



The mission of Shadow Wing Ranch Equine-assisted Learning is to develop resiliency and life skills in children (ages 5 and above) through guided horsemanship activities, to help them navigate in a rapidly changing world.

**Shadow Wing Ranch is a 501(c)(3) organization**

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# On a Wing and a Prayer

## Program Director's Message

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2018 is going to be a building year:

- New Barn & Arena for indoor sessions; building begins in April
- Program Director is enhancing sessions by collaborating with instructors and building new curriculum
- The Equine Specialists in Mental Health and Learning are building relationships with our students/families and attending workshops and clinics related to Equine-assisted Learning
- Board of Directors is building fiduciary responsibility for the governance of Shadow Wing Ranch, and serving to oversee and shape its broad policies
- We have outstanding volunteers building a strong Kentucky Derby FUNdraising event to support operations; many of these same volunteers help with operations and session support

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## Current Happenings

### January:

- Program Planning

### February:

- Spirit of the West (stop by our booth)

### March:

- Backcountry Rendezvous (stop by our booth)
- Ranch Tours
- Program Registration

### April:

- Barn/Arena Construction begins
- Program Registration

### May:

- FUNdraiser May 5

### June:

- Program Begins

## Kentucky Derby FUNdraiser

Supporting Shadow Wing Ranch

**May 5, 2018**  
**Gold Buckle Club**

Located in the  
Ellensburg Rodeo Arena  
Kittitas Valley Event Center



Doors open at 2:00 pm. Watch the Kentucky Derby Live, while enjoying light appetizers and Derby Pie. Silent Auction will include some fun-themed gift baskets and a wine pool (no swimwear needed). Beer and Wine will be available for purchase.

\$35/per person (adults only)

Welcome packets available at door

Make your check payable to: Shadow Wing Ranch

Mail to: 118 Frost Mtn Drive, Ellensburg, 98926

*Don't forget to wear your Derby Hats*

## Program Director's Message (continued)

### Our Staff Is Awesome!

**Karen Jackson, Program Director:** Karen is a licensed elementary and special education teacher, who has a passion for helping young people. Having taught for 21 years, she learned how to build relationships with many different people. Relocating to Ellensburg with her husband, she explored Equine-assisted learning and saw a way to combine her passion for horses, people and teaching skills to help kids. She became certified through PATH, Int'l as an Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning in 2014.

**Mary Englund:** Mary joined Shadow Wing Ranch in 2017 as an intern and is now a PATH, Int'l certified Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning. Mary also holds a BA degree in secondary education in Spanish, along with a minor in French.

**Israel Cervantes:** Israel is a strong supporter of the program. He has extensive experience with horses and kids of all ages. He also has worked with four non-profits to add to his skill set. He is completing his degree in the Criminal Law and Justice program from Central Washington University this year, and completing his PATH, Int'l Therapeutic Riding Instructor certification this spring.

### Meet One of our Horses—Pixie

Pixie is a mini-horse that stands a whole 29.5 inches high. She may be small, but she thinks she's "the Queen" of the herd. At 16 years old, she has met many different people and loves to connect with little people.

After meeting Pixie, our volunteers, Bill and Judy Jo Roberts, fell in love with her. They are sponsoring Pixie. This sponsorship helps to offset the cost of care, allowing more funds to go toward the program and scholarships.

## Our 2017 Successes

Recapping our 2017 program year, here are some fun success stories:

- 18 students (along with some parents) experienced learning through guided horsemanship activities that promoted development of life skills and personal growth
- There were priceless interactions between student and horse which is recapped at the end of each session on how that applies to their own life
- At the end of the program season, we partnered with Roxie Allen Arts to have a fun paint party
- December included Santa/mini photos with cookies, cider, and "snow" much fun

### **Wish List**

- Horse Sponsorships
- Picnic table for kid meetings (1)
- Hula hoops (4)
- 9" rainbow cones
- Fly spray
- Large tire for obstacle
- Small jump standards
- Wooden bridge obstacle

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Photo of Pixie

