



ANNUAL REPORT

2024





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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.



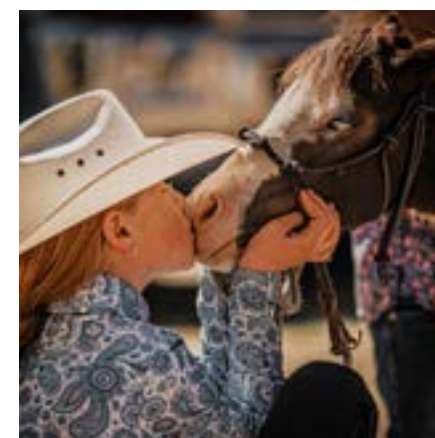
We Are Summit Valley Horse Center, a 501(c)(3) membership organization dedicated to transforming the lives of both horses and humans. Established in 2015, we have operated on an 80-acre ranch in Silverthorne, Colorado since 2021.

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 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



NEW ARENA FOOTING

OPEN YEAR-ROUND

RECORD NUMBER OF ADOPTIONS

What a year it's been! After just three years at our current location, Summit Valley Horse Center is making substantial strides. We are excited to share the progress SVHC made in 2024 toward our mission of becoming a thriving equestrian resource for our community.

Thanks to the generous support of Michael and Carol Obst, we **upgraded our arena footing and fencing**, creating a safer and more functional environment for both horses and humans.

With a new, improved arena, we welcomed Emily Rampolla to our team, whose expertise allowed us to launch a much needed **riding lesson program**, now serving participants of all ages and skill levels. We also hired Anastasia Chaney as our **Youth Coordinator**, who was able to grow existing programs and developed new ones to better serve our Summit County and Colorado youth.

To support the growing needs of our local horse community, we made the decision to continue operations into the winter, and for the first time SVHC was **open YEAR-ROUND**. For year-round operations to be successful, we made key infrastructure improvements—opening the door to expanded programming, events, boarding, and training opportunities, regardless of the season.

In partnership with **Spot On Horse Training**, we hosted a clinic that brought fresh knowledge and inspiration to our ranch family.

We also deepened our community connections, **partnering with over 20 local organizations and rescue groups** to further our shared mission of equine welfare and education.

In addition to these achievements, 2024 saw a **record number of horse adoptions**, acquisition of essential ranch equipment, staff growth, barn upgrades, and a marked increase in both programs and events.

These advancements have made 2024 a pivotal year in our development. We invite you to explore the full report and join us in celebrating the momentum we've built together. We hope this report inspires you to share in our excitement for the future of Summit Valley Horse Center.

Ross Sheely
Board President

Lizzie Kanetsky
Executive Director

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“SVHC has helped us immensely! We are so grateful for this partnership. Our horses get more exposure to different people and learn to trust more humans. It helps their adoption prospects as they get additional training and desensitization. Last year three of our rescues were adopted through SVHC which allows us to help more horses!”

BREE THOMPSON
WILD HEART HAVEN

OUR HORSES

The Focus of Our Work

In 2024, Summit Valley Horse Center cared for and managed a diverse herd of 40 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 minis, 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.*

40 Horses on-site

20 Rescues Trained

16 Number of horses adopted

72 Tons of Hay Distributed



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SVHC HERD

Our Equine Family

SVHC owns a small herd of ponies and horses 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.,



Tiny Tim



Billy Bob



Misty



Annie



Edgar

2024 ADOPTIONS

Homes for Deserving Horses

Preparing rescued horses for their forever homes is a task worthy of our best efforts.

In the past three years Summit Valley Horse Center has facilitated the adoption of 54 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.



Phil
Troublesome Horse Rescue



Bronco
Wild Hearts Haven



Ebony
Next Step Horse Rescue



Justice
Next Step Horse Rescue

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Teddy (aka Ikaika)
Next Step Horse Rescue



Cinny
Next Step Horse Rescue



Gala
Next Step Horse Rescue



Link
Wild Hearts Haven



Leo
Next Step Horse Rescue



Parker
Troublesome Horse Rescue



Cotton (aka Mello)
Wild Hearts Haven



Travis Kelsey
Little Hooves Horse Rescue



Prince Marshmallow
Little Hooves Horse Rescue



Baby J (aka Justus)
Next Step Horse Rescue



Kahlua
Next Step Horse Rescue



Eclipse
Next Step Horse Rescue



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PROGRAMS

Learning 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.

