



2021 ANNUAL REPORT



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

What a year we've had at Harmony Hope Stables! Throughout the year, our ranch has welcomed new children and new therapy animals, fostering bonds and connections that are life-changing as we expand to reach our full potential.

We completed vital facility updates to our Barn and welcomed our 3 baby goats, plus a bunny! We also launched VIBE Leadership, a volunteer program specially designed for local high school students. Our Harmony Hope Stables family has grown this year and we are certainly feeling the love!

But, It wasn't all sunshine and flowers here on the ranch. In late 2021 our beloved mini horse Harmony came down with a life-threatening condition that resulted in emergency veterinary care and significant unexpected costs. Through quick actions and unconditional support from our team, Harmony's life was saved. She's back to doing what she loves, spending time with the children at the ranch as an integral part of our music and equine programs.

Harmony's illness brought to light how important these animals are to the continued care of the children we serve. We simply must press on, we must do all we can to continue to provide a safe, unique, and engaging therapeutic environment where animals are the catalyst for better childhood outcomes.



KRISTI HUDDLESTON

Founder/Executive Director

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

In 2021, we made necessary improvements and additions to our facility. A portion of our budget was allocated to these projects to ensure their completion. We also received grant funding from a family foundation in late 2021, rounding out a fairly challenging financial situation brought on through unexpected costs.

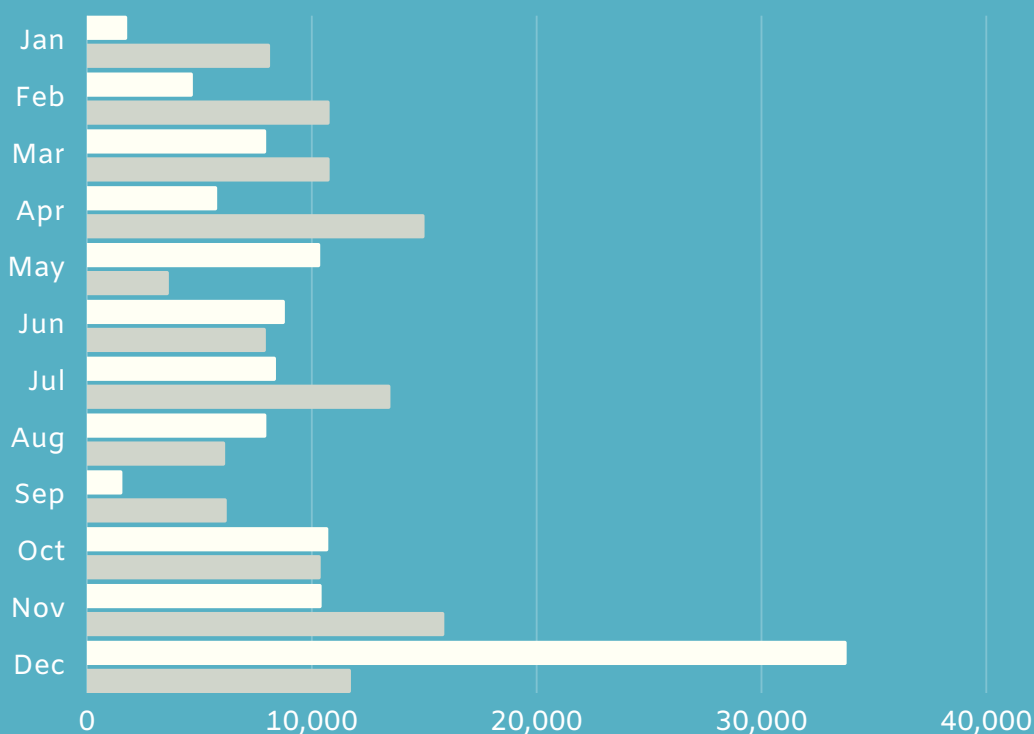


FIGURE 1.

Graph shows total income and expenses throughout 2021.

Total Income (white) = \$112,009.24

Total Expenses (grey) = \$119,801.59

Carry-over = -7,792.35

In 2021:

January-March

- Hired Keating Creative to build a new website
- Acquired an equine sponsor
- Smores Family Drum Circle
- Hosted Music with the Mini's Therapy

April – June

- Autism Awareness Drum Circle Event
- Songs for Sanity Concert held to kick off our “Rebel with a Cause” campaign
- Released “Rebel with a Cause” video
- Water project to bring water from the well directly into the stalls completed
- Article published in My Living Magazine highlighting Harmony Hope Stables
- Summer Camp
- Hosted the Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast
- Hosted Music with the Mini's Therapy
- Recognized Child Abuse Awareness Month
- Secured Chemplex as a Treble Clef Level for "Rebel with a Cause" Sponsors

July-September

- IRSC Capstone Students Group Project
- VIBE Volunteer Leadership Program started
- Mariner Sands Grant with Hibiscus Children's Center

