



## 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 homes for horses in need.
- **Helping Hoof** - Help equine owners feed their horses during a financial crisis.
- **Ultimate Act of Compassion** - Helping equine owners with humane euthanasia.
- **Emergency Rescue** - Help assistance with equipment and resources
- **Equine Bequest** - Option for those owners without an equine trust.

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
- Gift cards: TSC, Rural King, Walmart, Office Depot, Gas cards
- Hay - Horse quality Square and Round bales
- A home of our own

# Neigh & Bray

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February 2023

### Word from our Executive Director: Ashley Ford

Every horse that enters the safety of our barn helps grow us as individuals. Every horse has a unique personality, things they like and dislike, and even favorite treats! Learning every horse's story and personality is a small part in their journey. Each horse teaches us something, whether that's how to connect in a new way or by overcoming training challenges. But one thing remains the same, every horse receives a new beginning!

Over the years we have had so many impactful stories of our horses, volunteers, and staff. Seeing a horse come in with every bone visible is emotionally challenging at times. The outpouring of love and care that happens through the rehabilitation process is worth every tough day. We bring them back up to weight, groom their thin frames, and bathe away the dirt and grime from their previous homes. We want them to know they are on a road to healing.

The light begins to sparkle in their eyes, their hair begins to brighten with proper nutrition, and their personalities shine through! Seeing these horses recover and be forever adopted is the driving force of our organization. We know that there are dozens and dozens of horses out there needing our help. Help us help provide them with a new beginning!

### Word from our President: Kathryn Haaquist

The beginning of a new year always brings a feeling of possibility. This year, the Board is actively searching for a permanent home for Horse Haven. It is with the continued support of our generous donors and the dedication of our incredible staff and volunteers that make this a possibility in 2023.

In addition, the Board has gained four new Directors who are excited to continue the excellent work our Board has accomplished over the last few years. We look forward to steadfastly pursuing our mission, and know that none of this would be possible without the continued support of our donors and volunteers. Your dedication to our mission is humbling and truly a blessing. There are many exciting possibilities ahead and we look forward to your continued participation in our great organization.



## THANK YOU



Thank you, Susan Alexander and Nathan Sparks with Cityview Magazine for featuring Horse Haven of Tennessee with a spectacular four-page article in your Volume 39, Number 1 edition.

We love when the hard work that HHT does on a daily basis doesn't go unnoticed in our community. Thank You!

<https://cityviewmag.com>



Thank you, Nicole Cook and **Elements Massage** for donating a massage for **ALL** of our volunteers! You filled our barn with happiness by showing our 100+ volunteers they are greatly appreciated. THANK YOU for this generous gift!

<https://elementsmassage.com/west-town>

**Board of Directors:**

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**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. Contin-  
ue 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**

*Update From The Barn*



After being with us a year, **Beth** (left) finds her forever home.

**Eve** (right) is still searching.

**Belle** (bottom right) is 27 years young and looking for that perfect retirement home.

**Others** (bottom left) are currently ready for placement.



(Below - Pictured left to right) **Ginger, Lizzie, Black Beauty, and Duchess** are four older gals looking for a forever home.



**How many of us remember getting an allowance as a young child? Remember trying to decide what you were going to spend it on fun?**

One of the sweet boys in the family pictured to the left decided that he would rather donate it to the horses than use it on himself. He is an avid horse lover and has a passion for animals.

He has such a generous heart at a young age! His hard-earned allowance helped us purchase hay for our horses!

## Stable Thoughts - from "Remus"



I know I have some big shoes to fill left by Twinkie but I think I'm up to the job. My first gig was helping Santa at Breakfast at the Barn. Let me introduce myself. My name is Remus. I was named by the HHT volunteers after a wizard from a Harry Potter movie. I love the color purple, so I just might fit into the role of royalty as the new HHT ambassador quite well. I look forward to making plenty of new friends in the coming year.

**REMUS**



**Terry Martin** retired in 2009 from thirty years as a Certified Safety Professional in commercial accounts with Liberty Mutual Insurance. He enjoys woodworking, decorative and artistic painting, and faux finishing.

