

THE HOOF BEAT

HORSEPOWER Newsletter

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Important Forms

New and Returning Client Forms

Under Resources Tab:

<https://horsepowersf.com/resources>

Volunteer Forms

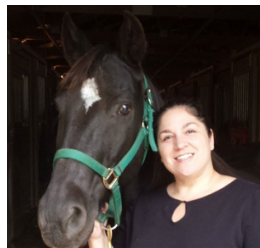
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Meet our Board

HorsePower could not run without our amazing board of directors.



Marisa Draper is our Treasurer. Marisa joined the HorsePower Board of Directors in 2018. Prior to that, she was the Director of Finance and Administration at HorsePower from 2008 - 2017. During the time she worked at HorsePower, she received her Associates Degree in Business Management from Dakota State University, and

her Bachelors Degree in Accounting from the University of South Dakota. She is currently the Finance and Human Resources Manager at The Carroll Institute, in downtown Sioux Falls. A life-long lover of horses, and a decades-long supporter of non-profits, she is happy to lend her accounting and HR skills to HorsePower, now, as a board member. She presently serves as the Treasurer for the Sioux Empire Society for Human Resource Management as well. She and her family reside in the rural Garretson area, and farm in Miner County, South Dakota, as she is a 4th generation farmer as well!

Our 4 Legged Friends

It takes a very special horse to be a therapy horse.

Arya is a 18 year old dark bay quarter horse. She was donated to our program in October of 2022.

She took a little longer to settle into her surroundings due to her missing an eye from a previous unknown injury. She has been used in a few sessions now and is loved by all her riders. Her missing an eye does not hinder her one bit!

Arya's favorite things to do are run and hang out with her best friend Poco!



Important Dates

- Fall session is August 14th - October 5th.
 - We will be closed Monday September 4th for Labor Day
- Registration Deadline for Winter session is September 7th, 2023.
- Volunteer Training/Refresh August 4th 5:30pm - 7:30pm

2023 Schedule

- Fall: August 14th - October 5th
 - Time off for Labor Day September 4th
- Winter II: October 16th - December 7th



Client Spotlight

In this section we will put focus on some of our wonderful clients and their stories. We are in awe everyday by the strides our clients make.



Avery has been a client of HorsePower for 6 ½ years, she started when she was just 2 years old. She started with HorsePower after her mom had done some research on how Hippotherapy can help those with Avery's diagnosis. Avery said her favorite parts about being in Hippotherapy are getting to do all the fun challenges and games. Her favorite horse is Rainey because, "he is so sweet and I have had a lot of fun times with him!" When asked what her favorite memory has been, Avery's mom said, "After Avery had to take several months off due to a surgery, we came back to HorsePower, to Tammy, her OT and her volunteers being excited to see her, it was like returning to family!" Tammy Doan, Avery's Occupational Therapist here at HorsePower, said "Avery gives 100%, both in her efforts during hippotherapy and in her interactions with others. Avery works so hard but at the same time, she keeps us all smiling and laughing." When asked how HorsePower has helped her, Avery said, "By being able to do things that I might not have been able to do before and overcoming my fears!"



Blue Jeans & Bling

This year's Blue Jeans & Bling, held on May 25th at the Minnehaha Country Club, thanks to Jayne Solberg, was our most successful fundraiser yet! Apart from the pleasure of meeting with our supporters, the wonderful food and great music by The Barn Flies, we were able to surpass our fundraising goal by \$10,000. Through ticket sales, general donations, a silent auction with over 34 packages and more, the night was filled with fun and funds raised! This money will be used to fill our Scholarship Fund, care for our horses, volunteer events and other financial needs out at the barn! A new addition to our event this year was a live auction conducted by none other than Chuck Sutton of Sutton Auction. We prioritized raising funds for a new shelter for our horses and raised over \$5,000 for this specific goal! We look forward to purchasing the materials soon and hopefully being able to build not 1 but 2 shelters for our horses! Be sure to keep an eye out for our event next year!

We could not be more appreciative of all those who donated, sponsored or came out in person to support us. We could not do what we do without you! THANK YOU!!!!

RESALE LIVING, Budget Blinds, Dakota Digital, Tim & Nancee Sturdevant, Julie Rentschler with Hegg Realty, G&H Distributing

BeeFit Yoga, Bee Loved Kitchen, Landscape Garden Center

NAI Sioux Falls - Michael Martin, US Bank, Restaurant Equipment Repair, Bagel Boy, OsteoStrong, Mitchell Counseling & Consulting, Shaykett Appraisal Company, Inc, Edward Jones - Nick Seliski

Goebel Printing, Pride Neon

Wish List

- For the volunteers
 - Individual snacks
 - Popsicles
 - Bottled Water
- For the horses
 - FLY SPRAY - Bronco brand
 - Lead ropes
 - Shavings for stalls
 - Rubber feed pans
 - Gift cards
 - Tractor Supply or Fleet Farm
- For the office
 - Epson 822 xl printer ink
- Miscellaneous
 - Dry Cat Food

All wish list items can be dropped off at the farm M-Thurs. 9-5 or mailed to us

Go to Amazon.com, click on Registry along the top, in the find registry box type in HorsePower, select "Gift List", hit search, Find the list titled HorsePower SF Wish List.

DONATIONS

You can donate on our website

(<https://horsepowersf.com/donate>) by clicking the donate button in the upper right hand corner.

Special Olympics

State Equestrian Meet in Huron, SD



On July 10th, 2023 some of our riders participated in the Equine Special Olympics at the state fairgrounds in Huron, SD. We were able to take 10 riders and 6 horses. Our riders competed in English Equitation and

Working Trail. English Equitation clients are judged on how they sit in the saddle, how they hold their reins and how well they control their horse at a walk and trot. They are also asked to back their horses. In English Equitation HorsePower riders received; 1 bronze, 4 silver and 5 gold medals! The Working Trail consists of riders moving their horse through an obstacle course. This year a few of the things the clients had to do were move rings from one pole to another, go over a bridge and move a bean bag from the mailbox to a bucket. Our medal count for Working Trail was; 3 bronze, 2 silver and 4 golds! In total our riders brought 4 bronze, 6 silver and 9 gold medals home! Max, a participant in this years Special Olympics, said his favorite part of the Special Olympics day was getting to trot and hanging out with everyone all day.

We are so proud of all the hard work these riders have put in over the summer. They all did so incredibly well. This day would not have been possible without the amazing help of our volunteers, thank you to all who came out to support our riders!!

Upcoming Events

VOLUNTEERS REFRESH/TRAINING

We will be having another volunteer refresh/training day. This will be for all volunteers. Past and current volunteers can come have a refresh of our volunteer policies and new volunteers can come see what is all needed to volunteer with us. This will take place on Friday August 4th from 5:30pm - 7:30pm here at HorsePower. If you are interested in participating please message coordinator@horsepowersf.com

Note from the Staff

Summer session has flown by! Our riders have put in so much work this past session, we are so proud of them! We are so happy we got to meet so many clients over the summer and can not wait to see them again next year. We want to thank everyone who sponsored, donated or attended our Blue Jeans & Bling event, with out all of you we would not have the program we do today!

Austin, Lacy & Kim