

Motors, Manes, & Miracles

Healing With Horsepower! The inaugural Motors, Manes, & Miracles fundraiser took place on Saturday February 29 at Superstition Harley-Davidson. It was a benefit for the Manes & Miracles organization, based in San Tan Valley.

Manes & Miracles is a therapy facility which employs a unique approach to addressing challenges faced by individuals who have physical, mental, and emotional disabilities. With the use of equine-assisted therapy, Manes & Miracles follows the path of caregivers who have been including horses among their methods since the 1940s & before. M&M's therapy participants include children, first responders, and active or retired military personnel.

This day's event started at the Manes & Miracles Ranch on Friend Avenue in San Tan Valley; with breakfast, games, & the opportunity to meet some of the families and horses. From there, 65 riders de-

parted on a ride of about 60 miles. Stops were at River Bottom Grill in Florence, Wahoos Restaurant in Gold Canyon, and the Hitching Post Saloon in Apache Junction before arriving at Superstition H-D located at 2910 W. Apache Trail in Apache Junction.

The afternoon at SHD had music, lunch, bounce houses & other inflatable fun for the kids, a therapy horse to meet, carnival games, face painting, & more. There was an impressive collection of raffle & silent auction items.

Thanks go out to the Shot Gun LEMC for their support; with about 50 members & friends attending.

Manes and Miracles is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, operated by Volunteers. None of the officers or directors of the organization take a salary. Monies donated go toward care of the horses, upkeep & improvements of the facility,

and other projects that will benefit the children and adults they serve. This day raised \$8,000 for M&M.

This was the first time that Superstition HD worked with Manes & Miracles. Brina, SHD's event coordinator, was impressed with how well the event came together & noted that next year's fundraiser is already being planned.

Learn more about Manes & Miracles, their services, how to make a donation or volunteer by visiting online at <https://manesandmiraclesaz.org/> You can also call 480-359-6470 or email manesandmiracles@gmail.com

Congratulations on a successful day! Thank you Brina for your help with this article ☺

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