



2023 IMPACT REPORT *Journeys of Hope*

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MVHR Mission

Mountain Valley Horse Rescue's (MVHR) mission is to rehabilitate and rehome equines in need, while working to reduce the cases of unwanted equines through education and outreach.

MVHR Vision

MVHR envisions a world in which there are no unwanted equines or equines in need, and all equines are loved and cared for throughout their lives.

MVHR Values

Respect

- Every equine is cared for, valued and respected as an individual.
- Every person with whom MVHR interacts is respected and valued as an individual.

Community

- MVHR actively participates in and contributes to our broader communities.
- MVHR supports the Western farming, ranching, cultural and historic roots of our communities.

Education

- We value our unique position to be able to teach to and connect people with equine welfare, care issues, and skills.

Partnership

- We offer lifetime consultation for adopters of our equines and we will always take back an equine who has been adopted from MVHR.

Stewardship

- The welfare and needs of each equine are first and foremost.
- The land in our care will be managed with the intention of long term improvement and sustainability.

Dear MVHR Friends and Supporters,

Everyday here at MVHR, we talk about numbers. Numbers of horses, numbers of people, numbers of hay bales, pounds of grain, square feet, acres, and of course dollars. Numbers for grants, emails, reports and for figuring out how to help as many horses in need, as well and as quickly as possible.

As we compile some of those numbers for you for our 2023 Impact Report, it feels important to pause for a moment and consider another number. The much smaller number of One, where our Impact can be most truly measured:

- ♥ One handsome palomino stallion who never even had a name, but now has his own family who dotes on him and will cherish his company as he lives out his life with them, even though he cannot be ridden.
- ♥ One young school child whose eyes lit up when he looked behind him and realized “The horse is following me, just following me, even without a rope! He must love me!”.
- ♥ One Appaloosa mare who persevered through outrageous neglect in a failed adoption, only to find a family, her very own people, who swooped in to provide her a road to recovery, in spite of an unknown outcome, and now cherish and pamper and love her in ways she has never known in over two decade of life.
- ♥ One volunteer who said “No, thank YOU. This experience has literally changed my life.”
- ♥ One young woman who found a horse with freckles, just like her, to be a friend and trail companion.
- ♥ One new donor who said “Thank You, I have wanted to help horses for a long time, and you give me a way to do that.”
- ♥ One “dangerous and unpredictable” riding horse who has found a partner with whom he has never made a wrong move, and with whom he truly enjoys and thrives being ridden.
- ♥ One summer camper who said “Someday I want to work at the horse rescue”.

One plus One plus One plus One eventually adds up to the numbers we share with you in the following pages. It is these Ones, these individual stories and moments, where our Impact is most visible. The Impact on individuals - on horses and people. The Impact that changes lives, that stays with us, that resonates and gets shared, that brings tears of joy and sorrow and relief, that provide the funding to make it possible, and that give hope for the future, that there will always be people to help horses in need...true IMPACT.

Now, as we head into 2024, we start to think about another number. The Ones have added up, and MVHR's 20th anniversary celebrations kick off this year. Twenty years of Impact, made possible by YOU.

Please share a moment with us to reflect on 2023 in the following pages. And then tighten your cinch, because we have a year of celebrating ahead. We are so grateful to you, who make it all possible, and look forward to continuing to share with you the Impact you make for the horses, each and every day.

With deepest gratitude,

Shana M Devins
Executive Director



Sponsor A Horse

BE PART OF THEIR JOURNEY

Mountain Valley Horse Rescue is located in McCoy, CO. As one of the only horse rescues on the western slope, our services are provided wherever a horse is in need. We rely on volunteers, foster homes, donors & sponsors to provide for the horses.

Horse rescues do not receive any federal funding, and it costs approximately \$6,000 per year for the basic care of one horse.

The horses at MVHR are loved and cared for throughout their lives, with a safe place to return any time it is needed, even after adoption. Their care is daily, 365 days a year.

Join us in providing this reliable daily care by becoming a monthly or yearly, full or partial horse sponsor.

MVHR Rescue Herd



51
HORSES
HELPED



20
ADOPTIONS



167
AVG#DAYS
A HORSE IS
AT MVHR



5
MEMORIAM

MVHR Community



 **2041**
VOLUNTEER
HOURS



 **\$51K**
VALUE OF COMMITTED
VOLUNTEER TIME



 **856**
NUMBER OF KIDS
IN EQUINE
PROGRAMS



307
SUMMER
CAMPER



18
HOMESCHOOL
PARTICIPANTS

Volunteers

THE HEART OF MVHR

Mountain Valley Horse Rescue could not exist without our dedicated volunteers.

Our goal is to provide each volunteer with an experience that connects you to our rescue horses and keeps you coming back. And best of all, no horse experience is needed!

MVHR provides introductory and ongoing training to help you develop horsemanship skills allowing you to spend time with the horses in a variety of roles based on your interests. We want your experience at MVHR to be fulfilling and meaningful.

**Want to spend time with the horses?
Sign up to volunteer!**

MVHR's Volunteer Program is generously sponsored by the Herota Family

MVHR's Journey



RESCUE HORSES MVHR CAN CARE FOR AT THE SAME TIME

In 2004, two abandoned horses were found in the Flattops Wilderness, and a group of local horse people responded. MVHR became a 501c3 in 2005. Until 2011 horses were boarded at individual homes & barns.



