

Horses with H.E.A.R.T.



Good for the HEART Newsletter

July, 2012

♥ FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ♥

HOT OFF THE PRESS: Horses with H.E.A.R.T. ~ Chino Valley Chamber's Organization of the Month July 2012

We are so BLESSED! Tonight, I spent over two hours in bumper -to -bumper traffic, moving at a snail's pace, trying to figure out how I was going to get where I was supposed to be when all roads leading there seemed to be blocked off. Not exactly the plan I had for the evening... But during all of that time driving, I was reminded of just how blessed we are to be at our new home. We've run into a few roadblocks, but we're getting closer to where we want to be. We have peace and quiet, clean air, the breeze (ok, some call it wind) to keep us cool; and if traffic is a little hectic we just have to be patient for a few minutes. We've been busy with riding sessions, Camp Soaring Eagle, Special Olympics, Marvelous Minis, Happy Hearts Rodeo, parades and events. HwH is moving forward; we're out in the community and people are noticing.

Like my evening, not everything goes as planned, but we are where we need to be and we just need to be patient as we work towards the future. You, all of you who support us with your labor, your finances and your prayers, are a blessing to HwH and the community we serve.

Thank you for all that you do!

Pam Berry

♥ FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT ♥

Growing up in the city, I did not have many opportunities to be around rodeos. My first rodeo was a few years after I graduated from high school, when I went to one at the Western Washington Fair in Puyallup, WA. I was able to see another couple of rodeo events when I visited family in Montana. Also, my best friend and I enjoyed the Calgary Stampede years ago. Since moving to Prescott in '96, I don't think I have missed watching the World's Oldest Rodeo. I try to make it to at least one day or evening event each year, but after joining HwH and participating in the Happy Hearts Rodeo for at least the last 10 years, I believe that is my favorite night to be there.

In years past, I was part of the safety support teams that help keep our riders safe on their horses. I have led the horse or coached and always enjoyed talking to the many riders who joined us. Some had ridden before and for others it was their first time and they were loving it. This year, I was able to "watch" because I was taking pictures.

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Not only did I get to see the kids riding, but I was also able to enjoy the smiles while they rode the “wooly bully” (our hay bale bucking bull), learned to rope from real cowboys, participated in goat tail ribbon un-tying and running their fastest as they lead their stick horses through the barrel race.

I appreciate everyone who came out early — the first night of the PFD Rodeo — to cheer on these exceptional rodeo participants. To watch the kids smiles get wider and eyes light up when they heard the crowd (this year’s was the largest) cheering for them, always makes being there worthwhile. If you missed us this year, please mark your calendar for next year and come join us for the most heart-warming rodeo you will ever watch. *(Please see the photos on page 8.)*

God Bless,
Karen Richert

♥ PROPERTY UPDATE ♥

Although our progress has been slow, we are excited to see each new development of our property. Early in the year, we were contacted by Jeremy Reber who wanted to serve HwH with his Eagle Scout project. After several conversations, he made a proposal to start our permanent sensory trail course. His project would be our 1st Phase and would provide opportunity for other scouts to build elements or add future phases to the course. Phase 1 is now complete and gives our riders the opportunity to get out of the arena and hit the “Trail to Adventure”. Thank you, Jeremy, for your time and efforts. *(Please see photo on page 5.)*

Over the summer, more projects are planned. Soon the gazebo will be installed, a second arena will be added and a covered seating area will be built along the side of the covered arena. If you would like to help with any or all of these projects, please give Pam Berry (928-899-4759) or Trudy Chapman-Radley (928-713-4016) a call.

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Thank you to everyone who cared for our horses during the first part of 2012:

Pam Berry ♥ Helen Collins ♥ Lisa Cuthbertson ♥ Debbie Darnell ♥ Shelley Godfrey ♥ Hanes and Katrina Isaacs ♥ Brian and Christina McMaster ♥ Peg Millett ♥ Maureen Owen ♥ Trudy and Jim Radley ♥

We appreciate all the donations we receive of goods, services and finances. We could not run this program without your continued support!

