



Making a Difference  
Is Easy as Pie



# GIVING TUESDAY

November 30, 2021

## What's Better Than Pumpkin Pie?

A Chance to **GIVE THANKS** for 2021 **BLESSINGS** and **GIFTS!**

### What a difference a year makes!

- The barn is busy again with **DOUBLE** the number of classes
- New and **younger riders** are discovering the magic of horses
- OSU Developmental Disability students are back earning **academic credit for experience** at Turning Point
- An **enclosed arena** is nearing completion.
- BB has an amazing **new handler** who is teaching him to paint and drive and even load into the bed of a truck for a parade.
- Amazing **donors and volunteers** continue to make a difference for people facing challenges



**NEED:** more XS, S and M helmets for new, younger riders.

Click **HERE** to help more riders **SADDLE UP!** with scholarships

## When Mila met Larry...

This girl is on fire! Behold confidence:

When tiny, four-year old **Mila** first came to the barn this Fall, she was terrified at the sheer size of the horses. After tears and trembling, she finally agreed to sit on **Ginger**, our mechanical horse.

Then she worked up to letting **Larry**, her REAL horse, stand next to Ginger. Finally she plucked up the courage to get on Larry. Now she dances into the barn yelling: "**Larry, I'm here!!**" and her riding skills and confidence are blooming every week.



## New Faces:



**Kegan Herrick** served Turning Point this Fall as our first **Leadership Stillwater** intern. She brought communication skills from her day job in marketing for the **Stillwater Chamber**.



**Rachel Martin** and **Kelsie Ballew** are now **Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructors** in training. Both plan to finish mentored teaching hours under Rachel this Spring. The CTRI process is intense but this pair has the experience and skill our riders need.

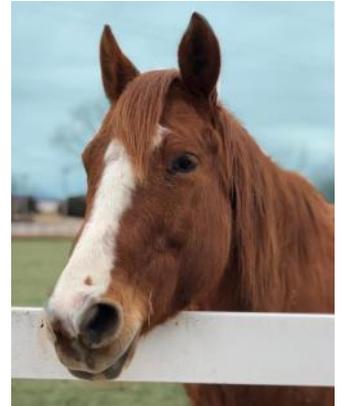
# The Woman Behind BB



While Brooke cleans and polishes, Baxter rests his head on her shoulder and sometimes munches on her pony tail.

It takes elbow grease behind the scenes to put “Just for Men” on **Baxter’s** mane and tail and polish his hooves. His handler this year is **Brooke Grindinger**, who’s been on the schooling team for FOUR years! She is also teaching him to drive a cart and paint.

# Tank Heads Home



His favorite rider, Maclain, called him: **My Beloved War Machine**

The “Big Guy” is retiring! All 17 hands of him have been a favorite for the past five years. Tank came from volunteer Lexi Hernandez with a donation from the Halihan family

Lexi got the first call to see if he could come home and she cried happy tears to say: YES!

**“I am so happy he was able to impact so many lives. I can’t think of better people to love him and be a part of his journey. But he has huge sentimental value to me as my pop’s last horse.”** Lexi Hernandez

# Emmy’s Plan to Change Stillwater



Emmy Campbell was given a \$150 grant to change Stillwater for the better. She decided Turning Point was the place she wanted to make a difference.

Emmy’s now an “On the Rail” supporter for the New Arena and is challenging others at First Presbyterian to match her gift. She came out to the Ranch to record a Facebook video for Giving Tuesday and watch a class in progress. She already has a match!

Click [HERE](#) to learn how you can follow this 11 year old’s determination to make a mark on the future.

## NAMING DONORS:

**Joe & Patti Weaver, Ron & Christine Fisher, Zelda Schnick, Todd & Kellye Johnson, Calvin & Linda Anthony, Dick & Malinda Fischer, Jim & Pamela Heley, Jim & Nancy Beckstrom are in!!**

## How Freedom Looks:

Here’s Max riding the Sensory Trail on Larry independently!

When Max comes to Turning Point, his walker stays in the barn. That big grin says: “Larry can “Walk On” for both of us! Together, we’ve got this.”



## Senior of Significance

Congratulations to Ashley Gin who’s been a Feed Team member at Turning Point for for the past two years. That means in addition to majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology, she’s making sure the horses have feed and water on the coldest and hottest days. She has been named a Senior of Significance by the OSU Alumni Association. Another great Turning Point volunteer!

## Wearing the Brand

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