



Oct 5, 2019

Annual Clayshoot

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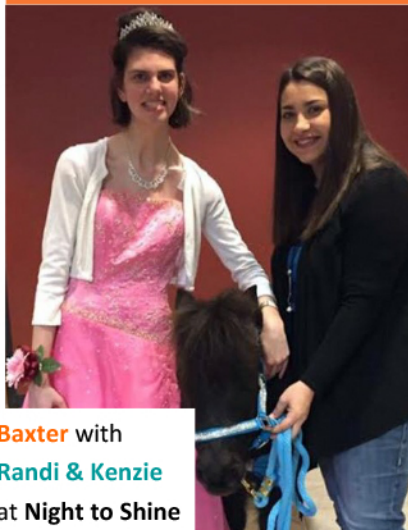
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- ◆ Nov 6: Special Olympics Equestrian

Masonic Foundation Sends Mini Horses Into Community



Baxter @ Prom



Baxter with **Randi & Kenzie** at Night to Shine

When the **Masonic Foundation** heard about the impact a mini horse like **Baxter** could have on both first graders and seniors in assisted living, they got excited.

So Executive Director **John Logan** brought **Jim Cloud**, President of the Masonic Charity Foundation Board of Directors and **Michael L. Dixon**, Grand Master of the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma to **Turning Point** with a grant of \$50,000 to fund expansion of the Mobile Mini program. A special mini trailer and a new mini named **Rosie** are ready to roll with **Baxter** now.



Baxter is My Hero!

"Dad had been at Primrose only a few days and was lonely and depressed.

I called to check on him and was surprised to hear him laughing about the little horse named Baxter who came to visit.

It was all he could talk about the rest of the week along with memories of all the horses he had owned. Making my dad happy that day was such a gift!"

Carol Jones

Literacy Program Turns Seven



The barn overflowed with **Highland Park** First Graders, their parents, teachers and volunteers on April 21 for the annual **HorseTales Field Day**.

"It was a moving experience to observe the students reading to the horses with their parents at their sides--such emotions for all involved. To put it mildly, it was a unique lesson involving academics and individual and social values."

Robert Graalman, Board President



School Superintendent Marc Moore, Rachel and School Board President Dr. Robert Graalman got a front row view

Reading to Horses, Racing Stick Horses, Ropin', Watching Dog and Pony shows, Chalking Cave Horses, Coloring Horse Markings...just a few of the activities that made learning fun!!

The , Hands and Feet of Turning Point: Volunteers!



Volunteer Impact

Nearly 200 volunteers each year help Turning Point turn. Some are here for only one semester as part of a class. Others stay for years and become part of the family

Making Time To Touch A Life

Hannah Janzen is an outstanding member of the **OSU Equestrian Team**: Most Outstanding Player twice in Hunter over Fences and Big XII Rider of the Month in Fences in November.

Despite a challenging major in Business and minoring Psychology, she is an **Academic All-American** for the National Equestrian College Athletes.

On Thursdays she volunteers with **Maggie** who idolizes her!



Watching Hannah over Fences.

"Look at this report card! Maggie beamed as she held it out for inspection. "The grades, all A's and B's and the marks for behavior are all thanks to Turning Point and Hannah." says Maggie's mom.



2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

48%
Retention

\$27
Hourly Value

How they Serve

- 2765 hours with riders
- 122 hours as Sidekicks loving horses
- 681 hours as feed team members
- 27 hours schooling horses

42x
Work Groups Served

3,781
Total Hours

753

Miles walked each week by Feed Team members caring for our herd.

"Getting to witness the impact that these horses have on the kids is so uplifting! I feel blessed to be a part of what's happening there."

Lisa Anderson

In Step With Lisa

Tuesday is **Lisa Anderson's** day at Turning Point. Like many of our volunteers, she's quite a horsewoman—**Reserve Grand Champion!**

She is less successful at figuring her favorite job at the barn. You can always find her **sweeping and mucking**...it has to be done. She's an expert **horse handler** and she's on the **Schooling Team**. But she loves **Working with Riders**. She is willing to share. Come join her! Details: turningpointriding.org/volunteer



Key Dates for Fall 2019

- August 27—Volunteer Orientation 6pm
- August 28—Horse Leader Training 6pm
- August 30—Feed Team Training 6pm

BLESSINGS: On May 21, Our Cup Flooded Over

Was it a **500 Year Flood** followed by a **100 year Flood** two days later?

What really matters is that Volunteer Coordinator **Kenzie Oefelein** got there in time to save the horses. Their heads were just above the cold, rising flood water but they swam to a trusted voice.

Facility Assistant **Cantrell Haley** grabbed tack and began dragging it to the loft. In the Classroom, everything was lifted onto the conference table.

Board members and volunteers got close with trailers and by nightfall all 12 of our equine partners were safely in "foster" pastures. Our driveway, fences, buildings and equipment remained underwater.



Then Friends Old and New Flooded in....



MIA: All our arena poles, barrels and mounting block were swept away by the current.

Staff from **Right Path Riding Academy** and **Savannah Station** Therapeutic Riding Centers cleaned tack and buckets. The **Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Program** swarmed in to do a month of mowing and weedeating in two hours. County Extension Agent **Nathan Anderson** walked the pastures then **Lyle Sallee** sprayed them for us. **PATH International** and the **OSU Center for Veterinary Sciences** helped with disaster grants. Bible School classes from Guthrie and Morrison raised funds and donations came in on **Facebook** where 148,000 viewed our flood story. Paper towels and scrub brushes arrived from Amazon. We are still facing about \$5000 in repairs and replacements but are so grateful that **P&K Equipment** serviced our tractors and mowers.

Countdown to Kids

Horses Underwater TO Horses Under Saddle



**By
August
20**

*"Between lost
revenue for summer
and the cost of repairs,
the flood is costing us
close to \$10,000!"
Rachel Royston, E.D.*

Every dollar will make a difference as we slowly service the **tractors, mowers and trailers** that were affected by the flood. In addition, despite immediately putting large fans to work, several feet of **flood-soaked drywall** in the Classroom must be replaced. And the opener for the **front gate** was destroyed so a new mechanism is on order.

A Facebook campaign has helped. A disaster grant from PATH International helped. As a non-profit we weren't eligible for FEMA. So we are still more than **\$5000 short** in covering remediation costs.

Here's How You Can Help Yourself & Us!

Hope Floats Tack Sale

August 16 & 17 8am—Noon

We have some wonderful tack that was high and dry in the loft when the floods came. We are not using it in the program right now so decided to have a tack sale to "float" some of our flood expenses. We **HOPE** you can help yourself to a couple of things that you need and help Turning Point. Watch Facebook for previews!

RIDIN' SHOTGUN

**2019
CLAY SHOOT
FUNDRAISER**

Oct 5 8am

Payne Co Fairgrounds

Individuals \$100

Teams \$500

Register:

Call Vickie at 405-762-6206

Clayshoot@turningpointriding.org



Biff and Sue Horrocks won Best Derby Attire Prizes at the pilot Derby Party for Turning Point in May.



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**#GIVING
TUESDAY Dec 3**

The Day to JOIN the TEAM
Turning Point Riding on Facebook

**Do the Kentucky
Derby with Turning
Point.!**

May 2, 2020