♥ FROM THE RIDING DIRECTOR ♥

It is awesome to see all of our programs up and running again. It takes many dedicated volunteers and instructors working together to meet the needs of our riders during their one-hour riding lesson. Riders participate in a six-week riding session and their SST (safety support team) gives encouragement and support they will need to reach their goals. At the Heroes and Horses program you will see Veterans helping Veterans. At the Silver Saddle classes, riders 55 and over encourage each other to recapture their confidence to ride and care for a horse. Therapeutic riding classes are always filled with creative and exciting lesson plans that are fun and challenging for each rider. Our goal at HwH is always to encourage independent riding at each rider's own ability. Riders who reach independent skills in our arena find that it helps them to become independent in their daily activities at school, work and at home.

The 2nd Session is now over. In talking with parents and riders, they all enjoyed learning new riding skills, horse care and even participated in a judged horse show at the last class. It is always exciting to see how riders take their riding skills and put it all together for a successful show. All riders received ribbons, pats on back and job well done. Encouragement to keep them moving forward and some may go on to become a member of the HwH Special Olympics team, a drill team or taking a trail ride with family or friends. Encouragement is the key to helping our riders want to keep riding at Horses with HEART.

3rd session will start the week of August 13th. By then, school will be back in session. Remember to register early, the after-school classes fill up fast. For all new riders, Registration Forms are online at www.horseswithheart.org Please mail forms to Horses with HEART, PO Box 2427, Chino Valley, AZ 86323. I personally will contact all riders prior to starting classes for an evaluation meeting.

HwH and the Prescott Frontier Rodeo Association teamed up again this year for the Happy Hearts Rodeo that was held on July 28th on the evening of the first performance of *The World's Oldest Rodeo*. A total of 25 children, 12 and under, with special needs, enjoyed this wonderful rodeo event. These young contestants enjoyed the excitement of five rodeo events: horseback riding, goat tying, woolly bully, stick horse race and steer roping. Each event was great fun and put smiles on their faces. It brought tears of joy to everyone watching. Our team of 30 volunteers worked together to keep this event safe and fun for everyone. Thank you to PRA and all of our dedicated volunteers for making this night of dreams come true for our special kids. (Please see photos on page 8.)

The HwH Rodeo parade float was another opportunity to educate the community that therapeutic riding has been around since 1969. Today, horseback riding is widely recognized as one of the most therapeutic forms of recreation for people with special needs. HwH has been serving Yavapai county since 1993. All of our instructors have instructor certification from PATH Intl. or CHA. We welcome you to visit our center ***"The Gateway to Chino Valley"***, 2705 S. Hwy 89, CV. Our gates are always open to visitors, and we enjoy sharing free ranch tours for schools and organizations. Call for an appointment at 928-533-9178.

July is another busy month with ***"Happy Trails Horse Experience"*** the weeks of July 10-12 and July 17-19. At these programs, we strive to educate our riders in horse safety, horse care, riding skills, gymkhana games, to develop better social skills and to have lots of fun during this three day-half day event. Again this year, we will be teaming up with YouthStep volunteers who will bring their talents and energy into our arena and sharing with our special riders. It's always lots of fun for both volunteers and riders.

Horse News — When our horses reach retirement age, we strive to place them into the best of care situation for the remaining years they have. **Popcorn** came to HwH at the age of 18 and she just retired at this month at 26 years old. Popcorn has carried many HwH riders for the past 7 years. We are pleased to say she now living with another senior horse and together they are becoming pasture buddies. I want say thank you to Lila Farr for adopting Popcorn into her family and giving TLC to this special horse in her remaining years. (See photos to the right.)



Popcorn and Lila



Snazzy & Butchie

Snazzy, our wonderful Quarter Horse on loan to us from Pam Berry all these years, has also retired. He started at the Whistle Stop Ranch and then served HwH for eleven years. He is a very special horse. He could “sense” when riders were about to have seizures or needed an extra gentle ride. He is a favorite of many riders and was often the first horse Special Olympic riders learned to lope on. We wish him well in his retirement.

