

# ANNUAL REPORT

PALOMINO HOPE EQUINE  
279 NORTH CHAMBERS ROAD  
TAWAS CITY MICHIGAN 48763

## 2025

- ~12 TEEN MENTORS
- ~30 PARTICIPANTS AND FAMILIES
- ~15 ADULT VOLUNTEERS
- ~12 HORSES
- ~5 COMMUNITY EVENTS SERVING HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE
- ~50 LITERACY PILOT PROGRAM YOUTH
- ~1 PONY, 1 DONKEY
- ~7 BOARD MEMBERS
- ~5 PUPS



A participant reaches a milestone!



Welcome to the Pal Hope F.A.M.I.L.Y.  
Friendship...Acceptance...Mindfulness...Independence...Leadership...Youthfulness

2025 was a year of growth and sustainability.

Operating Budget including In-Kind volunteer hours and donations: \$83,000

Direct Public support (individual, corporate, business): \$17,000

Fundraising support: \$6,000

## Goal of 2025: Strengthening our Core Program



Mentors train in the Horse Powered Reading Program

### Mentor Training

Our **teen mentors** are the driving force behind Palomino Hope. This year, we packed the 12 mentors' toolboxes with leadership essentials: first aid, CPR, 3 leadership workshops, vet visits, saddle fitting, and Horse Powered Reading. This will keep them equipped to help the participants thrive! \*\*With support, our mentors will be **MSU** bound to learn about networking at our booth at the Horse Expo!

### Board of Directors Training

To keep our seven-member volunteer board running strong, we invested in training across key areas—SafeSport, grant writing, nonprofit management (Mandrell Method), equine therapy(Certified Excellence), Horse Powered Reading, youth mental health, saddle fitting, first aid, CPR, and more. 2026 will bring continued training in nonprofit leadership and budgeting.



Kim Reiter and Laurel Greene

### Community Involvement

We believe in the power of a strong, connected community. That's why we invest our time, energy, and resources into spreading joy through events like the Fourth of July Parade, our free Easter and Winter Open Ranch days, and our Halloween candy giveaway. Giving back isn't just part of what we do—it's who we are. By serving our community and **teaching our youth the value of generosity and service**, we're helping shape compassionate, responsible young people who will carry that spirit forward. Our strong community involvement will continue year after year.



# WHAT'S NEXT?

## 2026

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### Financial goals for 2026:

- ~Increase operating budget to 100,000 (not including in kind) through continued community support, corporate support, and fundraisers. This will enable us to keep all programs free of charge.
- ~Facility goals for 2026: Sides for the Pavilion, Electric and water brought to the program area, and upgraded fencing.

With our core youth program running smoothly at 11 sessions and multiple community involvement programs in place, Pal Hope is ready for program expansion. 2026 will bring two additional empowering programs.

## EAGALA and Wellness Programs

Through a wonderful chance meeting with a certified EAGALA specialist, Palomino Hope is thrilled to announce the introduction of EAGALA services at our ranch! The **Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association** is a worldwide leader in equine-assisted therapy, setting the gold standard for emotional growth and healing. Using a powerful team approach—a mental health professional, an EAGALA specialist, and a horse—participants are guided to work through emotions, behaviors, and relationships in a hands-on, life-changing way.

Together with our core Mentorship Program, this new partnership will help Palomino Hope reach and uplift even more people—**especially veterans**—across Michigan through the healing power of horses and hope.

\*Contact tina at [tinam@palominohope.org](mailto:tinam@palominohope.org) for more information.



Welcome to the team, EAGALA specialist, Tina Michalski

## Horse Powered Reading

With one of our board members now certified in Horse Powered Reading (HPR) and volunteer teachers ready to help, we're excited to launch this powerful literacy program at Palomino Hope through **free summer camps** for children who need extra **reading support**.

HPR is far more than a "read to a horse" program—it's an engaging, hands-on journey that builds both confidence and literacy skills. Each session meets children at their individual level, identifying specific reading challenges and helping them overcome them through meaningful, horse-assisted learning experiences.

For more information: [laurelgreene@palominohope.org](mailto:laurelgreene@palominohope.org)

OR check out our website- HPR tab!

**\* GOAL: To make our intensive care literacy camps free of charge for all at risk youth!**



A participant and his mentor, Jacob, complete a HPR activity during the pilot program~ poor Jacob is labeled with horse parts! :)

## GRATITUDE

We are eternally grateful for all support past and present!

**If you would like to continue to support Palomino Hope's core program, EAGALA program, or HPR program please feel free to contact us!**

We are so happy you are on this journey with us!

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THANK YOU!

This program would not exist without people like YOU!



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