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HORSEPOWER Newsletter

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The Newsletter is Back!!

A lot has happened since our last newsletter! HorsePower has moved to a new location at Benson Equestrian Center, welcomed a new Executive Director, Mindy Hill, and added a new PATH Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor, Caroline. We've hosted two very successful fundraising events, welcomed new horses into our herd, and returned to full session programming. Looking ahead, we're also excited to explore the launch of new programs in the the coming year.



New Faces of HorsePower



Mindy Hill serves as the Executive Director at HorsePower, a role she stepped into after years of involvement as a parent, special events volunteer, and board member. Her family joined the program in 2016 when her daughter began riding, and she later helped launch the annual Blue Jeans & Bling fundraiser. Mindy is also a flight nurse with Sanford AirMed and serves on the Tri-Valley School Board. Mindy is grateful to serve alongside the dedicated staff, board members, volunteers, and therapy horses who make HorsePower's mission possible.



Jenny Eggers serves as a member on our Board of Directors. She lives in Brandon, South Dakota, with her husband, Josh, and their four children, Zayden, Olive, Kinley, and Stein. She serves as the President of Rising Rock Rodeo Bible Camp. She and her husband founded and operate 605 Roots where she is also a Certified Life Coach and Draper Therapy Practitioner with a passion for helping others find healing and hope. Jenny joined HorsePower in the Spring of 2025 as our Therapeutic riding instructor and then joined the board shortly after. Her favorite part about being a board member is helping HorsePower grow and expand its reach.

Wish List

- NEEDED!
 - Bottled water for our volunteers
 - Snacks for volunteers
- For the office
 - Epson 822 xl printer ink

We have a new wish list portal! You can find it at:
<https://giftful.com/wishlists/0J4VqZgmpNLjTHyH7IKB>

Or scan the QR code below



DONATIONS

You can donate through our Venmo account or on our website.

Venmo QR Code



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All physical donations can be dropped off at the barn Monday -Thursday 9 -5 or mailed to us.

Events

Harnessing Hope



In April, we hosted a capital campaign event, Harnessing Hope, where we shared our vision for the future of HorsePower and invited those who believe in our mission to help us take the next steps forward. It was a powerful evening filled with connection, inspiration, and a shared commitment to expanding our impact for those living with disabilities. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, the evening included a remarkable \$60,000 matching gift, doubling the impact of donations made that night. We are deeply grateful to everyone who attended and contributed. Because of your support, we are one step closer to realizing the future of HorsePower.

Blue Jeans & Bling: The Black Tie Edition

This year at Blue Jeans & Bling we celebrated 40 years of HorsePower! With more than 170 people in attendance, the evening was filled with meaningful connections, inspiring stories, great music, wonderful food and shared purpose. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we raised over \$9,600 through auctions alone. We successfully met the \$10,000 matching gift, providing immediate funding for updated safety equipment and session supplies.



In total, more than \$60,000 was raised, making this Blue Jeans & Bling one of our highest-earning fundraisers to date. Thanks to this generosity, we can keep creating meaningful, confidence-building experiences that help our riders thrive.



Halloween at HorsePower

In October, we hosted a Halloween Trick-or-Treating event that brought the community together. We were thrilled to welcome our participants, their families, and members of the community. Guests enjoyed carnival games, visited decorated horse stalls, by both our horses and a few from Benson Equestrian Center, and grabbed treats from food and coffee trucks. We estimate that around 250 people joined in the fun, and we can't wait to do it again in 2026!



Important Dates

- New Year session is January 19th - March 6th
 - We may still have some availability so please reach out if interested in participating.
- Registration Deadline for Spring 2026 is February 13th.

2026 Schedule

- New Year
 - January 19 - March 6
- Spring
 - March 22 - May 15
- Summer
 - June 8 - August 7
 - Special Olympics - July 18th
 - Summer Showcase - August 8th
- Fall
 - August 24 - Oct. 16
- Winter
 - November 2 - Dec. 18

Other Dates of Importance

- Special Olympics Break - July 20 -24
- Blue Jeans & Bling - September 17th
- Halloween - October 23rd

Upcoming Programing

Hippotherapy

We are excited to share that Hippotherapy will be offered during our upcoming summer session. This specialized service will be available on a limited basis, as our licensed therapist will be with HorsePower for the summer only. Due to this availability, we anticipate a limited number of session openings. Summer registration will open on March 6 and close on April 16, with spots filled on a first-come, first-served basis based on scheduling availability. We look forward to expanding our services through this offering and sharing more details as registration approaches.

Veterans Retreats



Hope Reins supports service members and veterans through the power of the horse-human bond. Sessions are led by a Certified Practitioner with support from a PATH-Certified Instructor. The program combines horsemanship, mindfulness, and experiential learning to promote connection, stress regulation, confidence, communication, leadership, and peer support in a non-clinical, supportive environment.

Special Olympics

We are planning to participate in Special Olympics this year, with the equestrian event taking place in Watertown on July 18th. Riders interested in participating will be required to be enrolled in both our Spring and Summer Therapeutic Riding sessions, helping ensure consistency, skill development, and readiness for competition. In preparation, HorsePower will offer group practice opportunities throughout the first half of the year, providing participants with valuable experience riding and learning together.



Summer Showcase

To wrap up the summer session, we will host a Summer Showcase on August 8th for all clients who participate in the summer session. This will be a wonderful opportunity for riders to show their progress to family and friends.

Note from the Staff

As we look ahead to the New Year, the HorsePower staff is excited for what's to come and deeply thankful for our clients, volunteers, and supporters. Your continued trust and generosity make our work possible, and we are grateful to be part of this community.



*Mindy, Kim, Perrin,
Gracie & Caroline*