

NOVEMBER 2019

Our Vision

For every child to experience redemption.

Our Mission

LOVE the child, SAVE the horse, enable children and their families to realize the HOPE they can have in Jesus Christ.

THANKSGIVING'S AROUND THE CORNER?!

-by Micheline Barkley

Is it me or does it seem that the years go faster and faster? One day you're 12 and can't wait to be 18 and then you blink and you're 50 and then 60! Where does all the time go? It reminds me of a verse in James:

"Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." – James 4:14 NIV

WELCOME TO RYYR INDY!



Indy was kindly donated to our ranch in October. We estimate he is in his late teens. He's a tall paint, standing at 16 hands! Although he's a big boy, Indy is like a puppy. He loves attention and being with people. He has years of trail riding experience and has shown us that he is not bothered by noise or crowds of people. He has a white Blaze on his face that we thought looked like a heart but one of our volunteers said it looks like a t-bone steak...Haha! What do you think, heart or steak? Maybe we should change his name to T-Bone?

CAN YOU SAY.....SHENNANIGANS?

If you've ever been to the ranch, you've seen These Bale Barns that we use to keep big Round bales dry. Nova is a beautiful Buckskin that boards at RYYR.

Apparently Nova wanted some hay in the middle of the bale barn and to reach it, she climbed INTO the bale barn and then Couldn't get out! She managed to get her head and one front leg out and dragged the bale barn about 10 feet but couldn't get the second front leg out. Gotta love life on a horse farm, you never know what's gonna happen next!



Pictured above - Volunteer Mia helping to get Nova out

MEET OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

Jay Hoogebruggen, Jr. Try to say THAT 5 times real fast! Jay is A new mentor at our ranch. Jay Has been married to Tracey for 20 Years and has 2 daughters, Breanna (12) & Jaylynn (8) His family attends Northway Church in Rochester. When his kids attended a youth group workday at RYYR, they went home and told Dad that RYYR needed male mentors and Jay stepped up without hesitation! Rebecca put Jay on the fast track for training so Jay was able to mentor some boys this past summer.

Jay grew up as a pastor's kid and lived in Morocco for a number Of years which exposed him to a totally different culture. After Graduation from high school, Jay attended Pittsburgh Technical

Institute and then became a Track Vehicle Mechanic for the U.S. Army. Jay is now a Senior Network Engineer and living in the Zelienople area.

From 1994 to 2006, Jay served as a fireman in the Harmony & Zelienople area. He said that he had always wanted to save a life but never got that opportunity as a fireman. With a crackle in his voice and a tear in his eye he commented "But now, I'm saving souls." We are so blessed that he joined our awesome Team of volunteers!

T-SHIRT & HOODIES FUNDRAISER

New for 2020, RYYR t-shirts and hoodies, you have a choice of Maroon or Charcoal Gray with White logo imprint.

T-Shirts S-XL \$15.00 each (2XL \$17)
Hoodies S-XL \$30.00 each (2XL \$32)

To place your order, email: Veronica.Belanger@RYYR.org
Just tell her qty & sizes. All items will come to RYYR and we can
Ship to you if you are out of the area for just the additional
Shipping costs TBD depending on area.







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WHAT ARE PARENTS SAYING ABOUT RYYR?

"My 3 children have anxiety disorders. Specifically, my oldest has agoraphobia with panic disorder and social phobia. My daughter has anxiety, severe OCD, mutism and depression. My youngest has anxiety, OCD mutism and autism. We were so blessed to be able to participate in this program. They gained real life skills and confidence through this program. They came much farther through this therapy than sitting in a small room talking about their worries with a therapist. The mentors and the horses and my children all bonded deeply. There is nothing more healing than the type of connection we all found at RYYR. We are forever grateful."

DID YOU HAVE ANY IDEA?

I'm sure you all knew that horses are expensive but did you have any idea what it costs to care for one? Our annual budget is \$95,000 - \$99,000 with less than 5% going to paid staff, the bulk of our costs is To maintain the program and take care of the horses.

Farrier - \$900 every 6-8 weeks to trim horses hooves...\$40 per trim

Square Hay Bales - 3000 bales per year @\$3.00-\$4.00 per bale = \$12,000

Round Bales - 4 per week at \$40 each = \$160 per week/\$540 per month from November-March

Electricity - \$150-\$250 per month

Insurance - Liability \$2,400 / Auto \$2,200 annually....\$460 monthly

Especially this time of year when funds are very low, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE consider making a donation of any amount.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November – 29th Beaver Light Up Night Parade 5-9pm December – 5th Christmas in Zelie Park 6-9pm Pony Rides & Hot Concessions

Please continue to pray for our ministry and as always, you are ALL welcomed to come out and visit our ranch anytime, just call or text us at 412-858-0383.

Come and visit our website at www.RYYR.org

Don't forget to Follow our Facebook page for all the updates!