



# COURAGE IN MOTION

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF REINS OF HOPE



## *A Note From the Board*

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REINS OF HOPE VICE PRESIDENT**

WOW! A huge Thank You to our community for the support, encouragement, and generosity you continue to show and provide as we continue our mission of connecting children with disabilities and horses. To watch these young individuals overcome their fear and anxiety of approaching and/or riding these large animals is truly something to experience. Watching those individuals who have been with us for a few seasons continue to grow in their strength, communication, and adaptability has been remarkable. Hearing the joy of new and returning volunteers as they witness these experiences warms my heart. What amazing horse owner volunteers we are able to work with who are willing to take the time to have their horses tested, transported, and to be at the center of our program. Thank You All for being a part of this program.

## *Our Impact*

*“My son has come a long way during this program with his balance, core strength, and confidence. Not to mention his love for the horse!”*

*-Participant Parent*

## 2024 SEASON RECAP



### **Spring Season**

We kicked off the season at the Clay County Fairgrounds Indoor Arena, then moved over to the Equine Center. Connecting with a total of 13 local youth from Dickinson, Kossuth, Palo Alto, O'Brien, Sioux, and Clay counties.

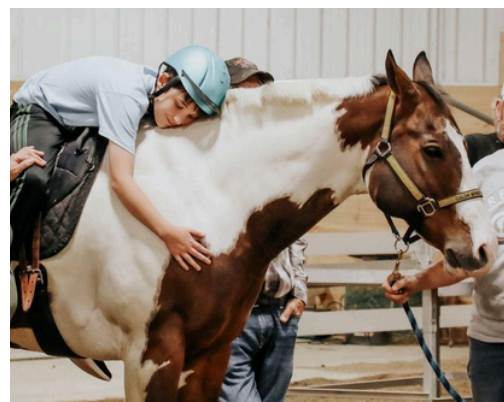
We feared for our communities when the June flooding occurred. Seeing drone photos showing the Equine Center was surrounded and our Reins of Hope equipment trailer in water, we were uncertain what our future would hold. Thankful that the water level didn't rise any higher or our Reins of Hope equipment trailer and contents may not have survived.

Hearing personal stories and seeing the aftermath was heartbreaking! We are grateful for the Clay County Fairgrounds, not in the flood path, as they served as a center for community flood recovery efforts.

*Please continue to support our community, friends, and families who are still rebuilding and recovering! **Spencer Strong!***

### **Fall Season**

We were off to the Equine Center for our Fall Season where we were able to connect with 12 total area youth from Dickinson, Kossuth, Palo Alto, Sioux, and Clay counties.



**Volunteers are at the heart of our organization. Your support and encouragement keep our organization moving forward. Join us as we continue to make an impact in the lives of individuals with disabilities.**

## OUR IMPACT IN 2024

18

*Sessions Held*

25

*Participants*

40+

*Volunteers*

13

*Horses*

55

*Donors*

6

*Counties Served*

## VOLUNTEERS

We had more than 40 volunteers joining us from the following counties in 2024:

*Clay, Pocahontas, Dickinson, Beuna Vista, O'Brien, Palo Alto, and Osceola*

***We couldn't do this without you!***

### *Interested in volunteering?*

Join us onsite to assist us with our sessions or help us with various back-end details that allow things to run smoothly.

Attend our Board Meetings to hear the latest and provide insight on upcoming sessions & Events

**\*\*typically the 2nd Tuesday of each month - watch our Website\*\***

Each participant requires a minimum of 3 volunteers.

**You too can make a difference in the lives of these individuals and their families!**

# 2024 DONORS

Your generosity continues to make a difference in the lives of our area youth with disabilities, along with their families. Your contributions have provided them with access to our program - 100% free! These individuals have the opportunity to connect with a horse and in doing so, gain strength and grow in their emotional, cognitive, and social skills. For that, we are forever grateful. **THANK YOU!**

## Foals (<\$100)

- Kris McDermott \*FD
- Lourdes Mustain \*FD
- Megan Jones \*FD
- Nathan Jones \*FD
- Elizabeth Pico \*FD
- Taylor Britton \*FD
- Kelly Mills \*FD
- Jerome Schacherer \*FD
- Danielle Nelson \*FD
- Ann Warburton \*FD
- Jodi Bennett \*FD
- Lynn Egesdal \*FD
- Dawn Kramer \*FD
- Ann Devall \*FD
- Tayler Doyal \*FD
- Kelsie Boyer \*FD
- Crafty Divas \*FD
- Kimberly Venteicher \*FD
- Kaitlin Anderson \*FD
- Krystal Enderle \*FD
- Amber Lippon \*FD
- Krista Osborn \*FD
- Kayla Beachler \*FD
- Leslie Whitehair \*FD
- Cindy Jones \*FD
- Kristopher Fiore \*FD
- D.N. Acres \*FD
- Nancy Faber \*FD
- Candy Galbraith
- Mark Koedam
- Anonymous

## Yearlings (\$100 +)

- Spencer Women of Today
- Koenig Creations \*GC
- Mark & Susan Drefke \*GC
- J & T Parsons \*GC
- NSG \*GC
- Hondo's Sales & Service \*GC
- New Tec \*GC
- Midwest Land Management \*GC
- Aldon Construction Co \*GC
- Annon \*GC
- Snook's Carpet of Okoboji \*GC
- Quail & Lyon \*GC
- Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis
- Vern Hammerstrom
- Charlene Ackerman \*FD
- Jodi Pfeiffer \*FD
- Breidinger Snow Removal \*FD
- Joyce Ackerman \*FD
- Sid & Pam Stevens \*FD
- Natalie Potrament \*FD
- Paul Hockett \*GC
- Hopkins Insurance \*GC
- Wedeking Excavating \*GC
- Mr. Drain Man \*GC
- Gary Ries \*GC
- Red Brick Farms \*GC
- Daisy Dois Dog Grooming \*GC
- Denny Barrick \*GC
- Jon Abbott \*FD
- Holly Jensen \*FD
- Dennis Cermak \*FD
- Valerie Masbo
- Arnold Motor Supply \*B
- Marlys Graettinger

## Juveniles (\$300+)

- Luisa Winkowitsch \*FD
- Rick Irgens \*FD
- Don Pierson Ford Lincoln \*B

## Juveniles (\$600+)

- Josh Nelson

## Golden Years (\$1,000+)

- Randy Koenig \*GC
- Spencer Knights of Columbus

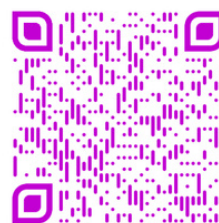
## Grants Received

- Valero Benefit For Children Grant

## Get Involved



*Know someone who would benefit? Share this info:*



## Donate Now



FD = Fund Drive Contributor  
GC = Golf Classic Contributor  
B = Bingo Contributor