

**Stable Friendships
Foundation**

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



STABLE FRIENDSHIPS
— FOUNDATION —





OUR MISSION & VALUES



Vision

A future where every person, regardless of financial circumstance, has access to the life-changing partnership between horses and humans. We envision a community where connection comes first, therapy feels natural and empowering, and everyone has the opportunity to grow, thrive, and belong.



Mission

At Stable Friendships Foundation, we partner with horses to create meaningful, evidence-based therapy experiences that support growth, connection, and confidence. Through hippotherapy, nature-based practices, and trauma-informed care, we help individuals build skills that carry far beyond the barn.

We are committed to making these life-changing services accessible to all—regardless of financial status—so every person who can benefit has the opportunity to be supported by our herd and our team.

Core Pillars

Supporting Lasting Outcomes

Innovation Focused

Science - Backed

Wholistic

Integrative



MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we close another remarkable year at the Stable Friendships Foundation, I am filled with deep gratitude and pride. This year has been a testament to the incredible power of compassion, dedication, and community. Together, we have made a meaningful difference in the lives of the children and families we serve.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our therapists, volunteers, and donors. Your unwavering commitment and generosity have been the cornerstone of our success. Each of you has given of yourselves—your time, your talents, and your resources—to create a nurturing environment where healing and hope can flourish.

At the heart of our work is the belief that a sense of purpose can bring profound satisfaction and clarity. By focusing on what truly matters, we help those facing challenges find strength and resilience. Letting children and families know they are not alone is not just a message—it is a lifeline and a vital part of their healing journey.

As we look forward to the year ahead, let us carry this spirit of empathy and connection with us. Together, we can continue to build stable friendships that transform lives and foster brighter futures.

Thank you for being an essential part of this journey. Your support changes lives and inspires hope.

With gratitude and warmest wishes,
Randy Falco
Chairman
Stable Friendships Foundation





MATHIAS' STORY: CONNECTION THAT SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS

If you spend any time at Stable Friendships, you learn quickly that healing doesn't always happen through spoken language. Sometimes it happens through a look, a shared breath, the sway of a horse's rhythm, or the soft nudge of a muzzle offering connection before words ever arrive.

Mathias is a beautiful reminder of that truth.

When Mathias first began speech therapy at the farm, communication felt hard. Engagement came and went, and he relied mostly on gestures or simple early sounds to express himself. But Patricia, his speech therapist, saw something in him—a quiet perseverance, a spark that just needed the right environment to shine. She believed the barn could be a place where communication might feel less like work and more like discovery.

And she was right.

Over the past year, Mathias' world has opened in extraordinary ways. Perched on the back of Sunny, his therapy horse, something shifts for him. The steady movement helps organize his body; the sense of partnership helps ground his mind.



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**It Creates a kind of magic in his body.
He feels truly happy with it**

• **Mathias' Family**

“We’ve noticed many positive changes in him. He has greatly improved his eye contact, social interaction, and vocalization.”

“He has gained so much confidence. He is less impulsive and feels supported by the horse, his therapist, and the assistants. He truly loves going to his classes—it makes him shine.”

“He stays engaged in ways we’ve never seen before, and the joy he shows during his classes truly makes him shine.”

• Mathias' Family

“Watching Mathias' growth over the past year has been absolutely amazing! When we first started, engagement and focus were a challenge and communication came mostly through gestures and early vocalizations.

During Mathias' sessions riding his therapy horse, Sunny, he is now staying connected throughout the session, exploring new sounds and words, and using his iPad more purposefully to communicate more independently.”

• Patricia Steccato, M.S., M.A., CCC-SLP
Speech Language Pathologist



**Mathias' journey reminds us that when a child feels supported—
by a horse, a therapist, and a community—they don't just learn
to communicate.**

They learn to flourish.



OUR YEAR OF IMPACT

Mathias is one story - a ripple in a year filled with connection, growth and life changing moments.

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PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

38
FAMILIES SUPPORTED

1,243
SESSIONS SCHEDULED

150
SESSIONS FUNDED BY SCHOLARSHIPS

94
VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

672
EQUINE CARE HOURS



A Year of Small Moments that Became Big Progress

KATHY & CATIE

A VOLUNTEER - PARTICIPANT FRIENDSHIP



Kathy was our very first volunteer at Stable Friendships. From the moment she met Catie, a gentle and natural friendship grew. Their time together is filled with small moments of connection, shared smiles, and the simple joy of being around the horses.



