



**HORSE HAVEN**  
OF TENNESSEE

**HHT Mission Statement**

**To rescue, rehabilitate, and re-home God's neglected or abused equine through programs of shelter, adoption, education, and assistance**

**Equine Programs**

- **Adoption** - Finding a home for a horse in need.
- **Helping Hoof** - Help equine owners feed their horses during a financial crisis.
- **Ultimate Act of Compassion** - Helping equine owners with humane euthanasia
- **Studs to Buds** - Gelding assistance to help lower the rate of unwanted.

It is through your generous support for HHT that we can continue to give a voice to those that cannot speak for themselves.

**Wish List**

- Feed: Purina Senior, Strategy, Alfalfa Pellets
- Supplements, DeWormer
- Gift cards: TSC, Rural King, Walmart, Office Depot, Gas Cards
- Hay - Horse Quality Square and Round bales
- Manure Spreader
- Office Supplies: Copy Paper, Bottled Water for volunteers, Stamps, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels,

# Neigh & Bray

Giving a voice to those who cannot speak for themselves.



Fall 2022

**FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

As I watch the horses happily munching on hay and enjoying this beautiful fall season, I am quickly reminded and humbled by God's continued vision and guidance for this organization. Each new rescue has brought many new faces into the barn. We begin to see the transformation of each horse with each passing day. We begin to see their hair color brighten, the sparkle in their eyes, and their ribs disappearing with each pound gained. This transformation brings out the passion in our organization.

As this year as flown by, I am so thankful for the connections and relationships that have been built. We have had the pleasure of serving alongside some of the best officers, state officials, and volunteers. To date, we have rescued over 50 equine, and the year is not over yet. Not one of those rescues could have been possible without your support. Our horses receive the best veterinary care, high quality hay and feed, and excellent farrier care. Each horse that has enters our barn is given a second chance, which is the foundation of our organization.

Thank you to our donors and supporters for continuing to further the mission of Horse Haven of Tennessee!

*Ashley Ford*

Executive Director

**FROM OUR FOUNDER:**

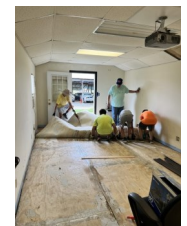
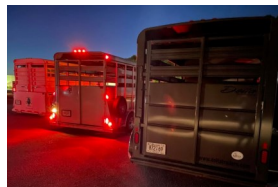
This past year I have been blessed with the opportunity to witness the passion for the horses and this organization shown through our staff and volunteers. The "Go Team" was always there no matter what time of day or night they were needed to go on a horse call. They worked some long hours ensuring the horses needing our help got it. One call even started their day at 5:00 AM and didn't end until 8:00 PM. Now that's dedication!

Volunteers came together to dig and lay water lines to make sure our horses had access to water in their pastures this winter and make it easier on our volunteer shifts so they didn't have 500' of hoses to worry about freezing. And when the office needed a long overdue face lift they stepped up to this tedious task also. Thank You ALL!

You ARE the "Heart" of Horse Haven of Tennessee!

*Nena L. Margetson*

Founder/Associate Director



**Board of Directors:**

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**Equine Manager:**

Madison Whiddon

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Bill & Michelle Shanks,  
Aaron & Kelly Crenshaw,  
Lee Williams, Kristen Portuesie & Corey Gilbert

**Contact info:**

HHT - P.O. Box 30393  
Knoxville, TN 37930  
(865) 609-4030

**Directions to facility:**

Visits by appointment only.  
Take I-40 to exit #369 (Watt Road) & turn south. Go to light and turn right onto RT. 11. Follow RT 11 by taking a left at the next light. Continue 2 1/2 miles to light. Turn right onto Ford Road. HHT is located at 2477 Ford Road.

To help ensure the safety of our volunteers and horses we request you do not visit without an appointment. We are open for private tours with a simple phone call to **865-609-4030**

**UPDATES FROM THE BARN**



We always have to remember when one door closes another opens and that God is always in control. Over the past 24 months we have had the pleasure of working with two great ladies as our equine managers. But, it turns out HHT was just a stepping stone to where God needed them to be. They were faithful and followed His lead and both now are running their own boarding and training facilities. Good job ladies!

So at this time we are pleased to welcome Madison Whiddon onto staff. I think we will be seeing some great things through her calm and patient training methods. We have already had the joy to watch some very stubborn mules and a feral 18-month-old colt catch on rather quickly with her calm approach, and we welcome her as our new equine manager.



**Clayton**  
HORSE HAVEN OF TENNESSEE'S  
*Breakfast in the Barn*  
December 10, 2022 | 9 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Pancakes with Santa and the horses  
Tickets on sale at horsehaventn.org  
Wampler's  
It's Great Sausage

Tickets are \$15 per person. Children 3 and under are free.  
We have an expanded menu this year: pancakes, Wampler's sausage, eggs, fruit, AND Krispy Kreme doughnuts!