406 Programs conducted

158 Riding Lessons

125 Pony Rides



PROGRAMS

MEET THE MINIS

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.



BEGINNER 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.



PONY POSSE

The Pony Posse is for ages 8+ , including those with limited to no knowledge of horses. It is a hands-on class that allows individuals to gain experience of grooming, leading and handling the horse.



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ADVANCED HORSEMANSHIP

This class allows members with advanced horse backgrounds to help rehabilitate abused, neglected or unwanted horses.



RIDING LESSONS YEAR-ROUND

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

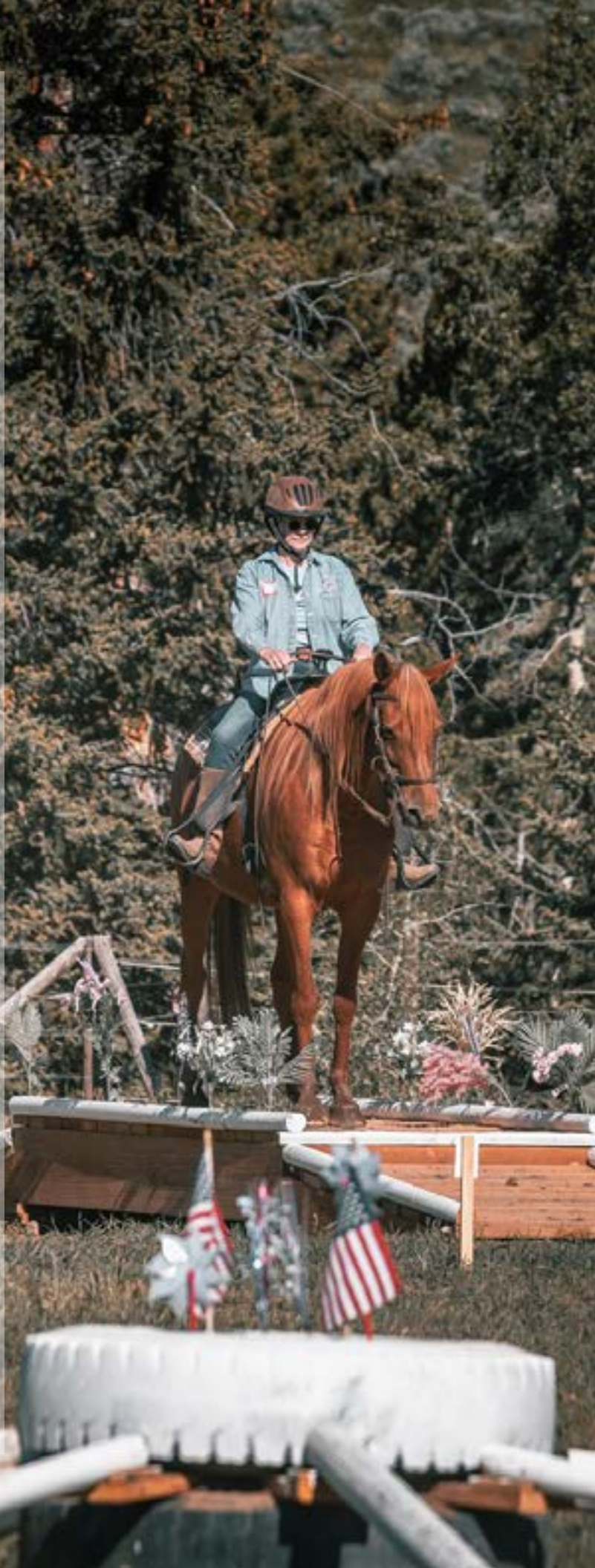


HORSIN' AROUND RANCH HANDS

We need daily assistance with feeding, filling water troughs, mucking, mending fences, general maintenance, and many other tasks. Volunteers do not interact with horses, but spend time around them on our beautiful 80-acre ranch.

