

## Overview of Programs in Fiscal Year 2019

### Operations:

FHHR operates out of beautiful Hampton Plantation in Owings, MD with three (3 to 4 acre) pastures and two 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 11 horses, 8 rescues, 3 boarders; 2 are at an off-site foster home, and 4 are considered sanctuary residents.

The 100+ member volunteer team worked 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 2019, FHHR hosted a total of:

\*36 sessions in horse care, horsemanship, and groundwork, plus weekly equine-training clinics and monthly new volunteer orientations and training.

\*9 major fundraising events to increase public education/awareness for horses.

\*11 Equine Assisted Learning programs for women, teens, special needs groups, scout troops and families.

\*15 group visits to our facility to learn about caring for horses and their behavior.

### President's Message:

As we look back on 2019, there are many things to be grateful for here at FHHR. We met hundreds of caring people who came to visit with our horses, enjoy some time with them, learn about their proper care, and become enlightened about the wonders that horses' possess. We had several groups contribute some very special projects for us. FHHR welcomed a new Vice President to our Board of Directors as well as a wonderful resident trainer. 2019 was a huge milestone for Freedom Hill Horse Rescue - our 15 year anniversary! And to make our milestone anniversary even more special, FHHR achieved a long awaited goal of verification status from the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries! We assisted a record number of horse owners in need, referring many to the newly formed MD Equine Transition Service. We worked very hard for two horses we brought in that desperately needed our help. We watched as one made a miraculous recovery from hardly being able to breathe and being very under weight to thriving and happy; and the other one went from being very grouchy and not wanting to be touched to a loving, playful horse.

An original song was written for us by Steve Gandia and two outstanding videos produced for FHHR by Anna Darden. Our current group of volunteers is the highest number yet and the most caring group of people we have ever had the pleasure to work with.

We look forward to 2020 with new programs and clinics to share with you. Come visit us and share our love of horses! As always, we appreciate your continued support.

Lori Harrington  
President  
Freedom Hill Horse Rescue



FHHR welcomed several scout groups for our Badge Days



***"People Helping Horses & Horses Helping People"***



*Delilah  
(above)  
hosts  
our Easter  
party!*

## New in 2019

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

- \* Weekly volunteer clinics on horse manners/behavior/horse handling
- \* Seven months of Natural horsemanship clinics
- \* An Easter party hosted by our beloved Delilah, where participants learned about horse behavior and care, decorated their Easter "bunny", made Easter baskets and made a craft, with a special photo of the horse of their choice; went for a ride and then groomed their Easter "bunny".
- \* Several Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops visited, earned their Horse Lovers badges and completed community service hours as well as some very special projects. More on those below!
- \* We hosted five Open House days where the public could come meet our horses and learn what a horse rescue organization does every day.
- \* We hosted a very successful tack sale.

Thank you Karen and Shaun and all the volunteers who helped!

## 2019 Results

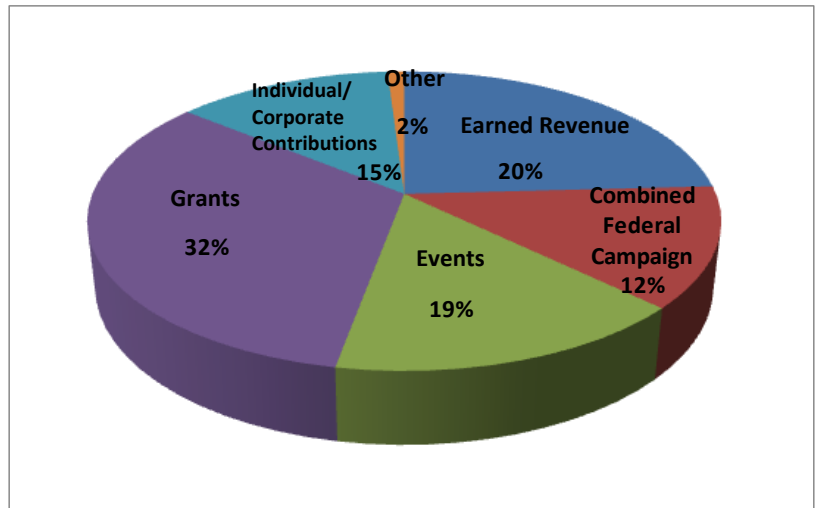
FHHR is proud to report in 2019:

