



Heaven's Gait Ranch Therapeutic Riding Center

It is the mission of Heaven's Gait Ranch to build a compassionate community that embraces individuals who recognize the need to heal and challenge their adversity to grow.

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2017 Equine of the Year at HGR: Ellie Mae

Program Horses

Ember
 Jack
 Mac
 Levi
 Simpson
 Ellie Mae

Barn Ambassadors

Goose
 Hollywood
 Carol



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Dear Family & Friends,

Thanks to your enthusiasm, generosity, and support, we hit the ground running in 2017, providing 355 lessons to individuals with special needs and disabilities within our first year of operation. With the assistance of six program horses and over 1,000 volunteer hours, our PATH Certified Instructor Micah Keshemberg conducted 225 lessons of therapeutic riding, 68 lessons of equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT Education), and 62 lessons within our Equine Services for Heroes program. Needless to say, we could not be more proud of what we have been able to accomplish together, and we are excited to keep growing in 2018.

Year one has taught us many valuable life lessons as well, such as the positive and lasting impact one life can have on so many. In an age where the media magnifies the world's turmoil and negativity, Heaven's Gait Ranch has illuminated human decency and dignity, and time and time again, we are blessed to see small acts of kindness that mean the world to our participants and their families.

Therefore, we can only hope that our updates, newsletters, and reports do justice to highlight the good that you've enabled us to do in our community because we mean it when we say, "your gift makes all the difference." Whether you called for the holidays or attended an event, or whether you donated to our programs or volunteered your time, we cannot thank you enough for your continued support.



**Cliff Ingalls Jr. proudly rides his horse Levi to the outdoor arena at Heaven's Gait Ranch with his lead walker Sarah Bichler, side walker Emily Janowski, and PATH Certified Instructor Micah Keshemberg.
Summer 2017**

You are truly changing lives, and we could not do this without you. On behalf of all of us at Heaven's Gait Ranch, thank you for an unforgettable 2017, and we look forward to seeing you in 2018.

Sincerely,

Margaret Mary McClaren
Founder, Executive Director



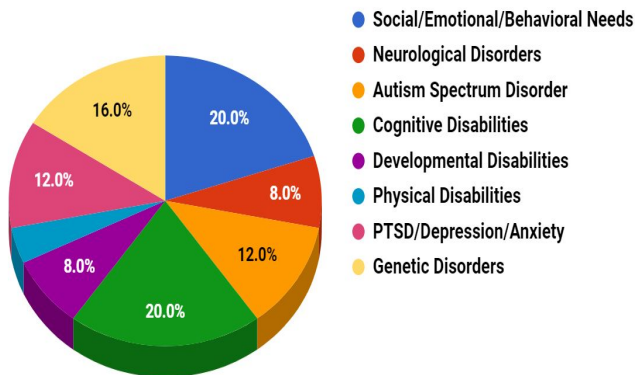
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Who We Served in 2017

Did You Know...

that last year your generosity enabled us to serve more individuals with social/emotional/behavioral needs and cognitive disabilities than any other demographic?

Primary Disabilities Served



Andy Mueller successfully finishes his ride with Jack, lead walker Gail Morrissey, and side walker Ella Jors. Fall 2017

Rider Highlight: Andy Mueller

For many reasons, one of our most memorable riders of 2017 was Andy Mueller. The kind-hearted 70-year-old came to us last summer shortly after his wife Colleen inquired about our programs. Andy looked forward to being around horses again since he and Colleen formerly owned and showed their miniature named Picasso.

Unfortunately, while battling Parkinson's Disease, Andy developed an idle tremor; however, he never let it hinder his humor around the ranch or his determination to ride. He particularly enjoyed grooming and feeding the horses at Heaven's Gait Ranch as the tasks enabled him to attend to their needs while also calming his own. By fall 2017, Andy was proud to ride Jack and Mac, ending each lesson with a beaming smile, sincere "thank you," and gentle reminder to "make sure the horses always have carrots."

Sadly, Andy took a break from riding over the holidays and passed away in January 2018. Our program horses and staff deeply miss him, so to keep his spirit of kindness and positivity alive at Heaven's Gait Ranch, we will be launching the Andy Mueller Memorial Scholarship this year, which offers assistance to individuals with special needs or disabilities who are interested in our therapeutic riding program but have demonstrated financial need that hinders their ability to participate.

To learn more about the Andy Mueller Memorial Scholarship, please call 920-400-0628 or visit our website at www.heavensgaitranch.org.



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How You Can Help in 2018

Support comes to Heaven's Gait Ranch in many forms: talented volunteers, committed families, dedicated staff, and generous donors who allow Heaven's Gait Ranch to offer programming to an increasingly diverse and growing population. You can provide support in a variety of ways:

- 1. DONATE**—at any time of the year. Donations can be made online at www.heavensgaitranch.org, by calling the farm at 920-400-0628, or by mailing a check to 940 S. Main Street, Cedar Grove, WI 53013.
- 2. HORSE SPONSORSHIP**—can be made one time, automatically donated monthly, or annually with a giving amount that you choose. \$125 provides for a therapy horse for one month. \$375 supports a therapy horse for one season. \$1,500 sponsors a therapy horse for one year.

<p>Ember</p>  <p>Anonymously Sponsored through 2018</p>	<p>Jack</p>  <p>Sponsored through winter 2018 by Wilson & Gail McClaren. Sponsorship opportunities are still available for spring, summer, and fall of 2018.</p>	<p>Mac</p>  <p>Sponsored by Jim Zirngibl & Susan Wilson through 2018</p>	<p>Simpson</p>  <p>Sponsored by Helene Meyer through 2018</p>	<p>Levi</p>  <p>Sponsor Me in 2018 Sponsorship opportunities are still available for spring, summer, and fall of 2018.</p>	<p>Ellie Mae</p>  <p>Sponsored by Ella Jors & Family through 2018</p>
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- 3. RIDER SPONSORSHIP**—can be made one time, automatically donated monthly, or annually, with a giving amount that you choose. \$45 provides a participant with one private lesson. \$405 supports a rider for one season. \$1,620 sponsors a person for one year of lessons.
- 4. CORPORATE MATCHING GIFT**—many businesses offer matching donations. Ask your employer today, or let us know if this is an option at your workplace.
- 5. LEGACY GIVING**—a gift of stocks, bonds, an estate, or planned giving gift would strengthen the longevity of Heaven's Gait Ranch and profoundly impact our future. Please visit our website or contact us regarding future needs.

Save the Date for our Upcoming Events:

- April 17th: Dine to Donate at The Stilt House in Cedarburg, WI
- May 5th: Cinco de Mayo & Derby Day Watch Party at Butch McGuire's in Chicago, IL
- June 23rd: Party in the Paddock Grill Out at Heaven's Gait Ranch in Cedar Grove, WI
- September 23rd: The Hayburner Fundraiser at Newport Shores in Port Washington, WI
- For more information, visit our website at www.heavensgaitranch.org or call 920-400-0628.