

# CONNECTIONS HAPPEN HERE



**ANNUAL REPORT | 2025**





## Vision

To make the joy of human-horse connection possible for people of all ages and backgrounds while giving rescued horses a second chance at life.

## Mission

Provide gentling and training to rescued horses to improve chances of adoptability, and serve as a Summit County resource for horse-centered learning and experiences.

## Values

**Our values inform our approach to horsemanship:**

- We meet horses *where they are*, recognizing individual needs based on a horse's history, health and unique characteristics.
- We use a balance of natural horsemanship principles and horse-centered communications in working with our rescued horses.
- We pursue a trust based approach to the human-horse connection.
- We meet our ranch community members *where they are*, to help them on their horse-connection journey.
- We place horse and handler safety as a priority in all that we do.
- We believe everyone has something to offer and gain from interacting with horses.



**We Are** Summit Valley Horse Center, a 501(c)(3) membership organization dedicated to transforming the lives of both horses and humans. Established in 2015, we have operated on an 80-acre ranch in Silverthorne, Colorado since 2021.

Together, our professional staff and dedicated, trained volunteers **rehabilitate horses**—sent to us by area horse rescue operations— to change the trajectory of their future from abandoned or abused to adoptable by responsible, caring people.

Additionally, we provide opportunities for people of all ages and circumstances to interact with horses through hands-on, experience-level **programs, riding lessons, volunteer opportunities and special events.**

Through engagement with horses, we help participants **build invaluable life skills**—learning to be strong yet gentle, confident yet compassionate, and passionate yet patient—lessons that extend far beyond the ranch and influence personal growth, leadership, and emotional well-being.

As the only equine-focused public facility of its kind in the Summit Valley, we **collaborate with local organizations to enrich community life.** We honor the valley's rich ranching tradition by providing unique outdoor experiences that foster a deeper connection to the land, horses, and one another.



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**2025 was another exceptional year of growth** and development for Summit Valley Horse Center. We are proud to share the progress SVHC made toward our mission of being an equestrian resource where people and horses can grow, connect, and thrive together.

Through our successful rescue horse program, **we fostered 18 horses—15 of which were adopted.** Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we were also able to provide critical winter fostering for several horses in need.

Our core member programs remain strong. Through beginner and advanced horsemanship classes, we continued to teach essential horsemanship skills that support the successful adoption of our foster horses. Our riding lesson program also remained highly popular, serving members ages 6 and up across a wide range of skill levels in both private and group settings.

We expanded our impact by introducing new programs for the public and community groups, including **Hands on Horses, Horses Helping Humans,** and an **Equine Leadership and Wellness** program. In addition, we strengthened existing partnerships and built new ones, collaborating with over 20 local organizations and rescue groups to advance our shared mission of equine and human welfare and education.

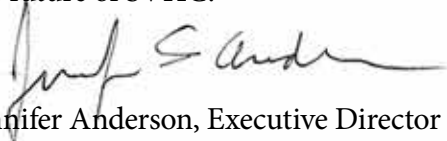
In 2025, we **helped revitalize the 4-H horse program in Summit County** by providing horses and instruction at our ranch. We are proud of our 4-H participants and look forward to continuing this program in 2026.

We are **deeply grateful to Michael and Carol Obst for their generous support** in funding new loafing sheds, improving shelter and comfort for our horses. We also **constructed an expanded obstacle course** to help horses and riders build confidence across a variety of real-world scenarios.

This year, **we supported several horse owners during winter emergencies** by providing temporary shelter and care. In one notable case, we assisted a pregnant horse involved in an accident on I-70, providing immediate first aid and companionship to help keep her calm. We were delighted to learn she safely delivered her foal a few months later.

Resaddled Thrift Store continued to play a vital role in supporting our operations, with 2025 marking a record year in sales. The store was also honored with **“Best of Summit” for the fourth consecutive year.**

These accomplishments made 2025 an excellent year for Summit Valley Horse Center and we are excited to build on them in 2026. We invite you to explore the full report and celebrate the momentum we are creating together. Thank you for being part of our community and supporting the future of SVHC.