- 15 horses were under FHHR care
- 5 owner assisted/rehomed
- 4 horses fostered
- 700+ people attended educational and outreach events
- 65 new volunteers recruited
- 3 horses adopted
- 2 horses return to FHHR
- 334 horses assisted since 2004
- 9 Horse Angel sponsors
- over 8,300 volunteer hours worked

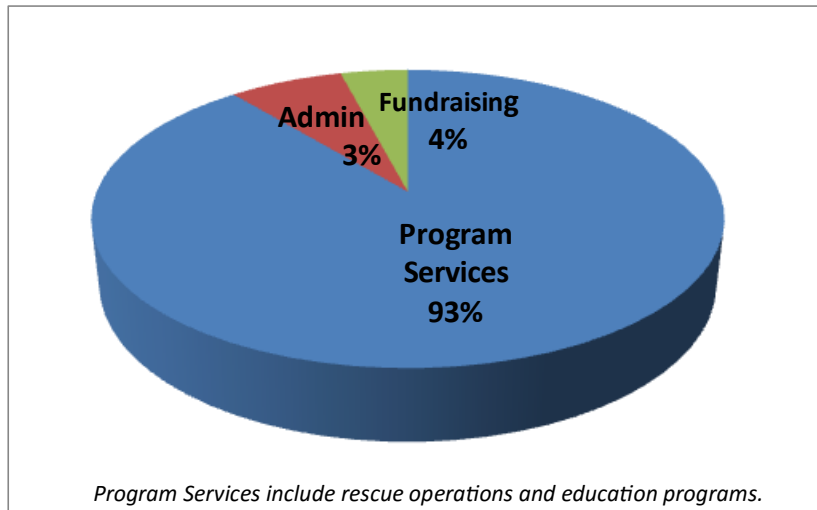
Our 2nd annual Spirits & Steeds in October was a very successful fundraising event, with a live band (Boogie Lu and friends), many local artisans and vendors, kids games & crafts, a horse kissing booth and local beer/wine vendors.



## Fiscal Year 2019 Revenue



## Fiscal Year 2019 Expenses





Another section of new fencing done this year between B and C pastures! Only a few more feet to go and it will be all complete!



We received a very generous donation of 40 tons of sand for our arena from Chaney Enterprises. Thank you -Lookin Good!

Our thanks to GS Troop 10019 that designed and installed a fabulous mural for our run in.



Eagle Scout Matt C and friends cleaned up the historic cemetery on Hampton Plantation! Thank you everyone - Job well done!



## 2019 Grants

Grant funding was awarded by:

- \* ASPCA
- \* Bernice Barbour Foundation
- \* CFC
- \* Dancers Legacy Foundation
- \* Doris Day Foundation
- \* EQUUS
- \* Gus Hawthorne Foundation
- \* Joseph Robert Foundation
- \* MD Charitable Contributions Fund
- \* Sheet Metal Workers Union Local 100
- \* The Strickland Foundation

### Board of Directors:

Lori Harrington, President  
 Shaun Gandia, Vice President  
 Lori Harrington, Treasurer  
 Beth Meader, Secretary  
 Melody Trecartin, Advisor and Founder

In 2019, FHHR received verification from the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries thanks to Beth's hard work and determination. This has been a long time goal of FHHR and we are thrilled to finally receive this prestigious status!



Our extreme gratitude to the many individual /corporate donations over \$50 this year honoring friends, family and our horses:

William W	Carol M	Prince Frederick Ford
Laura C	Anne T	Double W of MD
Carol B	Friends of Barbaro	Wendy W
Schwab	Arthur J	David L
Elliott Family	Linda C	Ameriprise Financial
Ken & Dawn W	Janice S	P Deal
Ledos Pizza	Heartlands Outreach	Your Cause LLC
Crossfit	Kathleen S	Stephanie M
Alana C	Alexis A	Rebecca B
Shannon C	Charles S	Touchstone Jewelry
Sharon F	Timothy M	Giant
Christine L	Shirley D	Applebees
Mark M	Susan F	Sweet Frog
Michele V	Cynthia S	

Our 2020 foster families mean the world to us. Thank you Liz C, Cara & Sophie L, Jennifer & Carrigan W and Jaylee C

## 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

Silver \$50/mth

Gold - \$100/mth

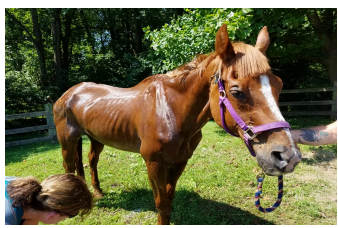
Platinum - \$200/mth

Sign up at [freedomhillhorsesrescue.com](http://freedomhillhorsesrescue.com)!

