauma, abuse, depression, substance-abuse, abandonment, and neglect--all things that Oliver seems to understand and to have survived. Born March 2003, Haflinger Draft cross.

Oliver was sponsored in 2021 by Vic Hren in honor of his granddaughter, a WCR volunteer. He is again sponsoring Oliver for 2022.



PIXIE formerly competed in barrel racing and pole bending and reached the State championship level and was also a NBHA World finalist. Pixie has lived at WCR since 2014 and had two foals born here-Fergie and Letty. She developed some health problems and has some muscle weakness in her face. Pixie started working in the mental health program in 2020 as part of her retirement career. She is sweetheart that loves spending time with people. Born 2003, American Quarter Horse.

Pixie was sponsored in 2021 and now again in 2022 by Penny Conn, a friend of WCR. Penny has also donated several new winter horse blankets for Pixie and our other horses.

Thank you to ALL the Willow Creek Ranch sponsors, donors, volunteers, and others who support the WCR Equine Assisted Services programs.