

# Annual Report

September 2023 - August 2024



## We are on a mission...

To foster horse and human connections, specifically for those with disabilities, through therapeutic riding and horsemanship. To bring hope, healing and happiness to all those who participate in our programs.

**2,663**

Volunteered  
Hours

**40**

Weekly  
Riders

**11**

Therapy  
Horses

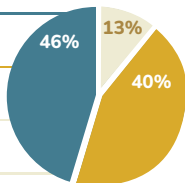
## Revenue

Grants & Donations **\$144,652**

Fundraisers **\$127,413**

Programs **\$40,761**

Other **\$2,628**

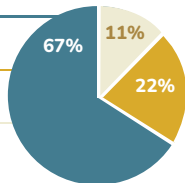


## Expenses

Program **\$236,403**

Horse Care **\$75,740**

Administration **\$38,235**



## Top Grants

Anonymous  
Fund  
**\$25,000**

Lightner Sams  
Foundation Inc  
**\$15,000**

Walmart  
**\$6,900**

CoServ Charitable  
Foundation  
**\$5,000**

Scheel's Holiday  
Donation  
**\$5,000**

Byrne Family  
Foundation Trust  
**\$4,000**

## Fiscal Year Totals

(September - August)

FY	Revenue	Expense
2023	\$315,453	\$350,377
2022	\$328,729	\$335,642
2021	\$197,966	\$224,612
2020	\$197,022	\$188,557
2019	\$186,336	\$205,600

## WishList

**Outdoor Arena Roof**  
\$500,000

**4-Seat Golf Cart or Mule**  
\$18,000

**Paddock Footing**  
(to address drainage issue)  
\$24,000/Paddock

"My shy, anxious, introverted daughter, who doesn't like being outdoors or exercising or talking to new people and had zero interest in getting on a horse, arrived at New Hope for the first time and 90 minutes later couldn't stop talking and smiling." - **Denise Bruzzone, Virginia's Mom**

New Hope Equine Assisted Therapy

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## A Word from our Founders:

Since the inception of our center, we have been committed to providing a safe, nurturing environment where individuals of all ages and abilities can experience the profound benefits of equine-assisted therapy: from helping children and adults with physical disabilities develop strength and coordination, to offering emotional support to children, veterans and adults with mental health challenges. Your support means the world to us and to the many lives we touch. - **Sharla and Dave Kershen**



## Enjoy the stories of our friends and their New Hope



### Meet Margaret the Rider

Margaret lives with Cavovarus foot deformity and walks with braces. She also has Charcot-Marie-Tooth disorder and developmental delay. Margaret doesn't let anything stop her; she steers her favorite horse, Rain, through obstacles and uses her legs to encourage Rain to go forward and to trot. She loves Spanish fans and is holding her favorite pink one in the picture.

### Honoring Missy the Horse

Missy, Our Gentle Healer, crossed the Rainbow Bridge this summer. Her calm demeanor and reassuring presence gave people the space to find strength, express vulnerability, and ultimately heal. Missy stood as a steady presence—a true companion to all whose lives she touched. With each soft nicker and every graceful step, she offered something that words could never fully express: unconditional love, unwavering patience, and a profound understanding of the heart.



### Meet Tonya the Veteran

Tonya is a medically retired, disabled Air Force veteran diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis during 2005 and paralyzed from the nose down in 2010. "This was a very dark period, and I wanted to quit many times," Tonya said. At New Hope, she met Cyclops, a one-eyed horse that "won my heart in seconds. He had no idea what disabled meant, and instantly licked me and my wheelchair. Since then, Tonya has progressed to using a walker and transitioned from ground work to horseback.

### Meet Dan the Volunteer

New Hope blogger and volunteer, Dan, has done a wonderful job the past few years telling our special story and recording all things New Hope: from writing participant, horse and volunteer highlights, to helping promote our fundraising, Dan never skips a beat. He says, "Equine therapy is therapy for volunteers too...It may not be magical, but something happens when one enters the little universe we call New Hope."



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Partner with us to raise funds so children like Virginia and Margaret, and Veterans like Tonya, can experience the joy and freedom that happens when they bond with their equine partners.