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EVENTS

Making it Fun



SVHC conducted or participated in 13 on-site and community events in 2024.

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. Additionally, we offer members special events to advance their skills and enjoy

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 2024

Volunteer Kick-Off and Season Opening	March 29
Rotary Bingo @ the Pad	April 1
Open Ranch Day	June 29
Golf Tournament at Keystone Ranch	July 15
Obstacle Course Challenge	August 10
Friends of SVHC Night	August 15
Adoption Showcase	September 21
Horsemanship Clinic w/Spot On Horse Training	September 28
Pumpkinfest	October 6



EVENTS



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PARTNERSHIPS

Our Community in Action

Rescue Partners

- Troublesome Horse Rescue
- Mountain Valley Horse Rescue
- Next Step Horse
- Little Hooves
- Wild Hearts Haven

Community Partners

- Keystone Science School
- Building Hope Summit County
- Take the Reins and Wild Youth Passages
- Spot On Horse Training
- Colorado Outward Bound
- Summit Historical Society
- Synagogue of the Summit
- BGV Gives
- SOS Outreach
- Mountain Mentors
- Keystone Ranch
- Rotary Club of Summit County
- Town of Silverthorne
- Friends of the Lower Blue
- Summit County Animal Control and Shelter

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 10 years and offers a wide variety of gently used items including clothing, sports gear, housewares, and other gems with 100% of the proceeds supporting the Summit Valley Horse Center.

79 volunteers contributed
3,872 hours to Resaddled Store; a
\$46,464 value





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VOLUNTEERS

The heart of our mission

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“Our horses would not be able to find a second chance at a new loving home without the wonderful generosity of our donors and time commitment of our volunteers. To them we are truly grateful.”

CAROLE WELLER
VICE PRESIDENT AND
VOLUNTEER

SPONSORS

Our Dream Makers

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.



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.

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.

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

7,163 volunteer hours contributed to
ranch operations, more than
\$136,000 in value.

Slifer Smith Frampton

BGV Gives

Summit Foundation

Obst family

Summit Rotary

Nelson Family Fund

Sarah Hoiles Foundation

Summit County Government

Howard and Sue Carver

Callantine Charitable Trust

Katie McBrayer Foundation

Town of Frisco

Town of Breckenridge

El Pomar

Walmart

Carin Anderson

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Amanda Johnson

Aileen Nicoletti

Julie and Dan McNerney

Dave and Eli DePeters

Gary Rasco

HORSE SPONSORS

Pinnacle Gives

Juan and Ade Galarza

Snake River Saloon

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Stewards of our mission

- Ross Sheely, President
- Carole Weller, Vice President
- Marguerite Miller, Secretary
- Katie Nees, Treasurer
- Lizzie Kanetsky, Executive Director
- Nancy Guerra, Board Member
- Dave DePeters, Board Member
- Julie Brown, Board Member
- Cubrina Friedman, Board Member
- Georgia Kirschner, Youth Coordinator




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STAFF

Extraordinary commitment

- Lizzie Kanetsky
Executive Director
- Emily Rampolla
Riding Instructor
- Anastasia Chaney
Youth Coordinator
- Jack Simmons
Ranch Hand



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FINANCIALS

“The fiscal integrity is essential to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Summit Valley Horse Center’s mission and goals.

KATIE NEES
TREASURER

INCOME

Direct Public Grants	\$141,426.46
Total Client Revenue	\$36,616.28
Corporate Donations	\$5,727.07
Fund Raisers (net)	\$10,343.92
Individual Contributions	\$51,384.06
Thrift Store Sales	\$474,857.75
Interest Income	\$2,129.31
Total Income	\$720,484.85

EXPENSES

Administration	\$226,124.72
Ranch Personnel Compensation	\$84,280.68
Ranch Operations	\$135,159.98
Thrift Store Personnel Compensation	\$115,081.35
Thrift Store Operations	\$27,320.72
Total Expenses	\$587,967.41
Net Income (to Ranch Savings Account)	\$132,517.44

