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# ANNUAL REPORT



**CHARLIE FIVE**  
*horses for human healing*

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# 2018

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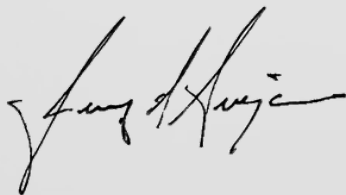
# Thank You!

As we reflect on all the amazing things that took place in 2018 I am reminded that none of it would be possible without the kindness, generosity, and support from you. Not only were we able to build an adequate facility where horse training can take place, but we established stronger relationships with the communities that we have become a part of. To top that off, we have begun fulfilling our mission to provide equines to veterans so they may further engage in horsemanship. We're changing lives!

This past year we donated two equines to veterans and the feeling was indescribable! We watched the faces of Melissa and Eric light up with hope and heard their voices fill with purpose. We are proud to say the equines and veterans are making progress and they are having a positive impact in each other's lives.

Every day we are driven to work harder, be better, and continue moving forward because we truly believe in the power of horsemanship to challenge and inspire our nation's heroes to be leaders again. Our mission would not be possible without everyone out there who believes in the same and we look forward to showing you more results in the future. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Founder and Executive Director

# We're thankful for our partners!



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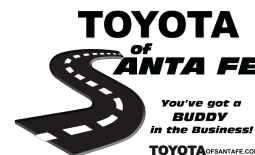
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# ABOUT US

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At Charlie Five, we believe in the power of horsemanship to challenge our nation's heroes to become leaders again.

Charlie Five Inc. is a federally registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides sound, quiet, and gentle equines and equine training to veterans and equine assisted therapy programs at no cost.

Founded by Iraq War Veteran, Jeremy Svejcar and his wife Rose, Charlie Five was established after he completed an intense, 3-phase program designed to reintegrate, challenge and drive Veterans to success

Our mission is to provide Veterans with purpose and perpetuate growth of equine assisted therapy programs while raising awareness for organizations that challenge and inspire our nation's combat veterans.

# OUR TEAM

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Jeremy Svejcar  
Founder and Executive Director

Rose Garcia  
Co-Founder

Kelsey Cook  
Board Member

Kyle Linker  
Board Member

# OUR THEORY

Equine-assisted therapy programs are growing because they work. From Veterans with PTSD to children with developmental disabilities, lifelong horse lovers already know that once a horse gets a hold of your soul it's almost as if the rest of the world goes away.

WE ARE GRATEFUL  
FOR ALL THE  
HORSE HAS DONE  
FOR US AND WILL  
CONTINUE TO DO.

# OUR OBJECTIVES

- Provide Veterans with purpose and perpetuate growth of equine-assisted therapy programs.
- Provide horses at no cost to Veterans and equine-assisted therapy programs.
- Provide training, initial boarding facilities, and equipment for training to most equines.
- Raise awareness for programs that challenge and inspire Veterans to overcome obstacles.





"Cooper the Mustang"

## ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHTS

Two successful donations of equines to veterans Melissa and Eric in Texas and Colorado.

5 Star Equine Products dedicated their 30-minute episode of the Chris Cox Show to showcase Charlie Five and our mission.

The Journey Home Project has continued to be of incredible support to Charlie Five. The organization, founded by Charlie Daniels, provided a grant for \$20,000 to enable us to purchase a horse trailer.

Jeremy graduated from the Semper Fi Fund Apprenticeship Program that provided funding, mentoring, and other resources to Charlie Five.

Charlie Five was represented at The Reynolds & Reynolds Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans (EBV) at Texas A&M University through the support of the Semper Fi Fund Apprenticeship Program. Seen as the capstone to the apprenticeship program, EBV tied together lessons learned, increased knowledge and extended our network.

We recorded a couple podcasts with some pretty amazing hosts, Jason Swick of Let Freedom Rein Podcast, and Paige Landau of Deviation Podcast.

We had a round pen delivered to a Veteran in Montana. He will be someone that will help us train horses in the future.

Increased our veteran volunteer opportunities and have secured two veterans (one local) that will help the organization.

Increased Facebook following from 291 followers to 1,705 and increased Instagram following from 331 to 760 followers.

**WE SUCCESSFULLY PROVIDED EQUINES TO TWO OF OUR NATION'S HEROES AND HAVE CONTINUED TO SPREAD THE WORD OF HOW THE HORSE HAS THE POWER TO CHANGE A LIFE.**



