

SUMMIT VALLEY HORSE CENTER

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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MEET OUR BOARD



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PRESIDENT & RANCH CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT COORDINATOR



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BOARD MEMBER



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TREASURER

MEET OUR EXPERIENCED STAFF

LIZZIE KANETSKY - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Lizzie joined the team in April 2022 and has demonstrated outstanding horsemanship skill and a great ability to train both horses and volunteers. She is responsible for all aspects of the Ranch from horse and volunteer training and lessons to equine health maintenance and ranch management. Working with our Board and volunteers, Lizzie has developed new and exciting ranch programs for children, youth, and adults. She and Morgan, our Ranch Manager, will help us build great relationships with the Summit County and Colorado horse community, volunteers, and our local partners. Lizzie has a B.S in Equine Science from CSU, has shown versatility ranch horses, has been involved in colt starting and natural horsemanship training, and has worked for WYO Quarter Horses in training and sales management. She was also a young horse trainer at Singleton Ranches. As a Summit County resident, Lizzie grew up with horses, was actively involved in the 4-H program, established the English Riding Club at CSU and has worked at several guest riding ranches in Colorado and California.

MORGAN OFFUTT - RANCH MANAGER



Ranch Manager, Morgan is a passionate horse lover who is excited to be working with like-minded horse people at SVHC. She has been building her career as an equine professional since receiving her BS in Equine Sciences from Colorado State University in 2020. She fell in love with horses as a kid when she started taking riding lessons and competing in barrel racing. Morgan has worked in the horse industry since she was a teenager, with jobs varying from a barn hand for boarding stables, a wrangler for dude ranches, and a horse trainer intern. She is also the Pebble Creek Ranch Horse Manager, is a winter sleigh driver, in addition to her role as Ranch Manager for SVHC. She has worked with many different breeds and disciplines, but has a soft spot for mustangs and rescues. She personally adopted her mare, Ivy, from Colorado Horse Rescue two years ago. Morgan previously interned with the Bureau of Land Management Wild Horse and Burro program, where she was immersed in wild horse adoptions, gathers, management policy, and holding facility operations. With mustangs and rescues being her passion, she is a great addition to the team!



A YEAR IN REVIEW AND OUR VISION FORWARD

CRAIG ROBELEN, PRESIDENT

2023 NEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Summit Valley Horse Center is excited to announce its new programs and reorganization for its 2023 summer season. Many new plans are in the works since the formation of Summit Valley Horse Center (SVHC) from the original Blue River Horse Center during mid-2022. These include;

Expansion of the Board of Directors by adding three extremely qualified members including Nancy Guerra, Sandra Ellison, and Katie Nees. Nancy is a Professor of Psychology at the University of California. Sandra is the President of Ellison Consulting Group in Denver and Katie served as Director of the Strategic Projects Division of the Texas Department of Transportation.

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The appointment of Elizabeth (Lizzie) Kanetsky as our new Executive Director. Lizzie grew up in Breckenridge, she participated in the local 4-H equestrian program, has an Equine Sciences degree from CSU, and has worked in various equestrian programs throughout Summit County prior to joining our organization.

The appointment of Morgan Offutt as our new Ranch Manager. Morgan also has an Equine Sciences degree from CSU and has worked for the Bureau of Land Management Wild Horse and Burro program, several ranch equestrian programs, and, most recently, the equestrian program at Pebble Creek Ranch.

We have presented our new 2023 program plan to the Summit Planning and Development Department and received full approval for our 2023 programs.

We are in discussions with our ranch property lessor, Kilgore Companies to expand our offerings to a year-round boarding operation offering horse boarding, training, and riding instruction.

As part of the transition to full-year operation, we will be upgrading the existing pasture watering systems and installing several loafing sheds to protect the horses from the intense sun during the summer and give them shelter in the winter.

We are also in discussion with the property owner of the building where our Resaddled Thrift Store is located regarding our possible purchase of the space we are located in or the extension of our lease to a five-year term. Either of these options will stabilize our income stream from the thrift store which is an important financial foundation for our Summit Valley Horse Center operations.

