



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: TSC, Rural King, Walmart, Lowes, Office Depot, Gas cards
- Hay: Horse quality Square and Round bales
- Volunteers: bottled water
- Office: copy paper, paper towels,
- Dump trailer for manure and shavings

Neigh & Bray

Giving a voice to those who cannot speak for themselves.



Summer
2023

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Watching each and every horse come through our barn always unpacks a lot of emotions within us. We're happy they are finally safe. We're sad they are in the condition they are in. We're mad that someone would allow them to get to this point. We're frustrated with people for not speaking up sooner. We're joyful when they start gaining weight and looking bright. We're ecstatic to see them in their forever home.

Seeing Ollie, our newest mini, with hooves curled straight up is beyond frustrating. We try to understand why owners won't reach out for help for a small issue until it becomes a big problem. We are thrilled that Ollie is now in our care and he can receive the farrier and veterinary care he so desperately needs. Thank you for your support on his journey!



Let's all stand together and be their VOICE. Let's speak for those who cannot speak for themselves!

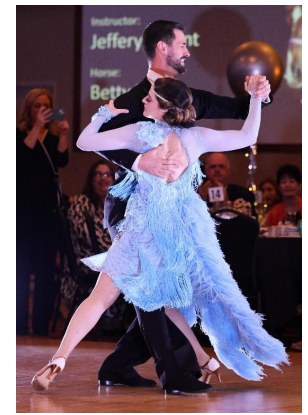
Ashley Ford

\$63,000 RAISED!

Dancing for the Horses held their 11th annual event at the Grand Event Center in Knoxville. Under the direction of our Executive Director and with the help of so many, we raised our third highest total since its conception!



Sarah Wells, representing **Tim's Fencing**, earned 1st place in fundraising, raising a whopping amount of \$12,732.



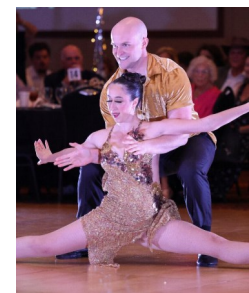
Chrissa Loukas, representing **WBIR**, took 1st place in the dancing competition with her smooth, on-target dance moves with her instructor.



Chrissa Loukas also took home this year's highly coveted Isaac Award!



Barry Dickey, representing **Pro Toy**, placed 2nd in fundraising, bringing in an impressive \$8,312.



Jared Austin, representing **WVLT**, took a very close 2nd in the dancing competition. The judges had a hard job this year!

Board of Directors:

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Facility Team: David & Terri Howard, Cleve Coates, Ken Howard, Wayne & Ami Whiddon, Mitch Moses, Bill & Michelle Shanks, Aaron & Kelly Crenshaw, Corey Gilbert & David Turvin

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

What was...

Is made new...



Ginger

Pebbles

Saying "Good Bye" To Staff Is Never Easy:

Robin served as office manger for five years and had the opportunity to move to Colorado to be closer to family. We have enjoyed following her new adventures on Facebook. Tara served as our volunteer coordinator for two years and kept things running smoothly with our shifts. Her husband was transferred to Florida, and she just couldn't convince him to commute. They will both be greatly missed!

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Fall Harvest Fest & Craft Fair

October 7, 2023 | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Pumpkin Patch | Games | Entertainment | Pony Rides | Petting Zoo



Fall Harvest Fest will feature a craft fair, pumpkin patch, pony rides, face painting, 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 ride, face painting, and all games!

"Thank You" Shout Out - From "Remus"



Top Golf



Grace Christian Academy



UT Pre-Veterinary Association Team

So many wonderful folks donated their time to help out around the barn getting it ready for a new year. These guys rock!



*Board Member
Spotlight*



Kristen Portuesi is a city girl now living in the country. Kristen joined Horse Haven in 2018 and quickly became a shift lead, a member of the facilities team, and a performer in Dancing for the Horses. Kristen works as a Client Services assistant at Mountain Commerce Bank, by day and fuels her passion of music by singing with The Deltas Band at night. She also enjoys photography, spending time outdoors and in her garden.



**Staff
Spotlight**

Michael Whiddon came on staff in January as our facility manager. Being a Jack-of-all-trades, he handles all of our mowing, weed eating, fencing, and anything else we throw at him. His love of building things led him to owning his own power tools by the age of Nine. He started volunteering three years ago and has proven himself



as a reliable and hardworking young man. The volunteers know he loves food! When the position opened up, we knew he was the perfect candidate for the job.

In Honor Of

- "Camber McDaniel"**
Brenda McDaniel
- "Smokey, Legacy, and Dancer"**
Myrna Barrick
- "Patron"**
Kristi Lutes
- "Horse Haven of TN Volunteers"**
Nina Margetson

In Memory Of

- "John Chesebrough"** who once owned a beautiful OTTB, Sally and David Donohue
- "Bill Teffeteller"**
Sandra Teffeteller
- "Edwina West"**
Karen Wiser
- "Glenda Fine"**
Glenda Berkley
- "Rosie"**
Edith Edwards
- "Rocky Top"**
Gaile Avent
- "Mickey"**
Deanna Whittemire
- "Elvira & Streak"**
Geraldine Porter
- "Greg Richmond"**
Rita & Paul Sands

Stall Sponsorship

- Kathleen Prendergast** - In memory of her mother, Maryellen McKoy and her horse grandkids: Nicki, Ryan, Taylor, and Cal
- Maxine & Paul Fischer**
- Melissa & Sheldon McCrossen**
- Paula Dyer** - In honor of Kolby & Megan's engagement
- Lisa Hoch**
- Alan Gassell & Wendy Graziani** in honor of Susie Lones
- Paul & Margaret Clark**

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HHT Calendar

Obstacle Challenge
June 24 & September 23
8:00 AM - ?

Fall Festival & Craft Fair
October 7 11:00 - 3:00

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

For more information about
all of our upcoming events
log onto

www.horsehaventn.org

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



After 24 years HHT
would like to have a
facility we can call our
own. Would you like to
help make this dream
a reality?
Help us kick start our
"Lighting the Way"
Capital Campaign!

Contact us for more info
at 865-609-4030 or
horsehavenad@gmail.com
We can't do it without
you!

We want to thank
Precision Printing for the
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into your mailbox.



Donate Today



**June 24
September 23**

3400 Breazeale Road
Lenoir City, TN 37771

**Time: Gates open at 8 a.m. and the
first class begins at 9 a.m.**

Bring your horse to participate or bring a seat to spectate!

Join us for our 2023 Obstacle Challenge Series located at
Radiant Performance Horses in Lenoir City. This venue features a
BEAUTIFUL covered arena. The event will happen rain or shine.
Trailer parking is available. We will have concessions and vendors.

Classes:
RIDDEN & IN HAND
Youth assisted
Youth
Novice
Intermediate
Advanced

\$10 per entry Ribbons will be awarded
*Please bring a chair if you plan to spectate.
*No dogs.
*Waivers will be signed at the registration table.
*Concessions available.
*Must provide proof of negative Coggins.
*No smoking or e-cigarettes on property.