



HORSE WARRIORS™

Old Bill's Fun Run Time!!!

This is Our Primary Fundraiser



Virus or not, sustaining our beloved "Teachers" is vital. "Please help feed us!" - Nubbin & Canyon

Old Bill's donations are matched at a percentage every year.

Your gifts go directly into supporting the program! Because of our huge in-kind support we have lowered our overhead costs. That means the majority of our donations go to scholarship, horse care/maintenance, and program supplies.





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Click on DONATE and type in Horse
Warriors - **THANK YOU!!**

WHO BENEFITS?

We serve approximately 100 youth and adults (families and equine professionals) each year. Students average 7-10 years in the program, graduating to become mentors for the younger Power Ponies™ and Mighty Mustangs™ riders.

Our students receive up to 250 contact hours per year in services for riding, art instruction, leadership training, mentoring, academic support (when needed), and community service.

Families improve their communication skills; youth participants develop confidence, cooperation practices, and awareness of others; and our community benefits from people learning to be kind, considerate, and inclusive.

WE TEACH KINDNESS.

Check out our impact video on You Tube:





Our **beloved horses** are our **biggest cost** and we can't reduce those cash outlays any further. Their care - feed, shoeing, emergency veterinary care, dental care and chiropractic work - costs us **\$44,000** per year.

This year we especially need your help to buy **hay, grain and the few medical supplements** that literally keep them alive and healthy. They change lives for the better every day, showing up **100%** every time we ask.

Annually we purchase: **70** tons of hay, **10** tons of pellets (for our toothless old guys), **1** ton of grain, and our daily arthritis, Cushing's, and Laminitis prevention supplements.

COVID has caused us to **limit our classes** this summer, and cancel all of our workshops that help offset the costs of our youth programs. **That has been a staggering loss of income for us.** Because of county health regulations, and the cancellation of the normal fair activities, we also were unable to offer our annual fundraiser, The White Horse Social, which is an additional income loss.

Please help us weather this disruption in helping our community members. We are committed to decades of future impact. We have been successfully providing positive, life changing experiences for 21 years - no virus is going to stop us!!

This is the **"Forever Home"** for our horses, and with all our 2nd generation riders, we are a **"Forever Learning"** spot, too!



Kieleigh gets to teach her mom, Jami, in a 2019 Mighty Mustangs™ session.

Jami also participated in Horse Warriors™ when she was in high school! Bella, age 23, patiently teaches BOTH of them about clear, compassionate communication.



Hand painted recycled horseshoes for our End-of-Summer event



Sascha and Ella celebrate the sad, short life of a young robin who flew into a window by immortalizing its anatomy and wing patterns in their program journals.

LEMONS *to* LEMONADE

We turn challenges and surprises into success!

- 1) This year's long-awaited Gymkhana had to be replaced with an abbreviated "Games Day" without the usual expense of show ribbons. Instead, students hand painted horseshoes and will adorn them with glittery gems for this year's prizes for the competition on August 22nd.
- 2) Trail rides in the park were all canceled so we rode instead on a kind neighbor's property to have some "time on the trail."
- 3) Finding a dead bird actually gave students a lovely naturalist's moment to record first hand observations about how birds move and fly.



Hay meadows and long vistas - tempting for munching, and inspiring for art!

Check us out on Instagram! Meet our horses and see daily program updates!