

The Key to Unlocking Future Miracles

Full Equine Facility and Year Round Programs

River Valley Riders
2007 Neal Avenue South
Site Perspective



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Our mission is to enrich the lives of children and adults with special needs by providing equine assisted activities and therapies.

Future Vision

Accommodating more participants with increased offerings in therapeutic riding and carriage driving.

Adding equine assisted activities and therapies by working with physical and occupational therapists, speech pathologists, and psychologists.

Providing classroom space that facilitates increased partnerships with local schools.



Research Proves Results

Physical Effects

“Hippotherapy (therapy on horseback) positively affects gross motor function and balance in children with cerebral palsy of various functional levels.”

Kwon JY, et.al. Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine January 2015

Social-Emotional Effects

“There is an improvement in autonomy and social integration for subjects with intellectual disability, undergoing horse and donkey therapy.”

Borioni N, et.al. Disability and Rehabilitation 2012

Autism

“Parents noted significant improvements in their child's physical, emotional and social functioning following the first 6 weeks of Equine Assisted Activities.”

Lanning BA, et.al. Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders August 2014

The RVR Family Speaks

“I know RVR is one of the reasons that our daughter now walks without assistance. Overall it is so motivating for her on every level.”

~Mary M, parent

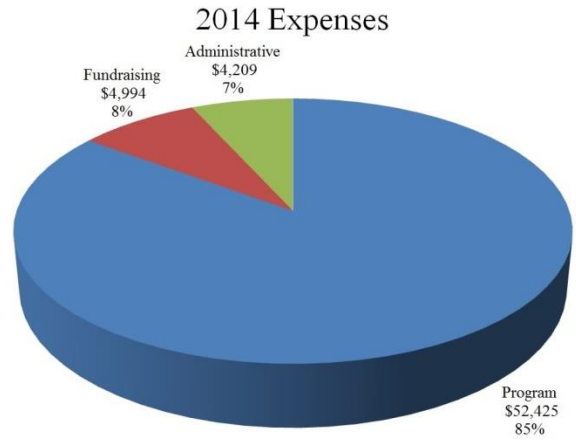
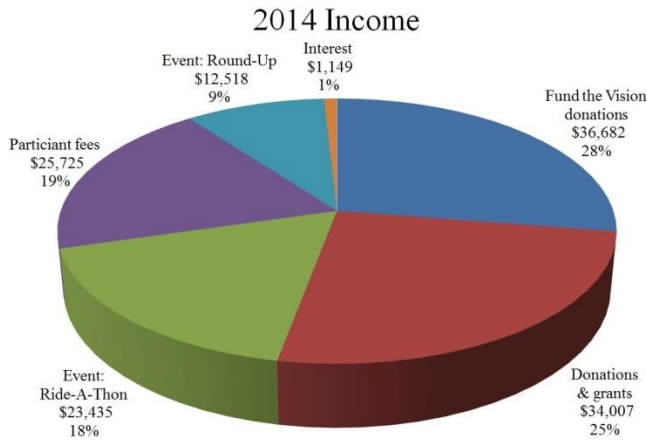
“I saw my daughter's confidence; motor skills and communication improve through the year as she participated.”

~Anonymous parent

“Not a month later during my recovery (from breast cancer), I stepped in the arena and was magically transformed - my spirit, my perspective and my being became fulfilled with warmth and confidence and most of all with smiles.”

~Noreen D, volunteer/ board member

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**Income received above that required for operational expenses is dedicated to Afton development.*

Capital Growth and Development of Afton Site

Early vision of dedicated site for Equine Activities and Therapies (EAAT)	1999-2005	Programs held at rented arena of Washington County Fairgrounds and 2 smaller sites.	Participants served per week increased from 18 in 2000 to 40 in 2010.
\$100,000 raised for down payment on land	2006		
	2007		
	2008		
Purchased 38 acres in Afton, MN	2009		
\$150,000 raised for Afton outdoor arena development	2010		
	2011	Constructed outdoor arena, parking lot and driveway.	In fall, moved riding program to Afton from Washington County Fairgrounds.
\$100,000 raised to reduce debt and eliminate building restrictions	2012	Electricity to Afton site. Installed arena lights.	Lighting allowed lessons to continue through mid-October and offer lessons later in the evening. Added one more evening of lessons at Afton, increasing participants served per week to 60.
	2013	Obtained mortgage and paid off contract for deed.	Moved carriage driving to Afton.
\$75,000 raised for picnic shelter, well, carriage building, and other improvements	2014	Began construction of picnic shelter. Installed additional lighting for parking lot.	Contracted with ISD 916 to provide therapeutic riding at Afton site for students in special education program.
	2015	Completed picnic shelter. Installed well. Constructed carriage building.	Recruited additional therapy horses to increase participants served per week to 70.
\$3,000,000 to be raised from individuals, corporations, and foundations	FUTURE	Indoor arena – no weather cancellations. Stable with owned horses. Therapy, classroom and office space.	Increase capacity. Add mental health and learning sessions. Add hippotherapy and veterans' programs.

How you can help

- Connect RVR with potential supporters including individuals, corporations, foundations, and community service organizations.
- Join our Capital Campaign committee to change this vision into reality.
- Create a legacy – naming opportunities for buildings and areas will be available with one-time or multiple year donations.

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