

Paws for Reflection Ranch, an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, has provided animal-assisted activities and therapies in Midlothian, Texas since 2007. We partner our 35+ Ranch therapy animals, from horses to hedgehogs, with professional therapists to heal the human mind, body, and spirit. Annually, we serve over 2,000 clients of all ages and abilities from Ellis County and the surrounding counties of Dallas, Tarrant, and Johnson.

Currently, we are seeking donations of Tickets for Local Activities; Vacation Opportunities; Hunting, Fishing & Golf Experiences; Autographed Sports Memorabilia; Merchandise; Gift Cards & Certificates for our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Round Up Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, October 2, 2021. Event proceeds will be allocated towards client scholarships and programs.

The economic stress, social isolation, and loss of loved ones during the past year have led many to experience anxiety, depression, and hopelessness, leading to a rise in addiction, domestic violence, and child abuse. This is a perfect storm for an increase in the nation's already high suicide rate. Healthcare providers and first responders serving on the front lines have been particularly vulnerable to the mental health impact of this crisis. Many others have suffered financial hardships such as job loss and reduced hours. Paws for Reflection Ranch continues to provide counseling services both on-site and via telehealth. While the need for mental health services has increased dramatically the financial support for these services has decreased. We are proud to be of service for those in need and we need your help.

Thankfully, the pandemic does not affect the health of the Ranch animals. Feed and care of the animals are a consistent expense, however. The dollars needed for their care does not fluctuate depending upon direct client use.

For the second year in a row, we were forced to cancel our spring fundraiser which creates a serious financial hardship for the Ranch and the service providers. This means that our annual Round Up is even more important as it is our main fundraiser for the year. We are profoundly grateful for your donation and appreciate your support of our organization and mission.

We invite you to visit our website at **www.PawsForReflectionRanch.org** or connect with us on Facebook to learn more about our programs and keep abreast of Ranch activities and events.

## We are counting on YOU to HELP US HELP OTHERS!

With gratitude, *Stan Seremet* 

Stan Seremet Co-Founder/President