

## 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Life Without Barriers

2016, our 39th year in operation, was a fantastic success! While our riders' successes are challenging to measure in a concrete way, thanks to the Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies (EAAT) we provided, we witnessed children and adults who could walk taller, grasp tighter and speak more clearly by year's end. Our riders gained independence, increased their physical tone and gushed with confidence when socializing with others.

With support and love from nearly 200 program volunteers, we were able to provide 1300 lessons in 2016. With the endless patience of our 19 therapy horses, we offered lessons to 100



riders each week, had 48 riders participate in our annual Horse Show and Open House event, while an additional six took part in the Marin County Fair 4H Horse Show, bringing home ribbons and buckles with pride. Over the summer, nearly 50 children and young adults

attended our third year of Summer Horsemanship

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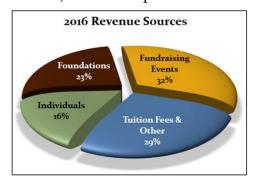


Thanks to the generosity of our greater community we raised nearly \$220,000 from 587 individual donations, and an additional \$105,000 from grant support from 10 foundations.

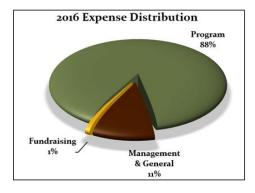
For yet another year, long-time volunteer and Board Member, Nancy Brookshire who, with the help of her

sister Jane McKechnie and other volunteers.

helped to raise \$10,429 through her Bottles and Cans Recycling program. The funds she raised not only helped boost our Breaking Barriers Fund to allow us to provide scholarship funding to 34 riders in need, but also enabled us to purchase much-needed ranch supplies to help care for our horses.



Our biggest expense continues to be the day-to-day costs associated with offering our services and programs to those



who need it most. Our tiny staff consists of only three full-time employees supported by only six part-time employees.

But don't forget the horses! Our herd of 19 incredible. patient, loving horses wear 224 shoes a year at the cost of around \$12,000 and consume around 900 bales of hay at a cost of \$20,000! Regular equine dentistry, vaccinations, and additional veterinary care was an additional \$11,000, but is worth every penny, as the health and well-being of our horses is always paramount.

None of this would be possible without YOUR support. From the bottom of our hearts - thank you!

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