Thank you to our 2019 Horse Angel Sponsors: Marcie S, Diane H, Janet L, Janice S, Michelle V, Sharon F, Lina C, Susan F, and Halvorson/Finn and Carlson families

*"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."*

John F Kennedy

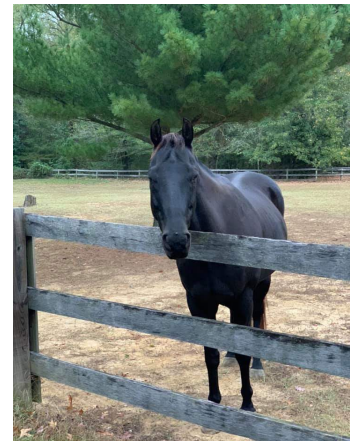


Apollo - Before & After



# SUCCESS STORIES!

Jack - Before & After



In November, FHHR welcomed 65+ families, artisans and Santa to our annual Holiday Photos with Horses .



## Annual Holiday Photos With Horses



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[http:// freedomhillhorsesrescue.com](http://freedomhillhorsesrescue.com). Come volunteer and fall in love!

# Freedom Hill Horse Rescue of Owings, Maryland is Verified by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



December 27, 2019 (Owings, MD) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Verified status to Freedom Hill Horse Rescue as of December 20, 2019.

Verification means that Freedom Hill Horse Rescue meets the criteria of a true equine sanctuary/rescue and is providing humane and responsible care of the animals. To be awarded Verified status, an organization must meet GFAS's rigorous and peer-reviewed animal care standards which are confirmed by a site visit and they must also adhere to a demanding set of ethical and operational principles. The Verification status also provides a clear and trusted means for the public, donors and grantors to recognize Freedom Hill Horse Rescue as an exceptional organization.

“We are proud to announce the recent Verification of Freedom Hill Horse Rescue,” said Daryl Tropea Ph.D., GFAS Program Director-Equine. “Freedom Hill conducts outstanding rehabilitation, retraining, and successful re-homing programs, all to the benefit of the horses. The organization’s Board Members, and volunteers are tremendously dedicated and involved in a hands-on way, ensuring both responsible and humane equine care and organizational growth and sustainability.”

“For 15 years, Freedom Hill Horse Rescue has maintained the absolute best care possible of all the horses that come to us, shared our equine knowledge with our volunteers and the public in the hope that quality care is given to all horses, and has always exhibited transparency of our operations,” said Lori Harrington, President of Freedom Hill Horse Rescue. “To be recognized and verified by such an esteemed organization as The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries on our 15 year anniversary, is a dream come true. It is truly an honor to join a group of organizations that share our commitment to the high standards of equine care, our goal to provide a safe and happy environment for them and our true love of helping horses and people.”

The GFAS Equine Accreditation Program is made possible by a generous grant from The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals® and the Kenneth Scott Charitable Trust.

## About Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries

Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization dedicated to the sole purpose of strengthening and supporting the work of animal sanctuaries, rescues, and rehabilitation centers worldwide. The goal of GFAS in working with and assisting these animal care facilities is to ensure they are supported, honored, recognized and rewarded for meeting important criteria in providing care to the animals in residence. GFAS was founded in 2007 by animal protection leaders from a number of different organizations in response to virtually unchecked and often hidden exploitation of animals for human entertainment and financial profit. The GFAS Board of Directors guides the organization’s work in a collaborative manner. While the board includes those in top leadership at The Humane Society of the United States, International Fund for Animal Welfare, and American Anti-Vivisection Society, all board members serve as individuals dedicated to animal sanctuaries. [www.sanctuaryfederation.org](http://www.sanctuaryfederation.org).