

# News and Views From the Barn!

Providing youth a place to learn leadership and life skills through horsemanship.

## Message from the new BHH President | By Bayan Lewis

It is a challenging time for all of us, and especially for the children in our community who rely on our program to give them hope. Our mission becomes more important than ever as children are unable to participate in their normal interactions with others while isolated at home. During my career spanning 40 years in law enforcement, I often saw the results of having too few resources for troubled children. Public agencies, perennially under-funded, can only deal with the most egregious cases, and then only after the trouble has occurred. As a specialized, privately funded social program, **Between Horses and Humans** provides a critical service for some of our community's most vulnerable or disadvantaged kids, offering a stability they may not have in their daily lives, and helping them to cope with challenging life issues. Our instrument is the horse, but our dedicated BHH volunteers are the catalyst that brings the children and horses together.

Now that COVID-19 has caused kids to be stuck at home - which may be a dangerous or lonely place for them - our work is more critical than ever. Between our horses and their humans, exists a bond that is proven to overcome the isolation felt by these children, and to guide them toward happier and more productive futures. I am proud to take over the role of president of this fine organization, allowing our founder, Barbara Slade, to focus on coordinating and running the program. It is my hope that my assistance will help Barbara and our volunteers make the magic happen for the future of our community - the children. As ever, we are deeply indebted to Ruth Page and Greg Walsh, without whom our program would not be possible. I also want to thank all our generous donors for their past support. We ask that you redouble your commitment now, so that our work can continue to change lives, and we all look forward to a brighter future ahead.

## Program safely resumes at half capacity | By Barbara Slade

It has been my pleasure to serve as the President of this organization for these many years and to see it grow and serve the needs of so many children. As I focus on my role as Head Trainer, I am able to pursue my passion for teaching leadership skills and empowering children to build their confidence and self-esteem. Through working with the horses, students learn to improve their patience and understanding, cooperation, generosity, honor and respect, focus and trust, and better communication skills. Having been required to close our program in March due to COVID-19 mitigation efforts, BHH is now open again at half our regular student capacity, as we follow current state health directives regarding social distancing and other safety guidelines to protect students and staff. We will happily welcome more students back as soon as we can do so safely.

## The Students are glad to be back!

*"Horses will always be there for you.  
Horses will stop your loneliness."*  
- Brandon, age 9

*"Horses are kind and gentle beings  
that take my problems away."*  
- Natalie, age 15

*"I love working with the horses - they  
have changed my life."*  
- Molly, age 10

## Working toward the BHH Vision

Between Horses and Humans is a non-profit organization that gives able-bodied youth, ages 8-26, who are experiencing difficulties, personal challenges, social and emotional issues, an exciting, meaningful and hands-on experience with horses using positive and fun methods of learning. Our goal is to expand our volunteer base and offer even more innovative programs to serve children with diverse needs in our community. We rely on the continued generosity of our donors in order to provide the best possible care for our 7 wonderful lesson horses and allow us to offer all program activities FREE to participants.



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# Donate!

## How your donation dollars can help the BHH program thrive:

<b>\$25.00</b>	buys grain for one horse for month (\$300 per year)
<b>\$50.00</b>	buys vitamins & supplements for one horse per month (\$600/yr.)
<b>\$100.00</b>	covers tack, maintenance & winter stall bedding each month
<b>\$120.00</b>	your \$10 monthly donation will cover vaccines for one horse for one year
<b>\$200.00</b>	cost for equine dental care for one horse for one year
<b>\$450.00</b>	covers Shoeing (farrier) for one horse for one year
<b>\$500.00</b>	provides a one-on-one Six-Week Leadership Course for one child
<b>\$1,000.00</b>	covers Four-Week Group Leadership courses for up to 16 kids
<b>\$3,000.00</b>	pays for total care for one horse for one year

Your valued contribution helps us continue to share the magic and love of horses with more children, fostering an inner state of calmness and ease from which they can deal with life's many challenges and questions. Thank you for helping BHH serve the needs of our current and future students and making a lasting difference in the life of a child.

*"Lives changed. Hearts healed."*

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