Jennifer Anderson, Executive Director

# OUR HORSES

## Pursuing true connection

**In 2025, Summit Valley Horse Center** cared for and managed a diverse herd of 50 horses, including rescued horses, our trusted resident herd, and carefully selected horses on loan for our horsemanship programs. From ponies to full-sized horses and mini donkeys, our herd represented a wide range of breeds, ages, and disciplines, enriching the experience for horses and participants alike.

A core part of our daily work is the rehabilitation of rescued horses—a process grounded in mutual trust and horse-centered communication. This journey of recovery is also one of learning and growth, not just for the horses, but for the people who work with them. At SVHC, our mission truly comes to life through our guiding belief: *People helping horses helping people.*

**50** Horses on-site

**18** Rescues Fostered

**15** Number of horses adopted

**100** Tons of Hay Distributed



## New in 2025

**An Expanded Obstacle Course** was created for horse and rider confidence building. It's many features include a water crossing, a practice trail, walk-through obstacles, straw bale maze, bridges and more.



# 2025 ADOPTIONS | Forever connections

**Preparing rescued horses** for their forever homes is a task worthy of our best efforts. In the past four years Summit Valley Horse Center has facilitated the adoption of 69 horses, sent to us by area horse rescues. Our job is to 'meet them where they are' and give them what they need to be safe, adoptable horses. We use natural horsemanship principles along with horse-centered communications in our training and large doses of love given generously by our staff and volunteers for these extraordinary creatures.



Hammer



Lyric



Kash



Rose



Sage



Kruz



Oerius



Leo



Chewy



Jasper



Cinny



Justice



Misty



Ebony



Honey

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*SVHC has helped us immensely! We are so grateful for this partnership. Our horses get more exposure and learn to trust more humans. It helps their adoption prospects as they get additional training and desensitization.”*

BREE THOMPSON  
WILD HEARTS HAVEN

## SVHC owns a small herd

of ponies used in our programs along with up to 40 rescued and seasonally loaned horses. These reliable, sweet horses live here year-round and are among the favorites of staff, volunteers and program participants.



Flash



Edgar



Tiny Tim



Annie

## A sad goodbye

In March 2026 we lost a dear equine friend, Billy Bob, who had freely roamed the grounds of our ranch in his senior years, having earned that privilege for his lifelong work as a ranch horse.



# PROGRAMS

## Connecting by doing

**SVHC is a place** where all are welcome to experience the magic of the horse-human relationship. We offer opportunities to work with our horses by becoming a member or volunteering to help support our organization. After completing a New Member Orientation, members are eligible to participate in our horsemanship classes, which teach horse safety, handling, and training basics. We also offer riding lessons and fee-based programs for children who want to learn about and spend time with horses.

## New in 2025

### HORSES HELPING HUMANS

Horses Helping Humans is a hands-on class exclusively for special needs and neurodiverse kids. We have partnered with Best Buddies International and Silverthorne Elementary School to bring groups out to experience the human-horse connection.



### EQUINE LEADERSHIP AND WELLNESS PROGRAM

This experiential training uses horses as partners in leadership and wellness development. Through hands-on interaction, participants will explore trust, communication, self-awareness, teamwork and essential elements of effective leadership in policing/emergency response.



**356** Programs conducted

**150+** Riding Lessons

## CORE PROGRAMS



### MEET THE MINIS

Our Meet the Minis ranch program has been an excellent “gateway” experience for young children and individuals with limited to no exposure to horses. It is a class that allows individuals to gain hands on experience with horses to include: grooming, leading the horse and mini obstacle course training.



### HANDS ON HORSES

Hands on Horses, an open to the public class, is an opportunity for people ages 4 and up to tour our beautiful ranch and interact with our herd.



### BEGINNER/ADVANCED HORSEMANSHIP

This program is for adult and youth members who desire more experience in learning about basic handling, training fundamentals and preparation for working with the foster horses.



### RIDING LESSONS YEAR-ROUND

We offer both group and individual lessons subject to availability. Membership of SVHC is required to participate in lessons.

# EVENTS

## Connecting with our Community

**SVHC conducted** or participated in 13 on-site and community events in 2025.

On-site events welcome the community to visit the ranch and see what we have to offer. At the events we provide an array of horse-related activities for fun and learning in a festive atmosphere.

