

Annual Report 2020



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Overview of Programs in Fiscal Year 2020

Operations:

FHHR operates out of beautiful Hampton Plantation in Owings, MD with three pastures (3-4 acres each), four paddocks, an outdoor arena and a 10 stall barn. We also have access to a satellite barn with a 4 acre pasture for quarantine or overflow purposes. FHHR currently cares for 12 horses, 7 rescue or sanctuary horses, 3 boarders and 2 off-site fosters.

The 100+ member volunteer team worked very hard this year. Our committees include 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 2020, FHHR hosted a total of:

*28 sessions in horse care, horsemanship, and groundwork, plus weekly equine-training clinics and monthly new volunteer orientations and training.

*2 major fundraising events to increase public education/awareness for horses.

*7 Equine Assisted Learning programs for women, teens, special needs groups, scout troops and families.

*12 group visits to our facility to learn about caring for horses and their behavior.

Message from the Board of Directors:

As we look back on 2020, among the chaos of the pandemic and all that goes with it, there are still many things to be grateful for here at FHHR. Our volunteers and supporters stepped up in huge numbers to make sure our horses were still receiving the best care. We can't thank you enough! This year, FHHR welcomed another member to our Board of Directors, Terry Hurley, who has extensive experience in construction, farm maintenance and management. Whenever something needs repair or an idea arises for a project to be built, Terry is always right there, with a smile and a heart of gold, to take care of it. As he always says, "anything for the kids".

Our five board members have over 30 years of experience with equine training, riding and horse care; farm operations, construction, and events/fundraising; as well as a member with a degree in Animal Science. Working alongside of our 100+ dedicated volunteers, we make quite an impressive group of people that have our horses' well being at the forefront every single day.

As we forge into 2021 with hopes of providing rescue and sanctuary for horses in need and finding forever homes for as many horses as our small organization can , we will continue our mission to engage the public in quality horse care education and the therapeutic value of horses to all of us.

We appreciate your continued support into 2021!

FHHR Board of Directors:

Lori Harrington, President/Treasurer Shaun Gandia, Vice President Beth Meader, Secretary Terry Hurley, Farm Operations Melody Trecartin, Advisor/Founder



Dutiful Sun at sunset

River posing by our mural made by a local girl scout troop



Dan and Miss E enjoying a cool drink



Apollo modeling his new halter



Gabe acting shy

Thanks to our 2020-2021 Horsemanship Team our horses continue to receive exercise and training to be the best they can be!



Shaun G, Alicia S, Disa E, Linda S, Jaylee C, Kamilah C, and Maya D (not shown, Sandra M)

2020 Results

FHHR is proud to report in 2020:

- 12 horses were under FHHR care
- 25+ owner assisted/rehomed
- 5 horses fostered
- 350+ people attended education and outreach events
- 50+ new volunteers recruited
- 6 horses adopted
- 3 horses return to FHHR
- 352 horses assisted since 2004
- 16 Horse Angel sponsors
- over 8,600 volunteer hours worked

2020 Recap:

We were able to host a few educational programs and clinics this past year, in addition to our volunteer training; following state health and safety regulations:

*Weekly volunteer clinics on horse manners/behavior/horse handling

*Natural horsemanship clinics for our volunteers

*A few Girl Scout/Boy Scout troops visited, earned their Horse Lovers badges and completed community service hours ,accomplishing some very special projects for FHHR.

* We were not able to host our Open House days where the public could come meet our horses and learn what a horse rescue organization does every day but we have a few scheduled for 2021. See our Schedule of Events on our website.

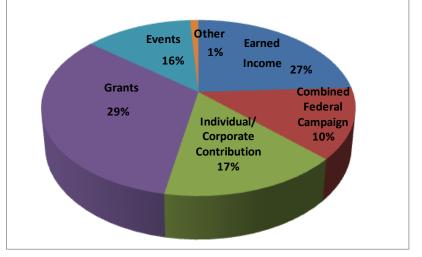


Adoptions: Goldie, Ed (AKA Apollo2), Kirby and Jack



Fostered ponies: Fiona (L)and Maggie(R)

Fiscal Year 2020 Revenue

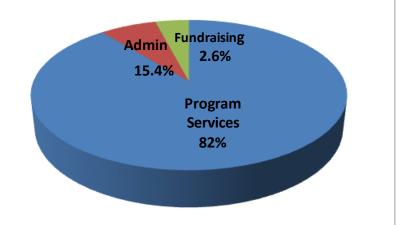


Fiscal Year 2020 Expenses

Our 3rd annual Spirits & Steeds in October was a very successful fundraising event, with a live band (Boogie Lu and friends), many local artisans and vendors, kids games & crafts, horse rides and local beer/wine vendors.



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Program Services include rescue operations and education programs.

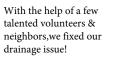








Along with the help of Randy and Tia M and their military friends, Terry H installed overhangs on two of our run-ins!





We received another very generous donation of sand for

Freedom Hill continues to be a member of and work with the Maryland Equine Transition Service (METS) which is a state wide network of veterinarians, farriers, horse rescues and sanctuaries to assist Maryland horse owners in need. This program is able to do, on a much larger scale, what FHHR was accomplishing in our owner assistance program. For more information, go to

www.mdequinetransition.org





The Huntingtown High School Humane Society Club came to visit, learn about horses and raised funds for FHHR!

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/mth Gold - \$100/mth



Silver \$50/mth Platinum - \$200/mth

Sign up at freedomhillhorserescue.com! Thank you to ALL our 2020/2021 Horse Angel Sponsors: Marcie S, Diane H, Janet L, Janice S, Sharon F, Renee L, Heather B, Gail Y, Marion & Lydia W, and Kendra E.





We would like to thank Alexis Reid of Healing Moon LLC for providing massage therapy sessions for our horses. Pictured here is Dutiful and Miss E enjoying their massages immensely.







2020 Grants Grant funding was awarded by:

- *Bernice Barbour Foundation
- *Calvert County MD
- *Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)
- *MD Charitable Contributions Fund
- *Maryland Horse Industry Board
- *Dancers Legacy Foundation
- *EQUUS Foundation
- *Joseph Robert Foundation
- *The Strickland Foundation
- *Unwanted Horse Veterinary Relief Campaign

2020 Board of Directors

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Melody visits with River

We would like to express a huge thankyou to our 2020 corporate sponsors: Prince Frederick Ford GEICO and Steve/Kate S. Caldwell Banker - Michelle Doell

We received over \$23k in individual, corporate and inkind donations this year ! Thank you all so much for your very generous support!

A very special thanks to our 2020 Top Supporters: William W, Susan F, Shirley D, Laura C, David/Lisa E, Alexis A, Sally/Grant B, Wendy W, David L, Yaniera M, Kate/Steve S, Carol B, Marie G, Valerie O, Cynthia S, Gayle K, Deborah N, Sharon F, Cynthia G, Chris D, Arthur J, Tom B.

Our appreciation to those who donated to honor their friend or family member. And our heartfelt gratitude goes out to ALL our dedicated volunteers!!!



Volunteer Barn Clean Up Day

"Gratitude is riches. Complaint is poverty".

In November, FHHR held our annual Holiday Photos with Horses. It was challenging following all the health safety guidelines in place, but we managed to bring holiday happiness to over 60 families in 2020. A huge thank you to our volunteer photographers for their time and to over 35 local artisans and vendors who participated in our Holiday Market.



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Thank you to our photographers:

Nancy & Greg-Walcutt Sharp Shots Randy Maldonado Kathy Blanchard Photography Karl Barth Photography Kate Waybright Photography









Annual Holiday Photos With Horses























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