



# HORSE HAVEN OF TENNESSEE

## HHT Mission Statement

To advocate for, rescue, protect, and defend our God-given equine from abuse and neglect in Tennessee.

## 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
- Gift cards: Agri Feed, TSC, Rural King, Walmart, Office Depot, Gas cards
- Hay - Horse quality Square and Round bales
- Small enclosed trailer for emergency equipment
- Dump trailer for manure and shavings

# Neigh & Bray

Giving a voice to those who cannot speak for themselves.



Summer

July 2022

## FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Rescue is raw and real. Sometimes it means early mornings, sometimes it means late evenings, and sometimes it means sunup to sundown! The things you see on a rescue can break you, but at the same time they drive you. Drive you to be a better person and a voice for the equine that can't speak for themselves.

Our "Go Team" spent over eleven hours on one call recently. We were ready to go at 5 a.m. We were ready to save those who needed to be saved. We had an approximate number of equine, but we were unsure on a final count. Much to our surprise, a sweet filly added to our numbers! She was about a week old and she was the highlight of our rescue because she only saw a few days of despair. She will never know what the others knew. She only knows a herd who welcomed her and a team of humans who gave her a second chance.

Every truck and every trailer we had on standby was used on this call. Six trucks, six trailers, and fourteen volunteers made a difference in these equines lives. We have a week-old filly all the way to a 30+ year old miniature horse. All of these equine lives have been forever changed!

*Ashley Ford*

## \$60,000 RAISED!

After a two-year hiatus, **Dancing for the Horses** was back and stronger than ever. Under the direction of our Executive Director and with the help of so many, we raised our third highest total ever since its conception!



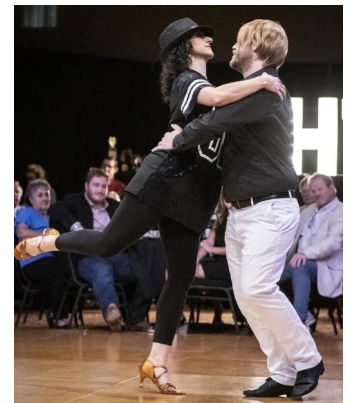
**Brylan Dickey**, representing **Pro Toy**, earned 1st place in fundraising, raising a new record amount of \$9,815.



**Tim Wells**, representing **Tim's Fencing**, placed 2nd in fundraising, barely beating out **Kristen Portuesi**, who took 3rd by a slim margin of only \$151.



**Kristen Portuesi (R)** took home this year's highly coveted Isaac Award!



**Kristen Portuesi**, representing **Mountain Commerce Bank**, took 1st place in the dancing competition with her smooth, on-target dance moves with her instructor.



**Heather Huff** took a very close 2nd in the dancing competition. The judges had a hard job this year!

**Board of Directors:**

President: Lee Williams  
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Ashley Ford

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Tara Carrigan

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Wayne & Ami Whiddon,  
Bill & Michelle Shanks,  
Aaron & Kelly Crenshaw,  
Lee Williams, Jeannine Rick-  
ards, 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  
Route 11. Follow Route 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**

*Update From The Barn*

*Introducing Rooster*



Rooster is one of four horses who recently came into our barn. For some, these animals removal from their owner didn't come quick enough. What well-meaning people don't understand is there are numerous factors that have to be taken into consideration before an animal can be confiscated, and an owner charged.

If a case isn't done properly it can extend the amount of time that an animal may suffer. So please, if you have firsthand knowledge of a horse in need, start by contacting your local law enforcement and let them start the process.

- 1) report as quickly possible to authorities
- 2) be able and willing to give "**firsthand**" information, otherwise it is considered just hearsay.
- 3) be willing to testify, otherwise it will slow down an investigation.
- 4) don't spread it all over social media. This can allow an owner time to cover up any evidence, which in turn extends the animal's suffering. It can also mess up an investigation that might already be in the process.

**Call us if you have any concerns or need advise at 865-609-4030.**



**Fall Harvest Fest will feature a craft fair, pumpkin patch, pony rides, entertainment for the entire family, and a silent auction!**

**Open barn to meet the horses. Rain or Shine.**

Parking is \$10 per car.

All access kids wristbands are \$10 each.

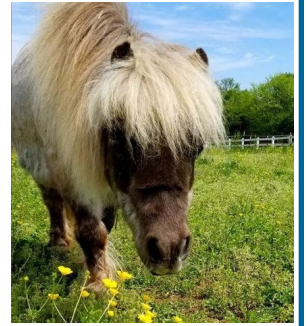
Wristbands include one pumpkin (while supplies last), pony rides, and all games!

