

Grace Lake Ministries

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Thank You 2019 Donors!

We would like to extend a special thank you to everyone who gave so generously to Grace Lake this past year. Our mission continues because of you!

WALK

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CANTER

Michael Cunningham, Cutting Edge Pediatric & Adult Therapy, Tasha Escoto, The Gil and Dody Weaver Foundation, Thomas Palmer, Kyle and Holly Robinson, Brent and Liz Strange, Charlotte Strouse, Gayle Valice, 1 anonymous



Important Dates

- 2/15~New Volunteer Training
- 2/15~Horse Handler Training
- 2/22~ Horse Handler II Training
- 3/2~Spring Session Begins
- 5/16~Horse Show/Open House
- 6/1~Summer Session Begins



Amazon Shoppers

When you select Grace Lake as your charity of choice on Amazon, we receive a percentage from your purchases. Every dollar helps keep our program up and running!!

GALLOP

The Armstrong Company, Randy and Connie Christopher, Earl W. and Hazel C. Pierson Foundation, Harold Simmons Foundation, Tracy Matern, 1 anonymous

Rider Survey Results



Have you heard? The Survey Results are IN!! And it's official – just like we've prayed, all of us at Grace Lake are making a Kingdom Impact that will last for eternity! Ohhhh, our hearts are bursting with gratitude for each of you!!

We couldn't be more thankful for all who have entered the gates over the years. YOU – our Riders, Volunteers, and Supporters – are the reason Grace Lake Ministries exists. 80% of the families surveyed reported that their rider has a significantly closer relationship with Jesus after spending time with us. This is what it's all about, Folks!

Yes, 85% of our riders have experienced significant physical benefits, and 100% are having fun with their new



Snickers

There's a new herd member! Snickers is a Morgan/Quarter horse cross. He's currently being trained for his very important upcoming job.



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Follow us on Facebook to see pictures of classes and other happenings around the barn.
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hobby. Cognitive, communication, and emotional improvements were noted as well. ALL of these are celebrated as WINS!!

95% of the riders are EXTREMELY Satisfied AND would recommend our therapeutic riding program to their friends.

And.....WAIT!! There's MORE.....

Drumroll please....Because so many of the Riders and Volunteers requested more barn time and a Special Event....Keep reading.....

YES!!!! You guessed it ~The beloved Horse Show and Open House is on the schedule for the Spring Semester! Bring your best smile and most winning attitude, because our Rider teams are going to trot your socks off with all of their hard work on May 16th! Invite a friend. They'll be glad you did!

It's a New Year with a fresh start at Grace Lake. You may notice the rebuilding process of the Robinson home this semester. But one thing will never change... Our heartfelt prayers for each of you to our Father who loves us more than we can imagine. We thank Him daily for all that He continues to do for us and through us.



Scholarships

We have scholarships available for riders who cannot afford the cost of tuition. The application deadline is January 30th. The application can be found on the Rider page of our website. [Link](#)

Thank You!

King's Trail Cowboy Church Arena Team

A HUGE thank you to the King's Trail Cowboy Church Arena team for sponsoring 3 full year scholarships for Riders who cannot afford tuition. We are so grateful for your generosity!!

Romans 15:13~May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Volunteer Spotlight



Emily is one of Grace Lake's dedicated volunteers. She began as a sidewalker then moved up to horse leader. She began volunteering three years ago to earn volunteer hours for school. She discovered Grace Lake through VolunteerMckinney.org. "Grace Lake was the perfect fit for me," she says. She was a veteran horse rider herself with eleven years of experience, so volunteering at Grace Lake and advancing to horse leader was a natural step for her. Her time spent before and after the lessons grooming and tacking the horse is very therapeutic for her. Therapeutic riding "is not just therapeutic for the riders; it is also therapeutic for the volunteers!"

Prior to volunteering at Grace Lake, Emily had no experience working with children with disabilities. She found she loved working with the children and saw her patience, communication skills and leadership skills grow with her participation. She loves the relationships with the people and riders at Grace Lake, "The people that I have met here have made an impact on my life and every session I get to know them even better!"

Grace Lake's mission is to provide therapeutic horsemanship to people with disabilities and others in need of hope and healing in a Christian environment.