We are re-engaging with our local 4-H organization to support their equestrian programs, with the Keystone Science School expanding its involvement with SVHC, the Cub Scouts' local troop, and numerous other organizations. In this regard, we will be upgrading our facilities to include improved arena fencing, new arena equestrian footing, and other facilities that are required to meet 4-H national standards.

We are enhancing our mini horse program for young children by purchasing new paddock fencing and relocating our mini horse boarding to the main hay barn at the ranch.

Reflecting our new mission statement and planned programs we have completed a full rewrite of our Corporation By-Laws.



OUR MISSION

SUMMIT VALLEY HORSE CENTER (SVHC) VISION, MISSION AND GOALS

The Mission of the Summit Valley Horse Center is to provide rehabilitation to rescued horses, so that they are more likely to be adopted into loving homes. We also aspire to enrich the lives of our community of volunteers and visitors to Summit County by providing them the opportunity to learn about the nature of horses, how to communicate with them, and to experience the well-known benefits of horse-person connections. People helping horses helping people.

“PEOPLE HELPING HORSES HELPING PEOPLE.”

We realize this mission through the following activities:

(a) Partnering with horse rescue organizations in Colorado to bring abandoned/neglected horses to our ranch each summer, so that our trained volunteers can gentle them, and train them, with the ultimate goal to make them adoptable.

(b) Offering learning opportunities to teach individuals of all ages how to communicate with horses, help horses be responsive to human direction, and if appropriate, receptive to riding.

(c) Partnering with local youth and adult agencies to help them meet their objectives by providing them with interactive experiences with horses at our ranch.

(d) Serving as a Summit County community resource and partner in giving the community the chance to interact with horses, deepen their knowledge about all aspects of horsemanship, engage in ranch activities, and experience the joy and benefits of human-horse connection.

THE NUMBERS

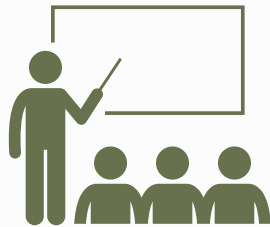
30+
Horses
Receive
Special Medical
& Dietary Needs
Annually



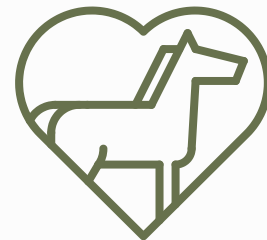
80 Acres
of Pasture Land



125+
Equine Training
Sessions in total
(2022)



28+ Horses
Adopted in 3 Years



PARTNERING WITH

Girl Scouts
Mountain Mentors
Keystone Science School
Summit School District
SOS Outreach
Colorado Outward Bound

6995+
Awesome Active SVHC
Volunteers Hours (2022)



OUR 2023 EQUINE PROGRAMS



1. MEET THE MINIS

2. INTRODUCTION TO HORSEMANSHIP WITH OUR TRAINED HORSES

3. ADVANCED HORSEMANSHIP WITH OUR FOSTER HORSES

4. GROUP RIDING

5. JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP

MEET THE MINIS

Meet the Minis ranch program has been an excellent “gateway” experience for young children and individuals with limited to no exposure to horses. It is a class that allows individuals to gain hands on experience with horses to include: grooming, leading the horse and mini obstacle course training.

- **Class Duration** - 2 hours
- **Class Agenda** – Introduction to Horses, Safety, Grooming, Groundwork, and Obstacle Course
- **Type of Attendees** – Children ages 4+, Children, Teen, and Adult attendees with no to limited horse experience
- **Previous Classes** – None required



INTRODUCTION TO HORSEMANSHIP WITH TRAINED HORSES



This program is for adult and youth members who desire more experience in learning about basic handling, training fundamentals, and preparation for working with foster horses. Classes allow participants to work with trained horses and learn the proper technique of catching, groundwork, desensitizing, grooming, saddling, and introduction to riding. This class allows one-on-one connection with the horse. It is required for volunteers who wish to assist, take advanced classes, or participate in group riding lessons.