We actively host and participate in events across Summit County to share our mission and connect with the community. Through our outreach efforts, we aim to be valued partners, enriching the lives of local residents and fostering meaningful connections.

### MAJOR EVENTS IN 2025

Volunteer Kick-Off and Season Opening  
Rotary Bingo @ the Pad  
Open Ranch Day  
Golf Tournament at Keystone Ranch  
Friends of SVHC Night  
Horsemanship Clinic w/Spot On Horse Training





People helping horses helping people

# VOLUNTEERS

## Connecting with others

**Our ranch operations,** special events, equine programs, and rescue horse training thrive because of the dedication and passion of our volunteers. Their commitment not only enhances the lives of our horses but also strengthens the fabric of our community.

We are incredibly grateful for their unwavering support and the invaluable difference they make in helping us fulfill our mission.

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*At Summit Valley Horse Center, we believe in creating an environment where volunteers feel a deep sense of belonging and purpose. Through shared laughter, learning, and teamwork, they experience firsthand the positive impact of their efforts—both on the horses they care for and within the community we serve.*

CAROLE WELLER  
VICE PRESIDENT  
AND VOLUNTEER CORDINATOR



The RAM Legacy in Action team taking a well deserved break!

**More than 250** members contributed  
**10,647** volunteer hours  
contributed to ranch operations,  
events, programs, training and Thrift  
Store operations.

# RESADDLED THRIFT STORE

Our financial backbone



## The ReSaddled Thrift Store

in Silverthorne, Colorado is the financial backbone of Summit Valley Horse Center.

A treasure trove for thrift enthusiasts, the store has been in operation for 11 years and offers a wide variety of gently used items including clothing, sports gear, housewares, and other gems with 100% of the profits supporting the Summit Valley Horse Center.

**3,797** volunteers hours were contributed to Resaddled Store and **30,000 lbs.** of clothes were recycled



# PARTNERSHIPS & SPONSORS

**Thanks** to our sponsors, we are able to work with more rescued horses, maintain our herd, improve our facility, and provide more horse-centered activities for our Summit Valley community.

## MAJOR DONORS

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### Rescue Partners

Troublesome Horse Rescue  
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### Community Partners

Keystone Science School  
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Summit County Animal Control and Shelter  
Summit County 4-H

### HORSE SPONSORS

Nancy Guerra  
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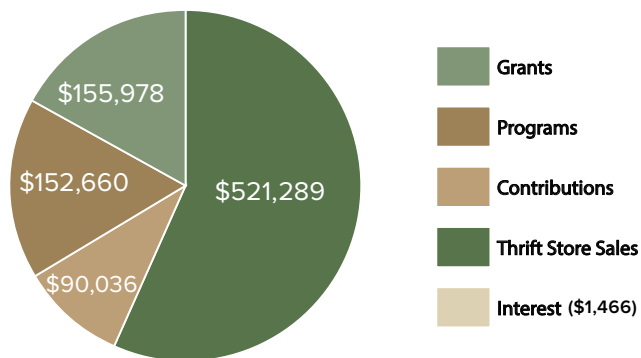
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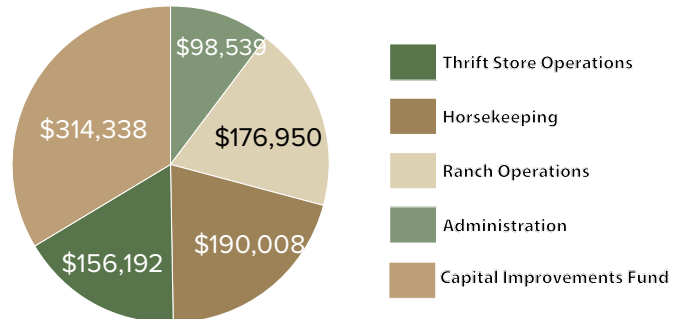
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# FINANCIALS

Revenue: \$921,429



Expenses: \$921,429



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*Looking for the good in horses is something I've always done. Over the years, I've come to realize the need to do the same thing for humans, too.*

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TOM DORRANCE



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