Mo, our big Shire horse, has also retired. It is important that all our horses are happy and enjoying their work at HwH. Mo was showing signs of stress and not being used to his full potential. I am happy say that finding a new retirement home came quickly.



Lisa and Mo

Mo is enjoying retirement in Dewey with Lisa Cuthbertson as his new owner. Lisa and Mo are taking care of each other and I know they will enjoy many years together. (See Photo to the right.)



Roanie

Roanie is one of our new horses who has been accepted and adopted into our herd of wonderful horses. Thank you to Colleen Pouquett and Paul Robert for donating Roanie to HwH. You can be sure Roanie is appreciated and loved by all our riders and volunteers. (See Photo to the left.)

Maggie and Fonzie are two more new horses who are now being used in all of our programs. Before adoption takes place we must make sure horses enjoy this type of work and respond to the riders. Horse evaluations may take up to 90 days. During this time, we must make sure these horses are sound, gentle, reliable and responsive to the unique needs of our riders. Not every horse enjoys this type of work. Therapeutic horses are care-givers and accept our riders for their abilities, not their disabilities. It is wonderful to see this connection between horse and riders and the friendships that grow with every ride.

Instructor News — Lisa Cuthbertson has been one of our PATH instructors for the past 6 years and is taking a break from instructing at HwH this next year. Lisa has touched the lives of many riders and her passion for helping people with special needs will be missed. Thank you, Lisa, for your time, support and dedication to Horses with HEART. Happy Trails to you! (See Photo.)



Lisa Cuthbertson

Organization, schools and businesses that have Teamed up with Horses with HEART —

- ACDB – Arizona Center for the Deaf and Blind – Students with visual and hearing impairments
- Ascend School – Students with Autism
- Bob Stump VA Medical Center, Prescott – Veterans
- Camp Opportunity–Foster Children
- Camp Soaring Eagle–Seriously Ill Children
- CASS–Central AZ Special Services, Inc.
- Humboldt Schools–Mountain View School and Liberty Traditional School
- Intermountain Day Program
- Sterling Ranch Skull Valley
- Yavapai Indian Tribe
- Youth Step–Youth Core

Thank you for your support.

...where disabilities become possibilities.....

Blessings and Happy Trails,
Trudy Chapman-Radley, PATH Certified Instructor/ Riding Director

“When our riders succeed in our arena the will succeed in the arena of life”.

♥ TRAIL TO ADVENTURE ♥

June was an exciting month for HwH. Jeremy Reber, an Eagle Scout from Troop 10, completed the first phase of our new trail, “The Trail to Adventure”. This new trail at HwH is designed to have several obstacles and features. The first phase includes a water feature which gives horse and rider a chance to negotiate going into a trough filled with water; a sturdy wooden bridge to cross; a mailbox which gives riders a chance to line up their horses accurately and to ask them to



stop there for the needed time. Other features will be added to challenge riders and horses alike—making it interesting and fun to try new adventures. Please stop at HwH and see this fun trail for yourself.

HwH would like to not only thank Jeremy Reber, but also Arrowhead Materials, Chino Rentals, Clemene Alascano, K-Ler Land Works, Duncan Campbell, Allen & Ann Reber, Joyce Lawrence, Harold J. Kleve, Linda Weatbrook and the members of BSA Troop 10.

♥ 2012 BENEFIT TRAIL RIDE ♥

On Saturday, April 21st, we rode out of the V7 Ranch, hosted by owners Billy and Betty Wells, in Chino Valley. The ride was three hours long and, once again, Cindy King was our fantastic trail boss. Brandon Sanderson of Lonesome Dove Riding Stable rented several of his wonderful horses to those without their own mounts. Well over 25 riders participated and many more were on hand for the delicious BBQ served by the King family, music by the Rusty Pistols and the “tail gait” tack sale.

