

Grace Lake Ministries

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North Texas Giving Day

Grace Lake has been making a significant difference in the lives of countless individuals with special needs in our community, and we owe much of our success to supporters like you. As we continue our mission to partner with horses to develop life skills and God centered wholeness for those with diverse physical, developmental, and emotional needs, we are reaching out to you with a heartfelt request for your continued support.

Over the years, your generosity has enabled us to transform the lives of people in need of hope and healing into confident individuals who are able to thrive. Through your donations, we have been able to touch the lives of over 200 individuals and families, offering them horses, hope, healing, and a chance for a brighter future.

As we look ahead, the need for our services has never been greater. Many in our community are facing challenges, and your support can be the beacon of hope they desperately seek. By contributing to Grace Lake, you can directly impact the lives of those in need and create lasting change.

Here's how your donation can make a difference:

1. **Empowerment:** Your support has the potential to be truly transformative, whether it involves broadening a child's range of strengths, enhancing their social skills, or improving the physical abilities of a child with special needs.
2. **Community Impact:** By contributing to Grace Lake, you become an integral part of a caring community, united in the belief that positive change is possible. Your donation sets an example



Important Dates

9/1-Early giving begins for North Texas Giving Day

9/5-Fall Session Begins

9/21-North Texas Giving Day

10/28-29-Fall on the Farm Family Photo Fundraiser

[Online Calendar Link](#)



and inspires others to give, multiplying the impact of generosity.

3. **Sustainability:** Your recurring or one-time donation ensures the stability and sustainability of our programs. With your support, we can plan for the future and continue making a difference year after year.

Every dollar counts, and no donation is too small. Your contribution, no matter the amount, will be deeply appreciated and put to work immediately to transform lives.

This year, on Thursday, September 21, 2023, Grace Lake is participating in Communities Foundation of Texas NTX Giving Day, an online giving extravaganza for our whole region. During the entire month of September prior to NTX Giving day, you can make your gift early through Early Giving! The platform makes it simple and easy to give! Between now and September 20, you can make your gift online at <https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/organization/grace-lake-therapeutic-horsemanship-program>. Your dollar will be stretched with thousands of dollars in matching funds, plus bonus funds and prizes raised by Communities Foundation of Texas!



If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs, don't hesitate to reach out to us at director@gracelakeministries.org or (972) 837-4621.

Thank you for your unwavering support and belief in our mission. Together, we can create a brighter future for those in need.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Holly Robinson
Grace Lake Ministries Founder and Director
PATH Intl. Advanced Riding Instructor, CTRI, ESMHL



We are still in need of a Sidewalker on Wednesdays at 3:30. The minimum age is 14 years old. Please email admin@gracelakeministries.org for more information.

Vertical Response

Do you or do you know anyone who knows how to use Vertical Response? Specifically, how to embed html code in a VR email. If so, please respond to this email or email admin@gracelakeministries.org.

**Thank you Ren for
volunteering your
beautiful photography
at Grace Lake!**

Rld Photography

Fall on The Farm. The schedule is open to book fall mini sessions for October 28th and 29th. These will be held on a local farm (9329 FM 1827, Anna TX) and will feature backdrops in an old haybarn, in the pasture with the lake in the background and a natural tree trail.

A beautiful therapy horse will be with you in the lake photograph and at any time cattle could be grazing in the background. Sessions are \$150 and \$50 of each booking will be donated to Grace Lake Ministries (a 501(c)(3)). You will receive 5 high resolution, edited digital images to use or print as you desire. My previous clients will tell you I always include additional photographs if there are some fun outtakes to be shared. You can book your photo session at the following link:

<https://calendly.com/rldphotographytx/minisession>

You can also check out Ren's beautiful work on her [Facebook](#) page and her website at rldphotographytx.com.



Join us for Barn Ambassadors!



My goal as a photographer is to help you preserve those moments that become sweet memories. I am an active animal advocate and a certified Texas Master Naturalist. I began my photography journey years ago; I was that person that everyone relied on to be there with a camera. From family weddings to a recent African adventure, my camera is never far from my side.

My passion for animals led me to start taking photographs to help dogs in high-kill shelters get noticed and adopted. That is when I realized I had a knack for animal photography, which ultimately led to specializing in pictures of people with their pets. If you scroll through my gallery, you will notice that not all my clients have 4 legs.

My portfolio includes family photos, commercial marketing and headshots, high school seniors, events, livestock and celebration of life sessions. Twice a year, I offer mini sessions (done at my studio), Fall and Christmas. I do not do weddings or newborns.

I volunteer (photography & animal care) with Dallas DogRRR, North Texas Wildlife Center, Grace Lake Ministries, Holifield Science Center, Blackland Prairie Raptor Center,

Want to join in and help us around the barn? We will meet on Mondays for 4 weeks beginning September 11th, weather permitting.



Barn Ambassadors

EVERY MONDAY FOR 4 WEEKS
5:30-7:00 PM
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 11TH



 MINIMUM AGE 13 YEARS OLD

 MUST BE ABLE TO FOLLOW DIRECTIONS AND STAY ON TASK INDEPENDENTLY

BARN AMBASSADORS HELP MAINTAIN OUR FACILITY. ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:



- MUCKING STALLS AND PENS
- CLEANING WATER AND FEED BUCKETS
- SWEEPING THE BARN
- CLEANING SADDLES AND HELMETS

TO SIGN UP, EMAIL
ADMIN@GRACELAKEMINISTRIES.ORG

The Big Fix (in Uganda) to name a few.



Follow us on Facebook to see pictures of classes and other happenings at the barn.
[LINK](#)

Galations 5:13-14 ~ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: Love your neighbor as yourself.

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