

# Neigh & Bray

HORSE HAVEN OF  
TENNESSEE



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



## Seasons of Change: Transforming Lives, One Horse at a Time.

As the leaves change and fall settles in, I'm reminded of the remarkable transformations we've seen this year at Horse Haven of Tennessee.

This year alone, we've rescued 64 horses, each one a testament to resilience and hope. We've witnessed incredible journeys—horses rescued from unimaginable circumstances have blossomed into healthy, spirited companions. And thanks to your support, 49 of these beautiful souls have found their forever homes, where they'll continue to thrive and be cherished.

We're also thrilled to share the transformational progress of our new facility. This new space brings with it a world of possibilities and is a symbol of our commitment to rescuing and rehabilitating horses for years to come.

Your ongoing support and generosity make these transformations possible every day. Thank you for being a part of our journey, for helping us save lives, and for giving these horses the chance to start anew.

*Ashley Ford*

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## Barn Update

Vivian, a 20-year-old Quarter Horse, was rescued in May from a 65-horse hoarding case. Severely emaciated and in urgent need of care, she was successfully rehabilitated at Horse Haven of Tennessee, thanks to the support of generous donors. Vivian has since found her forever home alongside her buddy, Grant, and is now cherished by a loving family. Your donations provide the critical care that horses like Vivian need to recover and thrive in their new homes.



## Fall Harvest Fest & Craft Fair

We had an incredible time at this year's Fall Harvest Fest! It was wonderful to see so many familiar and new faces at our new facility, and we're so grateful to everyone who came out to support us. Guests enjoyed a day filled with horse rides, pumpkin picking, goat visits, delicious food, live music, and shopping from our talented craft vendors. Thanks to your generosity, we raised **over \$25,000** for the horses! Your support helps us continue our mission, and we couldn't be more thankful. Thank you for spending the day with us and making this event unforgettable!



## Breakfast in the Barn

Join us for our sixth annual Breakfast in the Barn at Horse Haven of Tennessee! Enjoy a delicious meal while supporting our mission to rescue and rehabilitate horses in need. This special event is a wonderful way to connect with fellow animal lovers and make a meaningful impact. Your registration includes breakfast and a family photo with Santa!

Tickets are on sale now at <https://www.horsehaventn.org> – don't miss out on this unforgettable experience!

## Board of Directors

President: Kristen Portuesi  
Vice President: Dr. Meggan Graves, DVM  
Secretary: Rebecca Moses

Treasurer: Nina Margetson  
Jimmy Carter

Kim Dickey  
Jim Tedford



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# Staff, Volunteer, and Board Highlights



**Brandon Libbrecht -  
Equine Manager**

With a lifelong passion for horses, Brandon is excited to channel his love for equine welfare into Horse Haven of Tennessee. Joining one of the top horse rescue organizations in the region, he is committed to ensuring the well-being of every horse in our care. We are excited for the future with him on our team!



**Sarah Maycann -  
Volunteer**

A 27-year-old Tennessee native, Sarah works as a Veterinary Technician specializing in small animals. With a passion for animal care, she has a personal collection of over 20 animals, including a horse. Volunteering at HHT is a therapeutic experience for Sarah, where she enjoys helping horses recover and find their forever homes.



**Jimmy Carter -  
Board of Directors**

Jimmy Carter grew up in Knoxville, Tennessee. He attended The University of Tennessee where he earned a bachelor's degree in psychology. Jimmy graduated from Lincoln Memorial Duncan School of Law. Upon graduation he was awarded the President Abraham Lincoln Pro Bono Award. Jimmy lives in Knoxville with his wife, Kristi, and their two sons, Gavin and Grayson.

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## In Memory Of:

- **Martha Reich:**  
Kathleen Reily
- **Becky:**  
Betsy Qualls
- **Rango:**  
Maureen Errico
- **Ray Trail:**  
Rick Powers
- **Mary Sue Younger:**  
Carol Herald  
Linda Smith-Staton
- **Bonnie Beals:**  
Sandra Henderlight
- **Rudy:**  
Edith Edwards
- **JJ and LuLu:**  
Claire Eldridge
- **Tony Simning:**  
Anthony and Lora Simning
- **westie Harry:**  
Glen Wilson

## In Memory Of:

- **John Nagy:**  
Leslie Collins
- **Max Butler:**  
Katherine Killen
- **StainBee:**  
Bonnie Hutchinson
- **Mercedes:**  
Lisa Gray
- **Melissa Bealafeld:**  
Laura Derr
- **Whisper:**  
Diane Shular
- **Greg Richmond:**  
Paul Sands
- **Claudia Montgomery:**  
Sara Knight,  
Carol Houser,  
Jane A. Hudson,  
Sheryl Hogan,  
Jennifer Lane,  
Michael Lane,  
Cassie Patterson

## In Honor Of:

- **Snickers:**  
The Crenshaws,  
Theresa Sabio,  
Cristina Hendricks,  
Carla Brooks
- **All the Horses:**  
Denise Smith
- **Nokk:**  
Laurel Jaster
- **HHT Volunteers:**  
Alisa Klaus
- **Phillip Hammock:**  
Roch Monnig
- **Camber McDaniel:**  
Brenda McDaniel

## Stall Sponsorships:

- Maureen Errico - Rango
- Elizabeth Ragan





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We're thrilled to announce the establishment of the Theresa Wahl Equine Rescue and Rehabilitation Center – Home of Horse Haven of Tennessee, a transformative step in our mission to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome horses. Spanning over 40 beautiful acres, this new space provides the resources we need to care for even more horses, offering them a second chance at life; a Stable Future.

The extraordinary generosity of Theresa Wahl has enabled us to secure and develop this facility, creating a haven where horses can heal, thrive, and rebuild trust. We will be equipped to tailor rehabilitation programs and create a welcoming environment for our horses, volunteers, and community.

We are deeply grateful for building a Stable Future for Horse Haven of Tennessee. We look forward to sharing the journey with you as we continue to grow and serve the horses who need us most.

**Thank you** for believing in our mission and for walking alongside us as we enter this exciting new chapter. We simply could not do this without you.

*We are so grateful.*