

**Community Grants Program
Grant Report**



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 Project Name: Scholarship Fund for Special Needs Children
 Grant Funding Amount: \$14,400.00
 Project Completion Date: June 30, 2022

Describe how the funds were used to serve Douglas County residents.

Children with special needs and disabilities who reside in income deficient households receive funds to help pay the modest tuition fees for equine-assisted adaptive and therapeutic riding. The 2021-2022 grant monies from Douglas County were applied to a scholarship fund that enabled these riders to obtain the equine-assisted services needed to improve their physical, mental, and social disabilities.

The following spreadsheet indicates the number of hours of equine-assisted services in the form of adaptive riding and Hippotherapy that were provided and the number of riders that were positively impacted.

DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY GRANT - IMPACT				
	Adaptive Riding Program		Hippotherapy Program	
	# of Hours	# of students	# of hours	# of Students
Jul-21	4	10	29	15
Aug-21	7	5	36	20
Sep-21	11	7	58	24
Oct-21	18	8	51	23
Nov-21	31	12	53	22
Dec-21	8	6	38	21
Jan-22	24	8	57	23
Feb-22	19	11	53	23
Mar-22	42	14	79	23
Apr-22	16	12	35	20
May-22	32	12	53	21
Jun-22	24	13	53	23
TOTAL IMPACT PER PROGRAM	236	118	595	258

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Describe how the organization measured the success of the program/project. Provide qualitative and quantitative measures.

Our riders with special needs progress in many different areas, so we can honestly say that each riding lesson indicates improvements in at least one area of physical, mental, or social development. In addition to the careful notes maintained by the instructors and therapists, progress is also measured by evaluations that conform to standards set by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship, Nevada Board of Physical Therapy, the American Occupational Therapy Association, and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Significant outcomes from our equine-assisted instruction are also tracked by indicators measured by our technical tools and, more importantly, as reported back to us by the medical and social services groups that support our children, their schools, and by their parents or guardians.

Provide any changes or challenges to the original project plan and how it affected the project.

As equine-assisted therapies are a year-round outdoor activity, the project ran relatively smoothly, with the only hiccup being the weather that affected the ability to provide adaptive and therapeutic riding. Excessive wind, heat, precipitation, and temperatures or poor air quality limited not only the students but the horses as well. Make-up sessions were required in some instances.

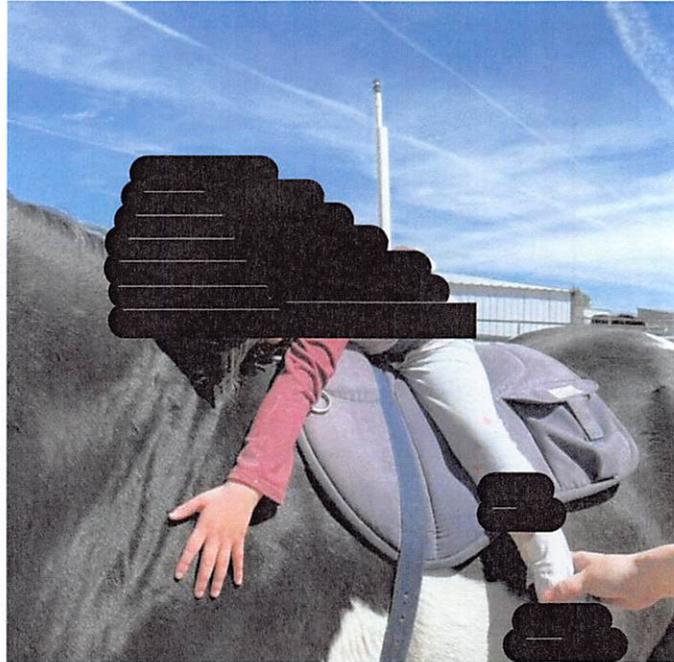
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One volunteer at Kids & Horses stated, "There truly is something magical about the ranch and how the horses bring out the best in each client."

"He loves his horse days. The peace and calm that he has when he is there is breathtaking. I'm so incredibly grateful we found this program." As told to the instructor by the rider's mom.





There is nothing better in the world than a big horse hug.