

Freedom Hill Horse Rescue



Free to Live Again!

Annual Report 2017

Overview of Programs In Fiscal Year 2017

Operations:

FHHR operates at our main facility, Hampton, and one satellite barn, caring for 14 horses, two at a foster home. Six are sanctuary residents, almost all receiving special treatments for chronic or age related conditions. Over 50 private owners contacted us for assistance this year.

The 100+ member volunteer team worked extra hard this year in our committees for farm operations, barn management, feed shifts, equine health and training, adoptions and fosters, horse angel network, horse owner assistance, public relations and fundraising, volunteer orientation/training, and social media.

In 2017, FHHR provided 30 sessions in horse care, horsemanship, and groundwork, plus weekly equine-training clinics. We held 5 events to increase public education/awareness, for teens, special needs groups, Scouts, and families. We had something going on every day in the month of April for Help a Horse Month that encompassed the ABCDEF concept: A Bonding Connection-Developing Equines and Families).



"People Helping Horses & Horses Helping People"

President's Message:

I couldn't be more proud of the team that makes up Freedom Hill Horse Rescue. Each and every one of the volunteers do their very best at the tasks at hand. Every one of the people who tirelessly work each day for FHHR dearly love our horses and want to provide the very best for them. A few have even won awards from our county this year for their efforts. Our organization, as a whole, was recognized and won an award from Calvert County Economic Development for Outstanding Agricultural Business.

We teamed up with other rescues to save horses from abandonment and worked with one of Maryland's largest horse rescues to win a substantial grant award from ASPCA. We provided owner assistance to 15 horses and helped them find a new home. We even broke a record never before accomplished for FHHR. We picked up a horse through our owner assistance program and she was adopted that very same day!

We started many new programs that help people in need. And in doing so, provided jobs for our senior and unadoptable horses. These horses now have a purpose in life. They are not unwanted. They provide therapy, a listening ear, a warm heart, and understanding for the people who come to meet them seeking compassion, education and healing. So even though our adoption numbers may be lower than previous years, we have been successful in finding 3 foster homes, 15 owner assistance homes or provide sanctuary for over 15 horses this year. And for that, we are very thankful for your support to help us make that happen. We will continue with the goal of helping horses before they end up in the auction circuit or abandoned/neglected by providing horse owner education and assistance. Thank you for your continued support in 2018!

Lori Harrington, President
Freedom Hill Horse Rescue



Learning anatomy with Blue



Learning to halter with Brocca

We were able to offer several new educational programs and clinics this past year, in addition to our volunteer training:

- * Weekly volunteer clinics on horse manners/behavior/horse handling
- * A Natural horsemanship clinic and a Dressage clinic
- * A family equine program called "So My Kid Loves Horses, Help", where we educated parents about the many opportunities for their child in the equine industry, tips and information about riding, leasing, adopting or purchasing a horse, and horse ownership.
- * A six week Horsemanship for Girls Program
- * After School Groups for youth ages 10-14 or middle school age that are interested in horses and volunteering
- * A six week Women's Wellness Equine Workshop
- * Summer Fitness Group and more coming in 2018! Thank you Karen and Shaun!

2017 Results

FHHR is proud to report in 2017:

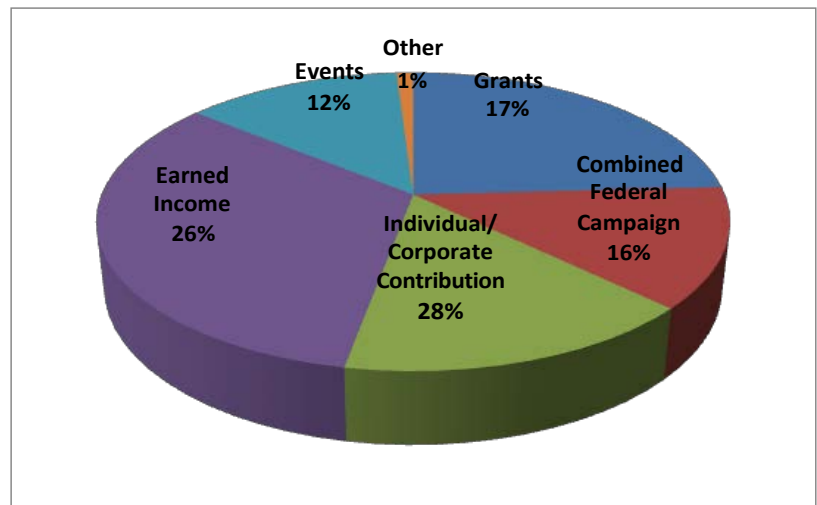
- 15 horses rehabilitated
- 15 owners assisted
- 3 foster homes
- 300+ people attended education and outreach events
- 34 new volunteers recruited
- 4 horses adopted
- 310 horses assisted since 2004
- 5 horses with Angel sponsors
- 18,000+ volunteer hours worked

Although our adoption numbers were down in 2017, we did find many homes for horses – 3 foster homes, and helped 15 horses find a home through our owner assistance program.