- **Class Duration** - 3 hours
- **Class Agenda** – Introduction to Horses, Safety, Catching, Grooming, Groundwork, Desensitizing, Saddling and Tack, Introduction to Principles of Riding. Specialized skills demos are available before scheduled weekend classes, aiming to demonstrate more advanced groundwork and riding techniques
- **Type of Attendees** – Adult Members, ages 15+. Youth participation is considered on a case-by-case basis.
- **Previous Classes** – New Member Introduction

ADVANCED HORSEMANSHIP WITH FOSTER HORSES



This class allows members who have completed Introduction to Horsemanship and those with advanced horse backgrounds to help rehabilitate abused, neglected or unwanted horses. Participants work with untrained to minimally trained horses to provide a caring and nurturing environment to teach and train horses for adoption. Attendees will build on their knowledge from Introduction to Horsemanship including catching, basic groundwork, desensitizing, saddling and rider introduction. This class allows one-on-one connection with the minimally trained horses.

- **Class Duration** - 2-3 hours
- **Class Agenda** – Safety, Catching, Grooming, Groundwork, Desensitizing, Introduction to Saddling, Rider Introduction and Obstacle Course
- **Type of Attendees** – Ages 15 and older (or instructor approval)
- **Previous Classes** – New Member Introduction. Introduction to Horsemanship or Instructor Approval. Must have some experience with horses


GROUP RIDING



This newly developed program provides a more advanced learning and riding experience for young adults and members. Previous horse experience is required. Participants will learn horse safety, grooming, saddling and bridling techniques, groundwork, and western riding. Classes are more advanced than the Introduction to Horsemanship classes with trained and certain foster horses. This class allows one-on-one connection with the horse. Note: if the member does not wish to ride, this class is not required; however, members must have completed Intro to Horsemanship or have instructor approval to participate in group riding instruction.

- **Class Duration** - 2 hours
- **Class Agenda** – · Horse Safety, Grooming, Groundwork, Equitation, Walk-Trot-Canter and Obstacle Course. Kids' beginner group lessons are organized by riding ability/age.
- **Type of Attendees** – Adult Members, youth classes depending on availability
- **Previous Classes** – New Member Introduction, Introduction to Horsemanship Class Checkoff, or Instructor approval

JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP



This newly developed class is specific for local youth wanting to learn all aspects of horses, including groundwork and riding skills. Designed to introduce participants to basic horse safety, handling, care, and an introduction to riding. This program utilizes working with our reliable horse and pony herd and is designed as a group learning experience. This is a once-a-week class and is designed to build on lessons learned from each previous week. Starting with beginner horse handling skills and progressing to more intermediate horse handling skills. A strong emphasis on horse husbandry and care will be taught. Upon graduation students will be proficient in horse safety, catching, grooming, saddling, and walk trot riding skills. Participants will develop the skills to progress into horsemanship classes upon graduation from Junior Horsemanship, and be invited to help assist with our Meet the Mini classes.

- **Class Duration** - 3 hours
- **Class Agenda** – Introduction to Horses, Safety, Grooming, Groundwork, Introduction to riding, walk and trot, and Obstacle Course
- **Type of Attendees** – Ages 8+
- **Previous Classes** – None required

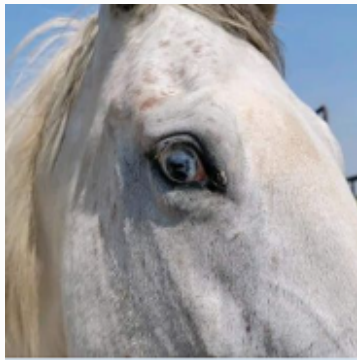
2022 ADOPTIONS



**ADOPTED | TILLY AKA
CHANTILLY LACE**



ADOPTED | TOOTSIE ROLL



ADOPTED | SKY



ADOPTED | ECLIPSE



ADOPTED | PEBBLES

2020 ADOPTIONS

- ARIES, MINI HORSE**
- CHERRY, MINI HORSE**
- DISCO, MINI HORSE**
- DUTCH, THOROUGHBRED**
- HONEY**
- KIWI, MINI HORSE**
- KLAUS**
- LEGEND**
- PRINCE, MINI HORSE**
- REIN, CAME BACK IN 2021**
- SADIRA**
- SEAMUS, MINI HORSE**