He visited the Draft Horse barn at the Elkhart County Fair in Indiana, and had an opportunity to watch those working with and caring for the horses. "I came to Horse Haven because I was interested in doing something I had never done before and learning more about the care and handling of horses. I've also enjoyed having the opportunity to meet new people and make new friendships while working in a team environment."

## Volunteer Spotlight

Our "Go Team" consists of volunteers who always bring their A game to our horse pickups. They perform their assignment for that day without complaint and in a very professional manner. Ashley F., Ami W., Amy A., Auceane B., Cari M., Cheryl D., Courtney P., Curtis F., Cynthia H., David & Terry H., Debbie G., Donnie H., Hannah C., Hannah T., Jen D., Jerri C., Julie R., Kelly C., Kristen P., Kristin Z., Lisa H., Lora B., Madison W., Maura C., Melissa M., Michelle S., Michelle W., Nina M., Sam B., Tara C.



**2022 - Year in Review: Income = 18% Grants / 82% Donor Support  
Expenses = 9.5% Fundraising / 16% Admin / 74.5% Program Cost**

### In Honor Of

- "Lisa Hill" birthday  
Aunty Wow & Uncle DoDo
- "Sam Monnig"  
Roch Monnig
- "Camber McDaniel"  
Brenda McDaniel
- "Katie Dodson"  
George Dodson
- "Saturday Night HHT Crew"  
Ashley Butler
- "Thunder and Bailey"  
Trudie & Stephen Hurlbut
- "Richard and Sheila Thompson"  
Dawn Gibson
- Mother-in-law - "Barbara Frazier"  
Rose Frazier
- "Patron"  
Kristi Lutes

*Continued...*

- "Julie Reid"  
Eileen and Elizabeth Segal

### In Memory Of

- "Sundance"  
John & Gail Avert
- "John Waldrop"  
Susan Ward
- "Cloud Dancer"  
Deirdre Devereaux
- "Maximum Copy"  
Marthanne Carter
- "Glenda Sue Rouse Fine"  
who loved horses  
Sandra Cannon
- "Betty Drinkard"  
Fullgraf Foundation
- "Strong Bow" OTTB  
Carol Mitchell

*Continued...*

- "DME Donsblackbask"  
Peggy Ellis
- "Rocket"  
Sherry Thompson
- "Lulu and JJ"  
Claire Eldridge
- "Dr. David H. McConnell"  
Thomas & Kelly Hyke

### Stall Sponsorship

- In memory of "Ron Dix"  
Teri Dix's sisters, Stevie, Cheryl,  
Jary, Lou and Lisa
- In honor of "Diana Bushman"  
In honor of "Laura Conway"  
Frank Bushman

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## HHT Calendar

Dancing for the Horses  
May 12 6:00 - 10:00

Obstacle Challenges  
June 24 TBA  
September 23 TBA

Fall Harvest Fest & Craft Fair  
October 7 11:00 - 3:00

Breakfast in the Barn  
December 9 9:00-11:30

For more information about  
all of our upcoming events  
log onto

<http://horsehaventn.org>



"All our dreams  
can come true, if we have  
the courage to pursue them."  
—Walt Disney



Interested in helping us  
make our dream come  
true by finding our own  
facility?

Contact us at  
865-609-4030 or  
[horsehavenad@gmail.com](mailto:horsehavenad@gmail.com)  
We can't do it without  
you!

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

May 12, 2023  
6-10p.m.  
The Grande Event Center  
5441 Clinton Highway  
Tickets on sale at: [horsehaventn.org](http://horsehaventn.org)  
\*No outside alcohol allowed\*



## 11th Annual Fundraiser!

Dancing for the Horses pairs  
local celebrities with  
professional dancers from  
**Go Dance**

who compete by  
fundraising and competing in  
the dance competition.  
Silent auction items for every-  
one, so be sure to get your bids  
in early. Enjoy a drink from the  
cash bar before sitting down to  
enjoy a delicious buffet meal  
before the main event.

Tickets are limited, so be sure  
to get yours before they are  
gone. Tickets are \$80 each, or  
to ensure large parties sit  
together you can purchase a  
table for eight at \$700.

You can purchase tickets  
online at

<http://horsehaventn.org>.