

# PRAYING HANDS RANCH

Adaptive Riding Center

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

*"WHERE HORSES MAKE LIVES BETTER"*



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New things are popping up at PHR. Thank you to our handyman Tom and volunteers from Regis Jesuit High school for constructing a new lean to in one of our paddocks!

## Message from the Executive Director

I was recently asked what my “vision” was for Praying Hands Ranch. Over the past year I have had the opportunity to think about this frequently and I have been able to condense it down to this: Praying Hands Ranch exists to serve people with disabilities and in doing so improving not only the lives of those we serve but also the lives of their caretakers, our volunteers, staff and animal partners with safety and the humane and ethical treatment of all being a requirement for all we do.

With this vision in mind our goals are:

1. To ensure that we use our resources and infrastructure to the fullest extent possible.
2. To collaborate with other organizations to utilize our resources most wisely and avoid duplicating services.
3. To be wise caretakers of our resources so they can continue to serve our community in the future.
4. To strengthen relationships with those who have supported PHR in the past and to create new relationships for the future.

We are excited about the future of PHR and feel blessed to help PHR continue its mission of service and improving lives.

Mary Beth Chismarich  
PHR Executive Director

## Did You Know?

PHR has 18 horses, 2 donkeys, 3 alpacas, 2 goats, 2 rabbits, 4 cats, 2 sheep, and multiple chickens. That is a huge feeding bill!

On average, a single horse costs \$350 to just feed per month. We will soon be starting an "adopt an animal" where you can adopt one of our fabulous animals for a monthly donation (any amount).

You will be listed as an adopter on the website next to their bio. Multiple adopters per animal allowed.

## Changes at the Ranch

We have some new faces at the ranch. Christine Schrader has joined us as the new Special Projects Coordinator and Ron Hutter has joined us as a part-time barn hand and custodian.

The kitchen has new countertops and a new sink. We are still doing some touch ups in the kitchen, but it looks great - be sure to check it out the next time you visit.

A new hot water heater and hot water recirculator were installed and the heaters in building A have been repaired.

Two new board members have joined us - Welcome Kara Kloberdanz and Lisa Uhlig!

## Donations Last Month

In January, 2023 we had \$1,650 in cash donations and \$100 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



Connie is February's Volunteer of the Month (VOM) - you can read more about Connie on our website.

[READ MORE ABOUT  
OUR VOM HERE](#)

## Donate at No Cost

Do you shop at King Soopers? Did you know you can sign up for Community Rewards and a portion of your purchase will be donated to PHR with no cost to you?

For directions on how to set up your King Soopers Community Rewards account, visit the link below.

## 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. 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.

Volunteers are needed to help with the event planning of the 2023 fundraisers. Please contact Antoinette at [Fundraising@PrayingHandsRanch.org](mailto:Fundraising@PrayingHandsRanch.org)



[King Soopers Community Rewards Directions](#)

We are also looking for an electrician to consult for a couple of hours on updating lighting around the ranch. Contact [web@PrayingHandsRanch.org](mailto:web@PrayingHandsRanch.org) if you can help!

You can volunteer online at the link below or if you have a question, contact our [Volunteer Coordinator](#).

[VOLUNTEER TODAY!](#)

## January Volunteers

**In January**, 63 people volunteered over 1094 hours broken out as follows (rounded to the hour):

Barn Help: 55  
Board Members: 39  
Executive Director: 354  
General Help: 214  
Horse Handler: 385  
Horse Partner: 26  
Office Work: 11  
Facilities Work: 4

## 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

## SWAG - PHR Logo Items

PHR now has shirts and hats available through Team360Sports - if you would like a PHR T-shirt, sweatshirt or hat, you can order [here!](#) Visit their page for color and style options.



## Meet some of our family!

**Bunny Rose**



**Preacher**



**Dusty**



**In Loving  
Memory: Spot**



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