Kathy loves the moments when Catie turns sideways just to face her, or reads books to the horses. Their sessions are full of sweetness and discovery. For Kathy, the barn is a place where hard days fade the moment she arrives.

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“Every time I sidewalk with Catie, I learn something new about her. She’s so open and sweet.”

— Kathy



VOLUNTEER VOICES



I long for our 'herd' when not with them. Thank you for bringing me peace and joy
-Linda



I would describe Stable Friendships as a place where, the minute you step in, you feel love — unconditional love. -Rob



It has been incredible seeing how horses are implemented into the therapy session, and just how connected they are with the clients.
-MacKenzie



It's amazing to see how holistic this practice is—working on a horse fosters a level of connection that goes beyond traditional therapy, creating profound moments for these children
-Lulu

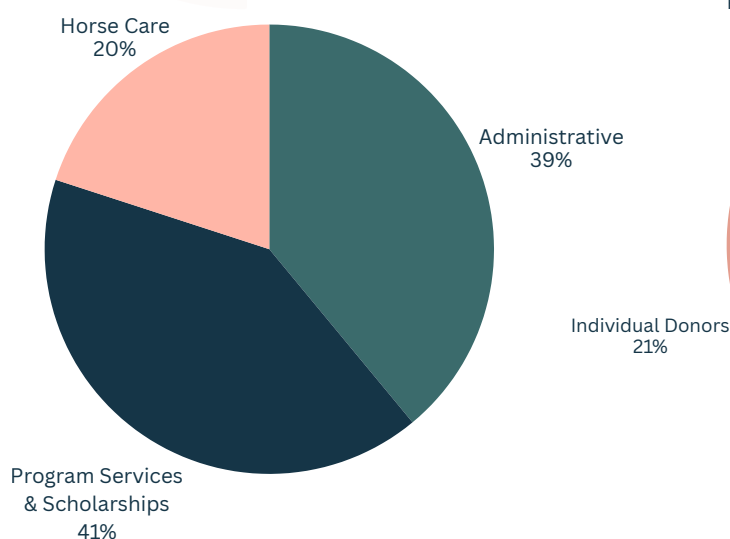
♥ Our Volunteers are the heartbeat of our barn ♥



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

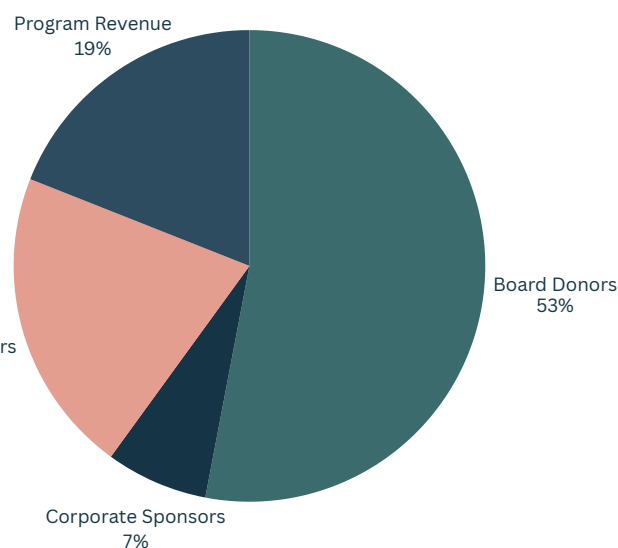
Stewardship, transparency, and impact you can trust.

Program Expenses



Total: \$246,182

Revenue Sources



Total: \$278,980

Over \$100,000
Poured into life
changing
programming

\$ 38,046
Devoted to our
horse welfare

\$246,182
Invested to
sustain our
mission

*Every dollar you give helps children grow stronger,
families feel supported, and our horses stay healthy and
ready to serve.*

THANK YOU

TO OUR FAMILIES, VOLUNTEERS & SUPPORTERS



Stable Friendships is built on community — people who show up with patience, kindness, and a shared belief in the power of movement, connection, and horses. Your support this year has lifted our mission in ways that continue to ripple through the lives of the children and families we serve.

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Our Volunteers

Thank you for giving your time, heart and presence. You truly bring the heart to our mission.

✨ **Together, we create friendships that last — and lives that shine a little brighter.** ✨