



Between Horses and Humans
Fiscal Year 2024-2025

ANNUAL REPORT

Lives Changed - Hearts Healed

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OUR MISSION

To create a safe and empowering space for children and youth to strengthen their leadership abilities, emotional resilience and develop essential life skills through their work with horses.

OUR VISION

To provide a high integrity horsemanship program that fosters self-esteem, confidence and compassion in our participants. To offer, through partnering with horses, a unique opportunity for students to develop emotional intelligence and self-awareness and experience connection with their authentic and capable selves.

TRANSFORMATIVE PROGRAMS

Horses have a unique ability to teach, heal, and inspire. At Between Horses and Humans, we create a space where youth facing challenges can develop confidence, resilience, and leadership through hands-on interactions with these incredible animals.

Our program encourages the growth of trust, and personal empowerment, helping children build the skills they need to navigate life with strength and purpose.

OUR TEAM

Board President & Executive Director

Gary Gleason



Board Vice President/Secretary

Kathleen Lee

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Board Directors

Debbie McFadden

Nancy Downey

Laura Maffitt

Kristin Moffitt

Anne Norton



Program Director/Equine Manager

Seanna Jackson

Assistant Director/Volunteer Coordinator

Christina Erb

LIVES CHANGED, HEARTS HEALED

"Lives Changed, Hearts Healed" represents the profound impact of our programs, where horses help children overcome challenges, build trust, and discover their inner strength. Through these transformative experiences, youth develop resilience, self-awareness, and a renewed sense of hope for the future.



HOW IT WORKS

Between Horses and Humans is a nonprofit equine program dedicated to helping youth through transformative connections with horses. We provide a safe, supportive environment where children facing life challenges can build confidence, resilience, and leadership skills.

Through hands-on experiences, our students develop self-awareness, trust, and responsibility, learning valuable life lessons from their interactions with these powerful animals. Our program is about growth, healing, and empowerment.

By working with horses, children gain tools to navigate life's hardships, overcome obstacles, and discover their inner strength. With the support of dedicated instructors and volunteers, we create special experiences that create courage, compassion, and confidence, ensuring every child leaves with a renewed sense of purpose and possibility.



TESTIMONIALS

"My daughter has emotional self-regulation issues and learning how to control her emotions while riding has been a tremendous help since horses can sense a rider's mood. The amount of self-confidence and self-control that she has gained through this program is something that I am very grateful for." - **Guardian of Students**

"My daughter has learned so much about communicating and considering others." - **Guardian of Student**

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

"Horses have taught me a lot about being direct. They're honest creatures—you can't give them mixed signals and expect them to understand, just like with people."

- **Student, age 16**

"BHH outshines as an agency that provides simple access to such a unique and successful intervention."
- **Lake Tahoe Unified School District psychologist**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

BHH Fiscal Year = November 1, 2024 - October 31, 2025

Total Revenue: \$317,238

Annual Expenses: \$138,703

EXPENSES BY %

Equine Care: 20.6%
Program: 44%
Fundraising: 1.4%
Contract Services: 21.6%
Insurance: 6.2%
Administrative: 4.5%
Miscellaneous: 8%

REVENUE BY %

Fundraising: 56.3%
Donations: 36.5%
Grants: 5.1%
Miscellaneous and Interest: 2.1%



OUR IMPACT THIS YEAR

- 1,000+ horsemanship lessons provided
- 65 children and youth served
- 26 active volunteers
- 8 dedicated volunteer board members

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Spring Camp Partnership with South Lake Tahoe Boys & Girls Club

Hosted a Spring Camp serving youth from the South Lake Tahoe Boys & Girls Club, where 10 students participated in structured, equine-based learning at the ranch. Programming focused on safety, emotional awareness, communication, and confidence-building through hands-on horsemanship experiences.





The Mane Event Fundraiser in SLT

Successfully hosted The Mane Event fundraiser in South Lake Tahoe, strengthening community relationships and generating critical financial support for program operations, horse care, and student scholarships.



Instructor Development & Continuing Education

Continued to invest in instructor growth through ongoing lesson opportunities and a specialized clinic hosted this year. These professional development experiences supported skill advancement, curriculum alignment, and instructional consistency, strengthening program quality and ensuring a safe, high-standard learning environment for students.



Technology & Systems Advancement

Implemented new technology to improve scheduling, communication, data tracking, and overall operational efficiency through Google Workspace and additional supportive applications, strengthening organizational sustainability and accountability.

Three New Horses Join the Herd

Ashes has an exciting history with team roping and won a lot of money during her career. She loves a good cuddle and is up for any activity, all of the time!

At 14 years old, Ruby is our youngest horse and was very excited to join the herd and make some new horse friends. Before joining BHH, she mostly did trail rides, so she has been having fun doing a bunch of new activities at BHH.

Sonny is a handsome mustang from the Southwest. Though he hasn't yet been integrated into regular lessons, he has been loving all the attention the volunteers and students give him.



JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

Your involvement can help BHH achieve its mission:

Donate: Your generous financial support helps us provide the life-affirming programs to vulnerable youth and others in need in our community. Please visit our website to get up-to-date news of our lessons in action and upcoming events.

Volunteer: We welcome you to join our volunteer team whether you are an experienced equestrian or simply passionate about learning how to help others and share your skills. You may learn more about volunteer opportunities and the application process by visiting our website.

Spread the Word: Sign up for our E-newsletter and follow us on social media to share our story with family and friends to amplify our message.

Attend/Sponsor an Event: Stay informed about all the fun and educational events we host during the year and consider sponsorships to promote your business or corporation. We are always open to collaborate with other groups or organizations and can tailor an inspiring program for your needs



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