

# PRAYING HANDS RANCH

Adaptive Riding Center

A non-profit 501(c)(3) Organization

*"WHERE HORSES MAKE LIVES BETTER"*



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Thank you to all our volunteers at Holidays for Horses!

## Message from the Executive Director 2022 Recap

The beginning of a new year seems a perfect time to introduce the first issue of our on-line newsletter. Along with a “new” newsletter we are excited about other new beginnings at PHR such as collaborations with local nonprofits and becoming financially solvent; both of which will allow PHR to serve more people in our community in even more ways. While I am excited about our new beginnings, we will cherish and build on the foundation that is at the heart of PHR.

When I arrived at PHR for the first time on October 30 2021, I never dreamed that I would be spending so much time here or that my role would evolve from sidewalker to Executive Director. Over the last 10 months, as Executive Director, I have been privileged to help PHR meet new and old challenges-my time certainly has not been dull! Along the way I have had the support of so

many amazing people including a incredible group of volunteers and generous donors, without whom PHR would not exist. My gratitude for the continued support from all of you is unmeasurable! I have also had the opportunity to meet many previous instructors and volunteers and have enjoyed learning more about the origins and amazing past of PHR.

My goals for this year are to continue to build our financial stability which will allow us to plan for the future and continue much needed repairs and maintenance to our infrastructure, expand the number of clients we serve to near maximum capacity, and become a resource to serve our community in as many ways as possible with the additions of supported employment and supported volunteering.

As a volunteer, I have seen the benefits of involvement at PHR to myself and my family in addition to the clients we serve. I welcome your continued support; both in time and financial contributions. Please stop by for a visit and see how PHR is growing while our core values remain the same.

Mary Beth Chismarich  
PHR Executive Director

## Did You Know?

PHR's income is mostly comprised of individual donations. **In 2022**, we had \$163,564 in cash donations and \$10,493 of in-kind donations. Thank you for all who donated!

Scan the QR Code below to make a donation!

Donations were made memory of:

- Shirley Hanson
- Rebecca Brentlinger
- Kay Hytjan
- Penny Kennedy
- Diane Kilzer
- Mary Moes
- Cameron Rambo
- Marguerite Salsbury
- Gus Van Kirk
- Dean and Ann Weaver

## Changes at the Ranch

A new instructor in training, Taylor Henderson, joined us this month. Two new horses have joined the herd - Mexico and Perry.

Our kitchen is almost done! Thanks to everyone who helped!

Lynn, our Volunteer of the Month and IT person, has also joined the PHR Board to help plan for the future.

Lisa is now our Morale Officer - if you have ideas to make the Ranch a better place, Contact her at [Morale@PrayingHandsRanch.org](mailto:Morale@PrayingHandsRanch.org)

## Donations Last Month

In December 2022, we had \$94,774 in cash donations and \$791 in in-kind donations! THANK YOU!

To donate, scan the QR Code below to visit our donations page.



[VISIT OUR DONATION PAGE](#)

## Volunteer of the Month



Lynn is January's Volunteer of the Month - you can read more about Lynn on our website.

[READ MORE ABOUT LYNN HERE](#)

## 2022 Volunteer Hours

Volunteers make up almost all of our manpower, including our Executive Director and Volunteer Coordinator. **In 2022**, 336 people volunteered over 12,600 hours broken out as follows:

Barn Help: 452  
Board Members: 13  
Executive Director: 1,669  
Fundraising: 20  
General Help: 6,224  
Horse Handler: 3,800  
Horse Partner: 145  
Instructor Trainee: 38  
Office Work: 245

## Want to Volunteer?

We are always looking for new volunteers to work with the clients, help out around the barn, or work in the office or on a committee (like fundraising). The Ranch has a lot of maintenance that always needs done, so if you have a special skill (plumbing, electric, fencing, etc.) we can always use the help. You can volunteer online at the link below or if you have a question, contact our [Volunteer Coordinator](#).

Currently, we are looking folk that can help us with tractor and gator maintenance and repair.

**VOLUNTEER TODAY!**

## December Volunteers

In December, 55 people volunteered 690 hours broken out as follows:

Barn Help:66  
Board Members: 13  
Executive Director: 166  
Fundraising: 17  
General Help: 186  
Horse Handler: 198  
Horse Partner: 51  
Office Work:5

## 2023 Events

Our fundraising team has started planning events for 2023. So far on the schedule\*:

- **June 18** - Family Fun Day at PHR
- **September 30** - Dinner and Auction at Deep Space Event Center in Parker
- **December 3** - Holiday with Horses

\*Dates subject to change

## Meet some of our family!

**Polka Dot**



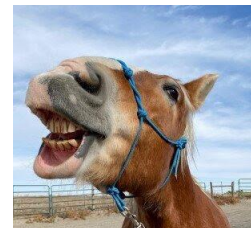
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**Rosalie**



**In Memory:  
Penny**



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