



Sol's Legacy
MINISTRIES

Horse Herald

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Our Mission: To honor and glorify God utilizing the resources He has provided to help children move confidently in this world, knowing they are loved by Him.

2023 SEASON REVIEW

As I prepared to summarize our 2023 season, I struggled to find the words to describe it to you. I still do not feel like I can convey all that happens in the barn. I wish each of you could join us for a little bit of time. Here are a few of the words I did come up with that describe our 2023 Season.

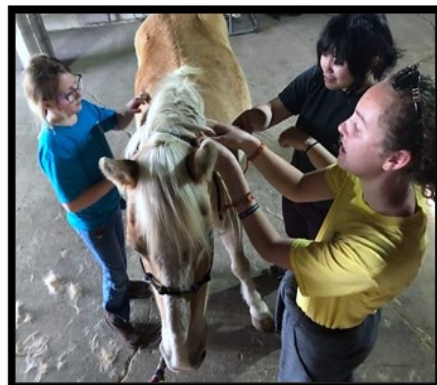
PRAYER:

It started with our volunteer training, even before any kids came to the barn, we emphasized the importance of prayer. Our amazing volunteers committed to be in prayer for each of the kids they served with, Hillcrest Home Residents were praying, our Board of Directors were praying, and we spent time in prayer with each child and their horse each week in the barn. Praying for a child and demonstrating to them that they can pray to our Mighty God is one of the greatest gifts we can give them.



ENJOYABLE:

We see so many smiles in the barn. Every single time a child trots for the first time there is beautiful laughter. We groomed, braided, rode, painted, and even played ball with the horses. All of the different activities offered opportunities for joy, peace, growth, and compassion.



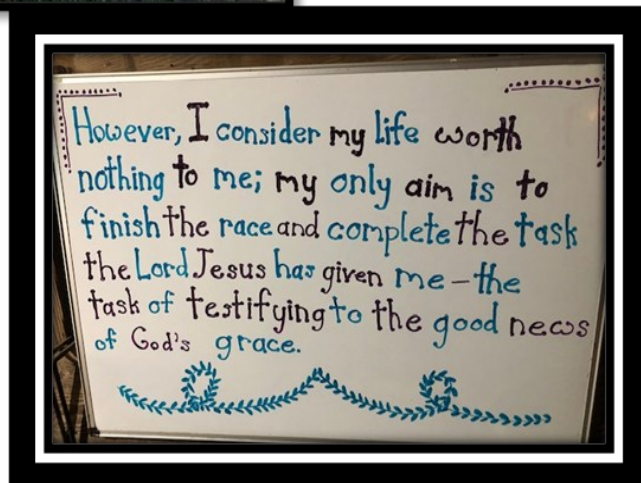
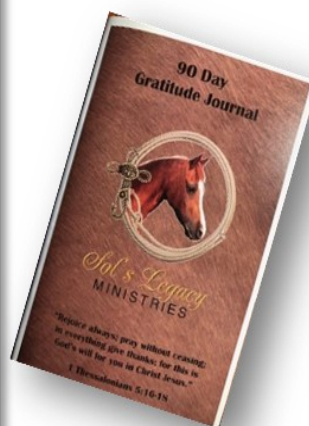
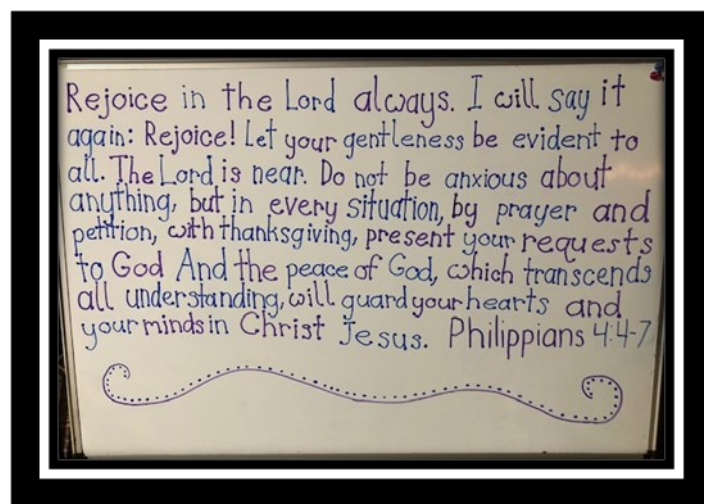
SCRIPTURE:

The bible is our foundation and we share scripture weekly with our students. We have wonderful, artistic volunteers that fill our white board with scripture verses all season.

GIVING:

Thanks to our generous donors we were able to give Unbridled Faith Devotionals to all of the children that participated in their first session with us. We were able to give many of our participants a gratitude journal that our Board VP created. Everyone understands that we have to train a horse to allow us to put a saddle on it and to ride it, but we don't always understand that we can, and should, train our mind to think about the good things God commands of us and to be thankful in all things. The journals help us do that. We gave school supplies to the Geneseo Food Pantry. At our Christmas Open House we gave each family an advent devotional. Our amazing volunteers give their time and talent to show God's love to the kids and the horses. We are very blessed by each volunteer that helps us achieve our mission. We are also grateful for your giving. We could not give any of the gifts or take good care of the horses without the giving that you provide to the ministry!

Thank you for making this possible!



WONDERFUL HORSES:

We are blessed by the team of wonderful horses that continue to be willing partners to each child that comes in the barn. I thank God for the opportunity to share my love of these majestic creatures with the children. Horses are herd animals and that is why they are willing to develop relationships with us. After more than 40 years with horses I continue to be amazed that they are trusting and let us ride and guide them. It is convicting how the horses are much easier to train to be in relationship and obey than I am in my relationship with God.

EVENTS:

We were given many opportunities to share our horses and passion with the community.

- ◇ Kewanee FFA Petting Zoo
- ◇ BraveHearts Super Hero 5K
- ◇ Hillcrest Home Visit
- ◇ Fareway Cookout Fundraiser
- ◇ Bos Farm Show
- ◇ Foster Hope Parent Appreciation Dinner
- ◇ Cambridge Methodist Church Visit
- ◇ Atkinson Heritage Days Parade
- ◇ Praise & Neighs FUNdraiser
- ◇ Geneseo High School Life Skills Class Visit
- ◇ Black Hawk College Vet Tech Students Visit
- ◇ Fall Party for our participants, volunteers and all their families
- ◇ Christmas Open House



THANKFUL:

We are so thankful for every child that comes to the ministry. We are thankful for each family who takes the time to bring the kids out to the barn. We are thankful for our volunteers, donors, and most of all thankful to God for what he has provided. We are joyously looking forward to our 10th year of ministry in 2024!



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