If you would like to set up at the craft fair, please email Kelly at **outreach@horsehaventn.org**

# Looking for extended vacation suggestions - from "Twinkie"

"Even though retirement has been great this past year, I think it's time to take an extended vacation from the hustle and bustle of the farm and move on to my next adventure. I've enjoyed my past 10 years serving as the HHT ambassador. I've made plenty of friends along the way and never turned down the offer of a couple "Twinkies".

*Twinkie*



If you can offer that extra special extended vacation (retirement) spot, please let us know. Twinkie requires plenty of quiet time and loves to relax. He is on a limited diet and enjoys his spa time. Send your vacation (retirement) inquiries to [horsehavenad@gmail.com](mailto:horsehavenad@gmail.com)



**Rebecca Moses** has served on the Board since May 2019. She currently holds the role of Secretary and performs her duties with preciseness and accuracy. Retired from the Thoroughbred world, Becky was introduced to Horse Haven and found herself enjoying being around the horses again. She enjoys filling her time not only at HHT but she volunteers at her church and supports the Performing Arts and the University of Tennessee.

**Jill Schwahn** found out about HHT in 2017 when she and her students from Grace Christian Academy visited the property for Fall Serve Day. In 2021, she retired and started volunteering at HHT. Jill's favorite things about HHT is learning to care for and the smell of horses. She enjoys being a part of the HHT family and looks forward to a time when she can adopt and share them with her young adult children and grandchildren.



Jill volunteers on the Monday AM shift and Thursday PM shift

## With Veterinary, Feed & Gas Cost Increasing Your Support Is Vital.



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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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You can also donate online by going to our website at [www.horsehaventn.org](http://www.horsehaventn.org) and write "newsletter" in memo. Please make your checks payable to HHT and mail to HHT, P.O. Box 30393, Knoxville, TN 37930

*HHT is a 501(c)3 organization that does not get daily operating support from the government, United Way, or any National Humane Organization. We strive to be good stewards of our donors' financial support and use every dollar wisely.*

**Another simple way to donate is just use your phone camera and position over the QR code to the right. This will allow you to make an immediate donation.**



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## HHT Calendar

Fall Festival & Craft Fair  
October 8 11:00 - 3:00

Rally-4-Rescues  
November 5 9:00 - 6:00

Breakfast at the Barn  
December 10 9:00-11:30

For more information about  
all of our upcoming events  
log onto

[www.horsehaventn.org](http://www.horsehaventn.org)

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

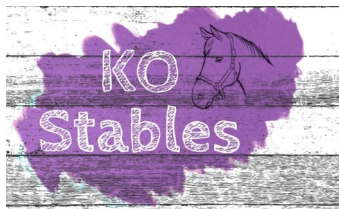


After 23 years HHT  
would like to have a  
facility we can call our  
own. Would you like to  
help make this dream  
come true by helping us  
kick start our  
"Lighting the Way"  
Capital Campaign?

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.

## Rally 4 Rescues Sponsors



[www.horsehaventn.org](http://www.horsehaventn.org)



[www.heartsofhorsehaven.org](http://www.heartsofhorsehaven.org)

If your interested in learning how you can become a sponsor  
just shoot us an email at [Rally4Rescues@gmail.com](mailto:Rally4Rescues@gmail.com)

Along with the **Rally 4 Rescues Trainers Competition** there will be an  
**Open Rescue Horse Show**  
for owners of rescue horses to compete in some  
friendly competitions and games!

**Crafters and Vendors**  
are invited to set up in the heated venue to display and sell their items of  
interest. With the up coming holidays this might be a great way for  
attendees to do some Christmas shopping while there.

To learn more about setting up a booth or registering for the  
**Open Rescue Horse Show** go to the website at

[www.rally4rescues.com](http://www.rally4rescues.com)



**November 5, 2022**  
**Roane State Expo Center**  
**Harriman, TN**  
**9:00 - 6:00**

"Rally 4 Rescues Trainers Challenge"

Horses from six Tennessee Rescues, with little or  
no experience, are partnered with trainers for 90 days to help give them  
a second chance in finding that perfect home. Trainers and their horses  
will first compete in an Obstacle Course full of challenges and then in a  
Free Style division showing off skills of the horse and rider team.  
The day will begin with an Open Rescue Horse Show. Owners who have  
adopted horses from a Rescue in Tennessee are invited to come and show  
what their rescue horse is capable of while having some fun.

<http://www.rally4rescues.com> for more information

*Participating Rescues in this years event are:*



**REDEMPTION  
RANCH &  
RECOVERY**