We'll have coffee, milk, juice, and water.  
Ticket prices include an ornament to take home and a family photo with Santa!  
Seats are limited to 150 guests. Pre-registration is required for the event.

**outreach@horsehaventn.org**

# Retirement Thoughts - from "Twinkie"

*"My best days in retirement are when I can still give back to those around me."*



"I just wanted to pop in one last time to let everyone know how much I'm enjoying my new life. Even though I miss all my friends at the HHT barn, I am so grateful for the opportunity to retire with this very special family. I'm having sooo much fun! I really love my new person, Emory, and look forward to our new adventures every day.

*Twinkie*



**Robin H.  
Office Manager**

Born in Huntington Beach, CA and moved to East Tennessee when she was 14 years old. Always an animal lover, but didn't get her first horse until she was in high school.

Robin came on staff in April of 2018. She is the mother of two adult sons, Ethan & Caleb. Whether it is hitting the trails with her goofy dog Cora Belle or mountain biking and kayaking with friends, she never turns down a chance for a new adventure.

She brings a warm smile to the office and when she says, "I absolutely love what I do here!" And she really means it.



**Janey T.  
Volunteer**

Janey is originally from Johnson City, TN but has lived in Knoxville since she came to the University of Tennessee to study Speech Pathology. She continues to work part-time with children.

Janey is wife to Johnny and Mom to Kevin and Chelsea. She has been with Horse Haven of Tennessee for three and a half years. She loves the mission of HHT and the wonderful people here. Being around the horses and learning more about their needs and care is her passion. Other loves include dogs, art, and music. Janey gives praise and thanks to God in all things including Horse Haven of Tennessee.

**Meggan T. Graves DVM  
Board Member**



Despite coming from a military family, she has spent most of her life in Tennessee.

She has been a practicing veterinarian for over 20 years, receiving her degree from the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine.

She and her husband of 23 years Chris, have four sons (20, 19, 17, and 15). The menagerie of animals on their farm include two beagle pups, a Boykin spaniel, eight chickens, three goats, two miniature donkeys, and three mules - one of which was adopted through Horse Haven!

She enjoys all things outdoors, like competing in Ride and Tie races, which combines two of her favorite hobbies - riding horses and running!

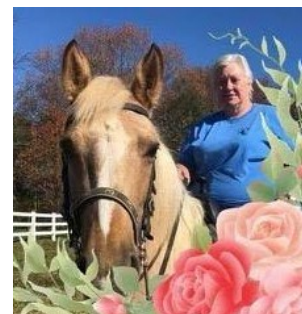
welcome  
TO OUR  
family

## 2023 New Board Members - Kathryn Haaquist, Kim Dickey & Melodye Hicks



Kathryn (above) joined Horse Haven as a shift volunteer in 2017. She later became a team lead and was involved in many of Horse Haven's special teams. She now joins our Board.

Kim (below) served on the HHT volunteer team many years ago and competed in the 2014 Dancing for the Horses competition. Her love for horses remains and she is blessed to own her very own small farm, which includes horses, dogs and cats.



Melodye (above) has been with Horse Haven of Tennessee since 2014. She has owned horses all her life since she was five years old. She is a Regional Director for a large medical company in North Carolina. She has three dogs, Rambo, Lori Darling and Annie Oakley. She also has her horse, Diva Goldie.

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## HHT Calendar

Breakfast at the Barn  
December 10, 2022  
9:00AM - 11:00

Trail Challenge Series  
2023

Dancing for the Horses  
May 12, 2023

For more information about all  
of our upcoming events log onto  
[www.horsehaventn.org](http://www.horsehaventn.org)



### 2022 High Points Results

#### Novice Division:

**1st** - McKenzie Whitt &  
Hunter from Redemption  
Ranch & Recovery

**2nd** - Madison Whiddon &  
Patron from Horse Haven of  
Tennessee

#### Expert Division:

**1st** - Todd Morressey &  
Ranger from HomeStretch  
Thoroughbred Rescue

**2nd** - Maggie Patterson &  
Kit from Hickory Hill Farm

**3rd** - Todd Morressey &  
Spink from Rivers Edge  
Farm

#### Fan Favorite:

Rescue - Rivers Edge Farm

Trainer - Todd Morressey

Horse - Patron

We want to thank  
Precision Printing for the  
printing of this newsletter &  
Direct Mail for getting it into  
your mailbox.

**Second Chances** are only possible because of You! **Yes, You!** It is because of your continued support through your prayers and donations that Horse Haven of TN can do everything we can to make these **second chances** possible. We would like to share with you just one of those many **second chance** stories from 2022.

**Lily** came to HHT with two others (*pictured below*). She had an eye ulcer upon pickup that required hospitalization and 44 days of around-the-clock care. We are thrilled to announce her eye is now **PERFECT** and she is available for adoption.



Fleur (*above*)



Remus (*above*)