Eric Lynn walking Dunkin shortly after knee surgery

# MELISSA & COOPER

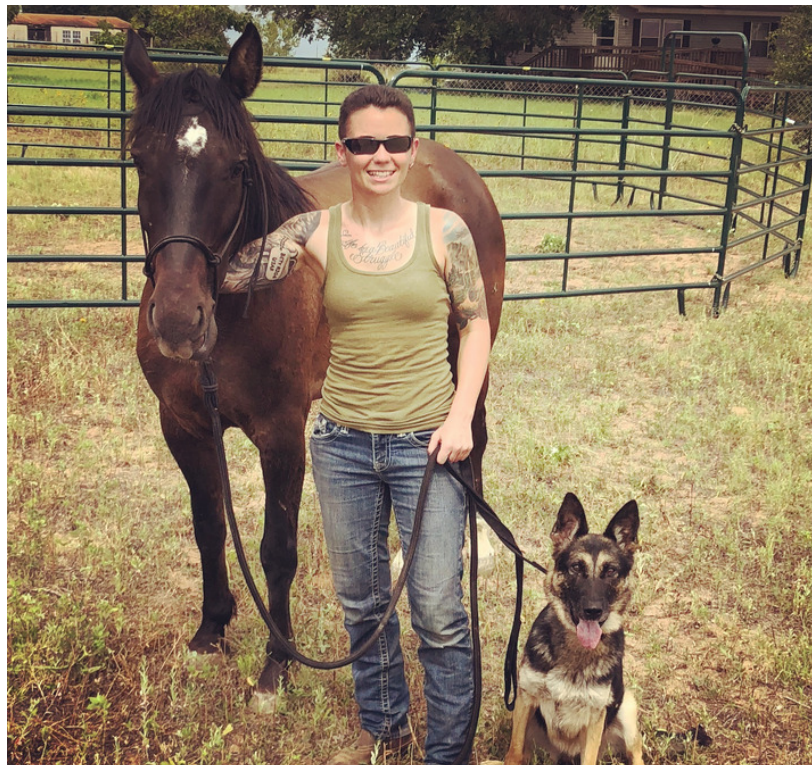
SSgt Melissa Schmalhorst retired from the United States Air Force in 2018. During her career she served as a Military Working Dog Handler and Law Enforcement Patrolman. She deployed 3 times in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation New Dawn.

She spent her childhood in North Carolina and Missouri and began riding horses at age 9. During college she competed in the Equestrian Team and Ranch Horse Team at Missouri State University. She never let the military get in the way of spending time with horses. While stationed in Montana she helped guide hunts on horseback, showed horses and worked horses in the sale barn.

Following her retirement, she moved out of the city so that she could adopt a mustang and get to work. She just started saving money for corral panels, the horse, feed, etc. when this opportunity presented itself.

Our partner, Kelsey Cook of Dream Horse AZ in Tucson Arizona, asked if we might know of someone we could get this horse to; "Someone with some experience that can take him in any direction." The timing was just right for Cooper, a 5 year old mustang gelding that had been started under saddle by her husband, Jeff. The mustang needed someone that had the time and ability to spend with him and Melissa was just the person--the perfect match for Cooper.

On June 17, 2018, with the help of the Jinx McCain Horsemanship Program (JMHP), we were able to deliver Cooper to Melissa. The JMHP was already travelling in that direction so Jeremy and Cooper hitched a ride to the San Antonio area where the transition took place.



Cooper, Melissa & her retired working dog, Bety R204

**"WHEN I'M WITH  
YOU, ALL THE PAIN  
GOES AWAY."**

**- SSgt Melissa Schmalhorst**

Since that day Melissa and Cooper have made significant progress together. She has brought Cooper along to a place where he lopes on a loose rein, trails cows with confidence, and lays down on command. She has expressed that Cooper has helped her build confidence and helped her move forward. He gives her the strength and purpose to get up and tackle life on a daily basis. It truly is an incredible sight seeing them work together and we couldn't ask for a better outcome.



# ERIC AND DUNKIN

We met Eric Lynn at his booth at Cowboy Christmas in December in Las Vegas, Nevada. From tack to panniers, Eric's business, Mountain Ridge Gear, designs and manufactures tack and equipment specifically for the use on mules and donkeys. Not only does Eric make the equipment, he also adopts wild burros from the Bureau of Land Management and trains them to use as pack animals. He uses the equipment he makes to ride into the wilderness and escape the minutiae of life and get back to basics.

From Operation Desert Storm, all the way around the world and back in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Eric has seen it all in his 24 years of service in the U.S. Air Force. He joined the enlisted corps in 1986 and retired as a Major in 2010. During his career he says, "In the military I gained an affinity for rugged, functional gear that is made to last." And Mountain Ridge Gear was born.

We never anticipated giving Dunkin to a Veteran, it just turned out that way. Dunkin was Jeremy's project while he apprenticed with a trainer in Wyoming. Dunkin is where it all started, he was the first equine we had and our start revolved around getting things set up for his arrival in February 2017. During his time with Charlie Five, Dunkin's job was to help Jeremy maintain and hone his skills working with equines. Dunkin was certainly a challenge, and one that was needed to keep Jeremy moving forward but his training and work slowed as other horses came into the program and seemed to absorb the majority of time Jeremy had to work.

Knowing that Dunkin needed a job to keep his mind and body healthy, the connection with Eric was made. Eric agreed that Dunkin needed a job and that he would be able to provide him with just that.