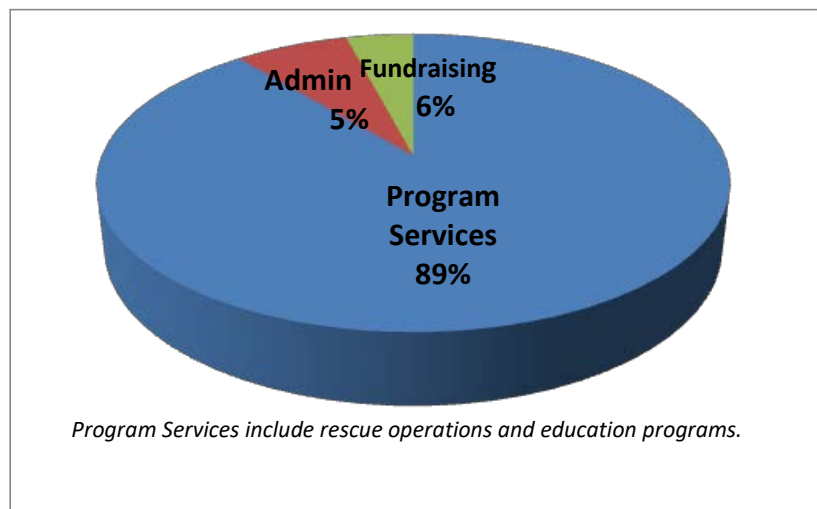


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Fiscal Year 2017 Revenue



Fiscal Year 2017 Expenses





Thanks to the Hurleys and their friend John, we have two new run-ins!



And we were able to put in new fencing thanks to the students of Northern High School!

2017 Grants

Grant funding was awarded by:

- Arthur H Korn Trust
- ASPCA
- The Help Association
- Joseph Robert Foundation
- The Strickland Foundation
- The Peppermint Bar
- Unwanted Horse Vet Relief Campaign

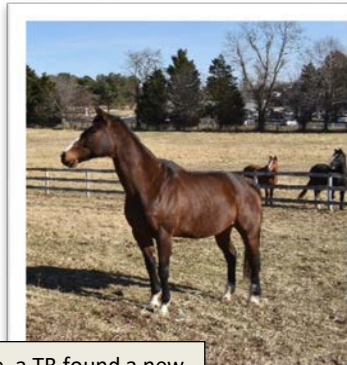
2017 Board of Directors

- Lori Harrington, President
- Terry Pennington, Vice President
- Lori Harrington, Treasurer
- Beth Meader, Secretary
- Melody Parrish, Advisor and Founder

Freedom Hill received major grant funding from ASPCA for the third year in a row for Help A Horse Day! It was so much fun collaborating with Days End Horse Rescue this year for their 100 horse video challenge.



We received an award from Calvert County Economic Development for Outstanding Agricultural Business.



Goldie, a TB found a new forever home.



Delilah (left), Gabe (bottom left) and Noah were rescued with the help of another rescue.



Gabe



Noah (right, above) at his new home

We participated in the 150th Jousting Tournament at Christ Church

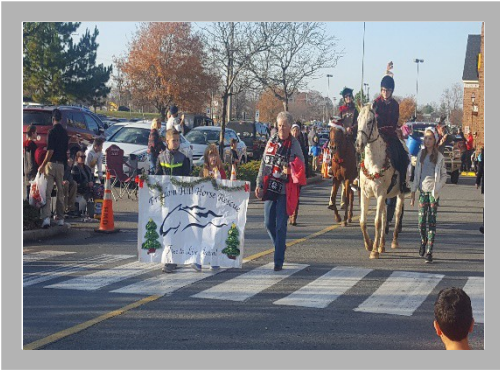


What is the Horse Angel Network?

Horse Angels make a monthly financial commitment for one year to help care for one of the horse residents at FHHR. With your financial help, we are able to continue to provide quality care.

- Bronze - \$25/month
- Silver - \$50/month
- Gold - \$100/month
- Platinum - \$200/month

Sign up at www.freedomhillrescue.com!



In December, FHHR participated again in the Prince Frederick Christmas Parade and welcomed over 50 families to our Holiday Photos with Horses.

Christmas Parade



Annual Holiday Photos With Horses



Check out the many ways you can help at freedomhillhorserescue.com. Come volunteer and fall in love!



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