We unveiled our 2012 raffle item and began selling tickets that day. This year’s raffle item is a bronze statue donated by artist, Bradford J. Williams. The drawing will be held in October at the Fall Fest on the square.

Wal Mart donated a gift card used toward the purchase of food for the BBQ. All monies raised from our 2012 Trail Ride are being used for Capital Improvements such as: fencing, horse pen covers, sensory trail building; all of which

will help us complete our new Horses with H.E.A.R.T. Riding Center on Hwy. 89 in Chino Valley.



Riders Heading Out



HwH Trail Boss, Cindy King, handing out lucky cards



Rusty Pistols Band

♥ SPECIAL OLYMPIC NEWS ♥

We had a very hectic start, squeezing in extra practices to make up for delays and bad weather, but the HwH S.O. Team proved to be up to the challenge. On May 5th, 10 riders and 6 horses traveled to Phoenix with their FAN CLUB for a State Games Horse Show at Horse Lover's Park. It was a beautiful day filled with Good Competition, Good Sportsmanship and lots of Gold, Silver & Bronze medals and Champion & Reserve Champion Belt Buckles. We finished up the spring season with our End-of-Season Beach Party. It was wet and wild fun for all. As we break for the summer, we're anticipating new riders and more fun for the Team when we start back up in September. Have a great summer!

*Pam Berry,
Head Coach*



HwH Special Olympic Equestrian Team Show Practice and May 5, 2012 Show at Horse Lover's Park

♥ FROM THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR ♥

Greetings,

I am so thankful for God's blessings on our organization, Horses with HEART. We have just completed our wonderful event with two groups of happy "campers" – Happy Trails Horse Experience. It was great, and the participants left with a wonderful, equine experience in their young lives. I thank all who have participated in all the activities – Instructors, riders, donors and volunteers. You are all great, and God bless you all!

Announcement: There is a **Volunteer Orientation** scheduled for **new** volunteers on **July 23, 2012** from **9:00 am—12:00 pm** at our own Horses with HEART Center in Chino Valley. Volunteering at our therapeutic center is a wonderful and rewarding experience. I'm looking forward to meeting with you all!!

*Sincerely,
Ethel Peterson*



♥ **HwH at CAMP SOARING EAGLE** ♥

Reaching out to seriously ill children at CSE has been a blessing for them and hope for their families. For the riders, it is freedom from their illness. The riders feel the love, energy and strength our volunteers and horses bring into the arena. For many riders, this is a first-time experience with horses; excitement fills the air. When the rider-horse bond happens before and after each ride, these new friendships will last until they meet again. The smile on the face of every rider shows success. Our team of Volunteers and Instructors travel to Camp Verde and spend a full day at CSE. We are making a difference, and our support is appreciated. There are four CSE weekends scheduled this fall—9/8, 9/29, 10/13, and 11/3. Please consider volunteering; as a volunteer, I can promise that you will enjoy your day and be blessed.

Thank you,
Trudy Chapman-Radley, Riding Director

♥ **OUR GOAL IS FOR THE HWH NEWSLETTER
TO GO PAPERLESS—PLEASE HELP!** ♥

The cost of mailing newsletters is going up and we want to be good stewards of HwH’s resources. You can help us by supplying us with your email address. We still need many, more email addresses before we go paperless. We will also continue to post our newsletter on our website, www.horseswithheart.org.

If your email address or a friend/family member's email address is not on file with HwH, please send it to hwhaddress@gmail.com. Email addresses are kept confidential and are not distributed to any other entity or person.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



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In Memory/Honor of _____

♥ HAPPY HEARTS RODEO ~ JUNE 28, 2012 ♥

Here are some scenes from this successful event.



♥ PATHWAY TO HOPE ♥

Our gazebo and shade trees will surround an amazing brick walkway personalized to honor your family, friends, horses and events in a permanent installation; a legacy for generations to enjoy and admire. As we take time to reflect on the past 18 years, our gratitude to all of you for your generous donations of time, funds and prayer is boundless. With your help we have been blessed with the privilege of creating miracles that have changed many lives, including our own.