2021 ADOPTIONS

- ARION, YAKIMA MUSTANG
(ADOPTED EARLY 2022)**
- EBONY, YAKIMA MUSTANG**
- BOWIE, MINI HORSE
(ADOPTED SUMMER 2021)**
- PEACHES, YAKIMA MUSTANG**
- REIN, QUARTER HORSE
(ADOPTED AFTER 2 YEARS)**
- ROXY, YAKIMA MUSTANG**
- TJ, MINI HORSE**

TESTIMONIALS

“OUR HORSES WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO FIND A SECOND CHANCE AT A NEW LOVING HOME WITHOUT THE WONDERFUL GENEROSITY OF OUR DONORS AND TIME COMMITMENT OF OUR VOLUNTEERS. TO THEM WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL.”

-CAROLE WELLER, VICE PRESIDENT AND VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR



Seamus

Seamus, came to us in 2020, shy and slightly skittish, but he blossomed as the season progressed and soon became a volunteer favorite. He loved 'working' in the kids classes, being groomed and being loved upon. In late summer 2020 he was adopted by a lovely Front Range family who wanted a companion for their big horse Honey and a friend for their neuro diverse child. He is now living just outside Boulder with Honey who is the love of his life, and 2 dogs who are a tad bigger than he is. His mom loves all the locals kids coming round to groom him and give him love but sometimes gets just a little annoyed when Shamey tries to get into the house to join in the fun!



Klaus

Klaus came to SVHC in 2020 as a 3 year old goofball. He may be part thoroughbred and part mule, but is altogether adorable. Whilst with us he learned how to bear tack and a tiny bit of weight and this year his training has progressed. He still needs to mature before he can be ridden but he is now living near Colorado Springs with a volunteer from Next Step Horse Rescue. UPDATE, Klaus is coming back to us for more training and to spend time with the volunteers who love him.

TESTIMONIALS

Karen G., 61

"I learned the importance of mindfulness and awareness. This is not only important in communication with humans, it is equally important with all humans. When one's mind is centered in happiness and love, the outer conditions cannot disturb this. In interacting with the animals and humans this loving focus results in raising the vibration of what is happening. The thing that had the most impact on me was the initial contact I had with the miniature horses. I had never haltered a horse before and it was clear that my energy directly affected the response of the horse. The centering of my energy and slowing my breath while centering and focus of the body helped me realize that communication is mostly nonverbal with the horse and really the only effective way to communicate. Effective leadership is about self-confidence and positive focus – making the horse feel safe in order for them to trust me as a leader. This training was much more interactive and challenging than I expected and yet I am feeling very positive about the experience!"



Ellie Y., 15

"It was challenging to work with the more dominant horses and learning how I need to show my leadership skills. I learned how essential it is to not only speak out loud to the horses, but also to communicate with body language and energy in a confident leader – like way. The majority of leadership is in how you carry and hold yourself as well as how you talk to them. Even people have the ability to sense emotions and leadership and dominance and that the thoughts you are thinking project through your body language. I realized that I am in control of my thoughts and emotions, and what I feel is projected to the world. I have the ability to radiate love to each the animals and everyone around me. I am excited to come back and continue to help. The message of Summit Valley Horse Center is inspiring and educational. I am happy to help spread the message and spend more time here!"



2023 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Our herd and the demand for our horse programs are growing – we need your help! Our financial needs are great and we could not do it without the wonderful generosity of our sponsors and donors!

Sponsorship and donations help cover the cost of taking care of our very expensive horse friends! Ranch expenses typically exceed \$250k each year. Sponsorships and donations can be on an ongoing monthly basis or in the form of a one-time donation.

