

Miracles in Motion



Therapeutic Equestrian Center

Hello,

As many of you know, Miracles in Motion is dedicated to providing therapeutic equestrian services to children and adults with a wide range of physical, mental and emotional limitations. Kelli is a young woman who has ridden at Miracles for several years. Kelli was born with physical and mental limitations that most of us cannot even begin to comprehend. In addition to having limited vision, Kelli struggles to maintain her balance and control the muscles of her trunk and limbs. Occasionally, she has seizures, and her friends know that for Kelli, learning does not come easily.

Although life placed some struggles in Kelli's path, she has an indomitable spirit to live life to its fullest. She has a great capacity to love and share her emotions. The following is an excerpt from a letter she wrote about her experiences riding Mike, a horse who will soon retire. Kelli now rides Scooter in the program.

"I like to ride horses at Miracles because Mike is stocky and strong like a draft horse, but not as big as a Clydesdale. Mike likes to get hugs from me after I am done riding him. Last year, Mike took care of me like making my legs strong after I got off him. What I would like to do now when I am on Scooter is practice exercising race horses like going 40 miles an hour on a Thoroughbred or going 35 miles an hour on a Standardbred. I would also like to go to Strawberry Point to see how many Norwegian Fjords Mike's owners have and ask if they breed them since they have so many of them. Before Mike leaves, I would like him to watch me on Scooter to see how I would do on him and not leave until I graduate from Clear Creek Amana in the spring of 2010. A week later on Thursday he might want to watch one more time me on Scooter the race horse, and spend his last time with me like brushing, hugging, petting, and blowing back at me."



As you can tell, Kelli has bonded with Mike and loves her experience at Miracles. Riding strengthens the muscles of her trunk and legs and improves her balance. More importantly, riding gives Kelli a sense of accomplishment and joy.

There are many students like Kelli at Miracles in Motion who love to ride or drive a cart. They all exhibit a joy for horses that transcends the struggle of their daily routines.

Your donation, no matter how great or small, helps improve the physical capabilities of all the Kellis at Miracles in Motion. It also helps them laugh and smile.

Please, help make these miracles happen. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Darryl Tower
Executive Director