October – December

- Acquired 3 baby goats (Elton, Dixie, and Dolly) and a bunny (Roxanne)
- Birthday Party Fund started (Raised \$1800 in donations)
- Ceiling completed in the Music Therapy room
- Sponsor: Mel-Ry Construction donated bathroom “bones”
- Halloween Drum Circle Event
- Grant awarded from an anonymous foundation

In 2021:

Stable Moments

- 14 children served
- 63 Equine sessions

Harmony & Horses

- 13 children served
- 169 sessions

Music and the Mini's

- 8 children served
- 12 sessions

Guitar/ Ukulele lessons

- 6 children served
- 72 lessons

Summer Camp

- 12 children served
- 23 days

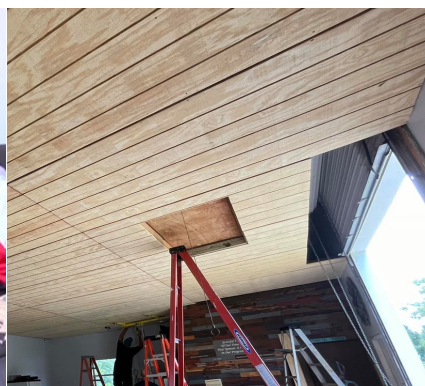
Family Drum Circles

- 20 families served
- 3 drum circles

Vibe Leadership Pilot

- 4 teens served
- 6 sessions served

Program Outcomes



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2022 Goals

- Complete the build-out of the barn and music therapy center.
- Establish new community partnerships and gain new sponsorships to support existing programs.
- Offer one day parenting clinics and provide resources to help parents as an effort to serve the families as a whole.



Looking Ahead

Pamela's Story

Pamela is an 11-year-old female residing at Hibiscus Children's Center's residential shelter. Pamela was removed from her parents' care when she was 7 years old due to exposure to substance misuse, domestic violence, and being a victim of abuse (emotional, physical abuse, neglect, and alleged sexual abuse). Pamela was in several foster homes and group homes before being placed at HCC's Tilton Family Children's Shelter. She has a history of hospitalizations due to Baker Acts. She had failing grades, retention, and suspensions from school. When she arrived at HCC she was detached and would not engage with her peers or adults. She had a difficult time self-regulating and would become verbally and physically aggressive towards others.

Pamela has been provided Equine and Music Therapy in groups for several months at Harmony Hopes Stables. When she started the equine groups, she would shut down and refuse to participate. At the shelter and school, she was continuing to be non-complaint and aggressive. Slowly, she opened up and would try new things and participate in the equine activities and music group. Since joining the equine group her confidence and feelings of self-worth have increased. She also has made progress in therapy and is starting to heal from her traumas. Her relationships with the mentors and the horses are more positive than ever at the ranch. In working with her mentor, she now can groom the horses, walk them, feed them, help turn them out, take them through the obstacle course, and even do jumps with the horses while walking them through the course.

One of her favorite things to do is to groom Rio and to make him show ready. She has become a strong leader when working with the horses and is on her way to becoming a mentor for the new participants. She completes barn chores with a smile. She also is becoming a very good ukulele player. At home (shelter) and school she has also been moving forward and healing from her traumas. She has increased her positive engagement with others and has increased her ability to self-regulate and express herself verbally.

We believe none of this progress would have been achieved without the equine therapy Pamela received at Harmony Hope Stables and we would not have been able to provide it without the support of Mariner Sands Charity Week. Thank you!



Bryce's Story



"Bryce is our miracle. He had a stroke the day after he was born and was given a fifty percent chance of living through it. God brought us through that valley and led us to a mountain top after he was released from the NICU just ten days later. Bryce was reaching and exceeding all of his milestones until he regressed at age two and was diagnosed with autism. Bryce started Equine Assisted Learning with Harmony Hope Stables in December of 2019, after we found out it could be beneficial for children with autism." -Bryce's Mother

Prior to his enrollment, Bryce was scared to be around horses and other large animals. Kristi immediately started acclimating Bryce to the minis. Before long, he became very comfortable around horses. He began to groom the horses and get to know each one of them. We realized that it was helping him with his motor skills as well as his anxiety. Bryce always looks forward to coming to the ranch for his sessions. Being in the saddle on Rio always puts a smile on his face. "We're thankful that this opportunity is available for him locally. We continue to see progress with Bryce and are excited about his future!"



Conclusion

Harmony Hope Stables experienced fantastic growth in 2021, especially after the impact the pandemic has had on nonprofits organizations nationally. Throughout 2021 we stayed the course of our mission and through growth of the capacity to serve as well as increases in the number of children and sessions, we delivered on our promise to provide harmony, hope, and healing for children in need.

We understand that the last year has been financially and emotionally difficult on many, but we ask that you consider opening your hearts to help a cause that's so important. Your contributions, no matter the amount, make a lasting and life-changing impact. We have accomplished so much but we still have a long way to go and many, many more children to help. We're all in this together, and these children need us.