2023 CAPITAL NEEDS

- \$50,000 – New Tractor, + accessories
- \$50,000 – Medical, Feeding, Stabling 30+ Foster Horses
- \$25,000 – Upgrading new/used Saddles & Tack
- \$20,000 – Safety Fencing
- \$18,000 – Upgrade Arena footing to 4H Standards
- \$15,000 – Purchase of three trained teaching ponies
- \$14,500 – Paddock fencing for mini horses

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Trophy Level Sponsorship - \$10,000+**
- Blue Ribbon Level Sponsorship - \$1,000-\$10,000**
- Horse and Saddle Sponsorship - \$500-\$1,000**
- Individual Horse Sponsorship - \$2500**
- Class Sponsorship - \$250 a child to attend Junior Horseman class - \$1500 for a class of 6 children.**





2023 ESTIMATED ANNUAL BUDGET

Our financial results for 2022 were excellent in supporting the organization. We exceeded our business plan, contributing \$43,288 to our balance sheet reserve for ranch land acquisition through tight expense control and successful programming from revenue of \$555,291 against expenses of \$385,543. We had a total 6,955 volunteer hours in 2022 supporting this effort.

INCOME		EXPENSES		%
GRANTS	\$68,000	ADMINISTRATION + PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$68,100	13%
PROGRAM INCOME	\$15,500	RANCH - HORSE OPERATIONS	\$313,970	60%
CORPORATE DONATIONS	\$15,000	INSTRUCTORS	\$32,330	
FUNDRAISER INCOME	\$27,500	RANCH MANAGER	\$32,500	
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$34,475	HORSE CARETAKER	\$12,000	
THRIFT STORE SALES	\$401,350	HORSE CARE/RANCH MAINTENANCE	\$237,140	
TOTAL INCOME	\$561,825	THRIFT STORE OVERHEAD (NET PROFIT FUNDS HORSE OPS)	\$145,800	27%
		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$527,870	
		NET INCOME	\$33,955	

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

2022 Trophy Level Donors

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\$10,000+

The Dallas Foundation
Michael Obst
Freeport Minerals Corp (Climax Mine)



2021 Trophy Level Donors

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\$10,000+

Michael Obst
Skye & Kambria Callantine
The Dallas Foundation
The Summit Foundation



2022 Blue Ribbon Level Donors

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\$1,000-10,000

Sarah Hoiles Foundation
Summit Foundation
TJX Foundation
Cleveland Foundation
Fidelity Charitable
Centura Summit Orthopedics
Fidelity Kathleen Brian Hrudis
Summit Automotive Group
Groove Subaru of Silverthorne



2021 Blue Ribbon Level Donors

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\$1,000-10,000

David & Stephanie Nelson
Breckenridge Grand Vacations
Sarah Hoiles Foundation
Slifer, Smith & Frampton
El Pomar Foundation
Colorado Unwanted Horses
Foundation



2022 Horse + Saddle Level Donors

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\$500-1,000

Penny Hardrick
Katherine Wolfram – Horse Sponsor
Greer's Appliance Center – Horse
Sponsor
Snake River Saloon – Horse Sponsor
Co Unwanted Horse Alliance
Schwab Charitable
Network for Good
Slifer, Smith & Frampton
New York Life & Insurance



2021 Horse + Saddle Level Donors

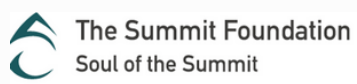
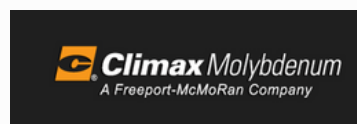
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\$500-1,000

Penny Hardrick
Katherine Wolfram – Horse Sponsor
Howard & Sue Carver – Horse Sponsor
Elden & Patrice Greer – Horse Sponsor
Kathy Childs (for Rachel Green) – Horse Sponsor
Summit County Rotary Charitable Fund – Horse Sponsor
Laura & Jerry Dziedzic
Christine Hunter



SVHC CORPORATE + PAST SPONSORS



PAST SPONSORS

2020 Blue Ribbon Level Donors: \$1,000-\$10,000
El Pomar Foundation (Horse Sponsor)

2020 Horse & Saddle Level Donors: \$500-\$1,000
Carin Simpson
Bob Fay (Horse Sponsor)
Joseph & Siri Schuchardt Living Trust

2019 Horse & Saddle Level Donors: \$500-\$1,000
Colorado Unwanted Horses Foundation (Horse Sponsor)
Marilyn & Mark Nadeau
Lord of The Mountain Lutheran Church

2018 Blue Ribbon Level Donors: \$1,000-\$10,000
Colorado Unwanted Horses Foundation (Horse Sponsor)



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