MVHR at Bruce Creek

MVHR purchased Yellow Dog Ranch in McCoy thanks to a \$1M pledge from the Shaw Family Foundation. 6 Corrals with Shelters and a round pen were added to the property so that 16 horses could move in.



New Hay Shed Fully Stocked

The property was continually improved as small donors made it possible. Additional pasture fencing, an outdoor arena, tack sheds & 6 additional corrals with shelters were added.



New Solarium in Horse ICU

Water lines & frost free hydrants to all 12 corrals were installed. Previously water had been hauled from the barn to the horses in a tank on an RTV.

2023 - 2024

OF HORSES
5 - 7

2004/2005

OF HORSES
10

2012

After leasing a small property, MVHR started leasing a barn property with a small arena on Bruce Creek in Eagle. All horses were now housed at the same barn which allowed the volunteer base to grow. Youth Programs were started.

OF HORSES
16

2016



Horses move to McCoy

OF HORSES
20

2018

A large hay shed was the first large capital improvement on the ranch to ensure that all hay could be stored and kept dry. A crowd raise campaign and a dedicated group of volunteers helped build this structure.

OF HORSES
23

2017 -2020



MVHR Ranch in 2017

OF HORSES
25

2021

Thanks to the Rhea Bigelow Charitable Trust, construction began on Robin's Nest, the new Training Facility, Equipment Barn, Volunteer, Office & Program Space. This amazing new building was completed in April 2023.

OF HORSES
27

2022



Robin's Nest

OF HORSES
29 - 31

Two outdoor training round pens were built with the funding and volunteer help from Tito's Vodka. Remodel of Original Barn to Horse ICU, with a much needed new roof, improved quarantine stalls & runs, solarium. All made possible by the Shaw Family Foundation's ongoing support of the ranch.

MVHR 2023 Financials

INCOME	
Fundraising	\$405,514
Equine Care/ Programs	\$138,369
Facilities	\$31,138
Total Operating	\$575,021
Capital Campaign Contributions	\$425,509

EXPENSES	
Fundraising Support	\$103,463
Equine Care/ Programs	\$244,478
Facilities/ Administration	\$206,701
Total Operating	\$554,642
Capital Campaign Expense/ Loan Payments	\$809,860

MVHR has received several grants, which are reported within the Fundraising Income section above. Detailed financial reports and IRS form 990 are available at www.guidestar.org. GuideStar/Candid has awarded MVHR with the Platinum Seal of Transparency for financial reporting. Financial reports are also available through www.coloradogives.org or by contacting Shana at shana@mvhr.net.



Leave a Legacy

All horses at MVHR have a safe place to return any time it is needed, even after adoption. Their care is ongoing, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year.

Please join us in our ongoing effort to make this safe place and a safe future for horses possible. 100 years from now, you can still have an impact on the care of horses in need.

Create your legacy by making a planned gift to MVHR. Through a planned gift, you will be a part of making an everlasting difference in the lives of rescue equines long into the future.

Lend your Hopeful Heart to Helping Horses by making a legacy gift to MVHR!

For more information, contact Marleen at marleen@mvhr.net

Thank you to our Donors!

The following list of donors is a compilation of those people and organizations who contributed to Mountain Valley Horse Rescue between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023. We have carefully reviewed this list for accuracy and consideration of those who wish to remain anonymous. If you find an error or omission, please accept our apologies and contact us at (970) 653-0185.

Rescue Heroes - \$10,000 and above

Leslie L. Alexander Foundation, Inc.
ASPCA
Jim Aull
Karen Berndt
Rhea Bigelow Charitable Trust
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Equine Advocates - \$5,000 to \$9,999

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Photo: Raj Manickam

Did you know?
... A Horse's Heart
weighs 10 pounds.



Photo: Raj Manickam

Did you know?

... Horses can't
breath through
their mouth

... and they have
205 bones!

Ranch Hands—\$1,000 to \$2,499

Alpine Bank
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Stable Mates - \$500 to \$999

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Pony Pals - \$5 to \$499

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Grace Anshutz
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Andrea Ansnes
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Did you know?
... Horses can sleep
standing up.



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Pony Pals - \$5 to \$499 continued

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Rebecca Faeder
Family Farrington
Brooke Ferris
Sara Fisher
Cheyenne Floyd

Did you know?

... Horses have been
domesticated for
over 5000 years!



Did you know?

A Horse hoof needs
trimmed every
6 to 8 weeks

... and it takes 9 to 12
months to re-grow
a horse hoof.



Pony Pals - \$5 to \$499 continued

Erin Foster
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Teresa Ganje
Bill Gans
Julie Wiltgen Garesche
Benji Gering
Stephanie Gibson
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Pony Pals - \$5 to \$499 continued

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Did you know?

... Horses have
excellent
memories

... and they can
twitch their skin to
get rid of flies.



Pony Pals - \$5 to \$499 continued

Kathleen O'Toole-Gilles
Everyday Outfitters
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Did you know?

... Horses cannot
vomit or burp!



Did you know?

... Foals can walk & run within hours of birth

... and on average Horses live to be 25-30 years old!

Pony Pals - \$5 to \$499 continued

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