Eric with Dunkin at his home in Colorado

We delivered Dunkin shortly after Independence Day, 2018 and since then both, Eric and Dunkin have thrived. Eric has been able to work with Dunkin on a regular basis and even taken him for a pack trip up in the Wind River Range in Wyoming. "Dunkin is a great pack mule. You can tell he loves carrying a load and is conscious of where he is putting his feet. I love working with him."

While Eric already had equines, Dunkin has presented him with a special challenge in training him to become comfortable being ridden. Eric and Dunkin are working diligently toward their goal. In this scenario we are proud that we were able to provide the equine with an opportunity to have purpose and the Veteran the challenge of an attainable goal.

Since the beginning, Eric and Mountain Ridge Gear has been instrumental in the growth and support of Charlie Five. We are extremely proud to have them as partners!

Follow Eric and Dunkin on:  
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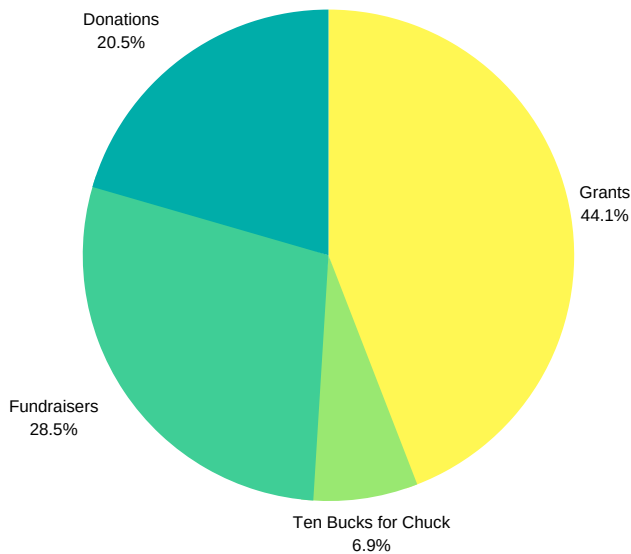
# BUDGET BREAKDOWN

## CARRIED OVER REVENUE FROM 2017

\$10,043

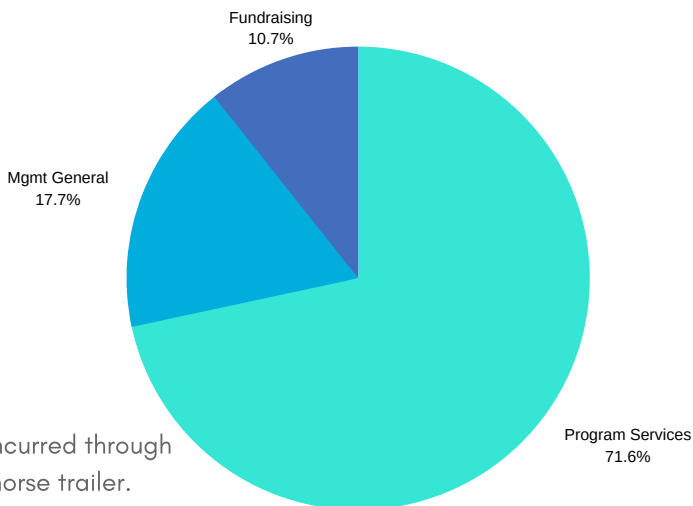
## 2018 REVENUE

Grants	\$22,500
Ten Bucks for Chuck	\$3,504
Fundraising	\$14,353
Donations	\$10,646
<b>Total 2018 Income</b>	<b>\$51,003</b>



## EXPENSES

Program Services	\$46,455
Mgmt General	\$11,479
Fundraising	\$6,919
<b>Total 2018 Expenses</b>	<b>\$64,853</b>



\*\$3,407 deficit incurred through purchase of the horse trailer. Trailer is now owned outright.



Jeremy being interviewed by Chris Cox at his ranch in Wyoming



Charlie Five's new 4 Star Horse trailer funded by The Journey Home Project



Genevieve Allen, Bronco Jr., & AJ Johnston at the 2018 Cowboy Gala



Jeremy with Sharon Camarillo and Bobby Mote at the Priefert Booth at Cowboy Christmas





Picking up "Cooper the Mustang" from Dream Horse Arizona before he was delivered to Melissa.

THERE IS SOMETHING  
ABOUT THE OUTSIDE  
OF A HORSE THAT IS  
GOOD FOR THE INSIDE  
OF A MAN.

*Winston S. Churchill*

## 2019 GOALS

- Increase program awareness through continued outreach and networking at community and equine related events.
- Retain and grow volunteer base to provide opportunities for individuals and organizations.
- Increase fundraising success to enable further growth and outreach
- Increase program success and expand program reach and recipients to include the first responder community

**WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF HORSEMANSHIP TO  
CHALLENGE AND INSPIRE OUR NATION'S VETERANS  
TO BECOME LEADERS AGAIN; PROVIDING PURPOSE,  
DEVELOPING TRUST AND ULTIMATELY  
"BRINGING THEM HOME".**



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