Horses with H.E.A.R.T., with your continued assistance and support, will be expanding to meet the ever growing needs of the community.

We look forward to sharing our permanent home and successes both small and large of all our riders, volunteers, friends and towns throughout the upcoming years.

May we continue to work together to change disabilities into possibilities through our work and building the **Pathway to Hope**.

Please partner with us through purchasing your memorial brick(s). Instructions, order form and payment options are on our website www.horseswithheart.org.

Brick Choices:

4" x 8" Brick ~ Minimum Donation \$75 each ~ 1 to 3 lines of inscription plus art image if desired

8" x 8" Brick ~ Minimum Donation \$150 each ~ 1 to 6 lines of inscription plus art image if desired

8" x 8" Logo Brick ~ Minimum Donation \$425 each ~ 1 line of inscription, plus corporate logo

Memento and Gift Bricks:

Miniature Replica of 4x8 Brick for an additional \$25

Miniature Replica of 8x8 Brick for an additional \$35

♥ HORSES WITH H.E.A.R.T. CALENDAR ♥ JULY — OCTOBER, 2012 ♥

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JULY

- 10, 11, 12 Happy Trails Horse Experience ~ 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
17, 18, 19 Happy Trails Horse Experience ~ 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
20 Marvelous Minis ~ CASS ~ 10:00 am
21 Junior Volunteer Meeting ~ HwH ~ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
23 Volunteer Orientation (for new volunteers) ~ 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
25 Happy Trails Horse Experience (Yavapai Native American Tribe) ~ 11:30 am – 3:00 pm
26 Happy Trails Horse Experience (Sterling Ranch Residents) ~ 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
27, 28 Whiskey Row Shootout (HwH Booth & Marvelous Mini Photo Opportunity) ~ 9:00 am—4:00 pm

AUGUST

- 13 Beginning of 3rd Therapeutic Riding Session
15 Intermountain Visit to HwH ~ 9:30 am

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Special Olympics resumes
1 Chino Valley Territorial Days Parade ~ 9:00 am
8 Camp Soaring Eagle ~ Jackpot Ranch, Camp Verde
21 End of 3rd Therapeutic Riding Session
21-23 Arizona Equifest ~ Sponsored by Olsen's ~ Rodeo Grounds
29 Camp Soaring Eagle ~ Jackpot Ranch, Camp Verde

OCTOBER

- 6, 13, 20, 27 Freeman Farms
8 Beginning of 4th Therapeutic Riding Session
13 Camp Soaring Eagle ~ Jackpot Ranch, Camp Verde
31-Nov. 3 PATH International Conference ~ Bellevue, WA

THERAPEUTIC RIDING SESSIONS FOR 2012:

Session 3: Aug. 13 – Sept. 21 Session 4: Oct. 8 – Nov. 16

SPECIAL OLYMPICS SCHEDULE FOR 2012:

Session 2: Sept. 1 – Nov. 10

MISCELLANEOUS:

V.A. Heroes & Horses Program - on Monday mornings when Therapeutic Riding Sessions are in session
Silver Saddle – on Tuesday mornings when Therapeutic Riding Sessions are in session (*Note change of day*)
Volunteer Luncheons – (no-host, all invited to attend) usually 3rd Tues. Alternate Months, 11:30 a.m., Location TBA

BOARDS/COMMITTEES:

Board Meeting – 3 rd Wed. of ea. month, 6:30 p.m.	Fundraising/Public Relations Comm. – TBD
Volunteer Comm. – 2 nd Tues. of ea. month, 1:00 p.m.	Capital Campaign Committee – as needed
Program Comm. – 1 st Tues. of ea. month, 4:30 p.m.	Strategic Fundraising Task Force – as needed
Finance Comm. – as needed	Board Development Comm. – as needed

Please check www.horseswithheart.org for updates to the calendar.

Also, please call the Horses with H.E.A.R.T. Office at 928-533-9178 with any questions. Thank you!

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