



# 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.

### Current Need:

We are currently looking to hire an **Equine Manager** to join our staff.

Can you drive a truck and trailer and have a clean, valid drivers license?  
Do you have horse handling experience?  
Can you multi task and use time wisely?  
If you have the passion for what we do and would like to join us full or part time let us know by sending your resume to:  
[horsehavenoftn@gmail.com](mailto:horsehavenoftn@gmail.com)

# Neigh & Bray

Giving a voice to those who cannot speak for themselves.



Summer  
2024

## FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

It is hard to believe half of 2024 is behind us. It is also hard to believe that in this short period of time, we have brought in 55 horses in need!

All of the horses that have entered our barn over the years have been in need, but this year's rescues have been particularly difficult. We have witnessed not only horses that are malnourished, but some that have been extremely heartbreaking. Upon our arrival, we have seen horses that were barely alive, deceased horses that didn't receive help in time, and some horses that had been gored by other extremely dangerous animals on the property. These horses were left to fend for themselves by the humans that were responsible for their care. Our volunteers have stared in the eyes of horses that were left hungry, injured, and with their spirits broken as they tried to survive hour by hour, day by day. This increased intake of horses so far this year means our costs are continually rising. We have already exceeded our hay, feed, and veterinary bills for the entire year and we are only halfway through the year. The calls for rescue continue to come in. In order to continue to answer the calls of those in need, we need your help. As always, your tax-deductible donation of any amount helps provide a new beginning to each horse that enters our doors. We look forward to continuing our mission in the coming months and having you join us in those efforts!

*Ashley Ford*

### \$75,000 RAISED!

**Dancing for the Horses** held their 12th annual event at Bridgewater Place in Knoxville. Under the direction of our Executive Director and with the help of so many, we raised our second highest total since its inception!



**Dustin Ford**, representing **Restoration Warehouse**, earned 1st place in fundraising, raising a whopping \$7,740!



**Michael Galyean**, the **Dancing Blue Shirt Guy**, took 1st place in the dancing competition with his smooth, on-target dance moves with his instructor.



**Jayme Tharp**, representing **Tim's Fencing**, took home 2nd in dancing AND this year's Isaac Award!



**Krista Robinson**, representing **ORNL Federal Credit Union**, placed 2nd in fundraising, bringing in an impressive \$5,561!



**Brandy Bauguess Lydon**, representing **Lydon Properties**, took a very close 3rd in the dancing competition. The judges had a hard job this year!



**Board of Directors:**

President: Kristen Portuesi  
Vice President:  
Dr. Megan Graves, DVM  
Secretary: Rebecca Moses  
Treasurer: Nina Margetson  
Jimmy Carter  
Kim Dickey  
Jim Tedford

**Executive Director:**

Ashley Ford

**Office Manager:**

Kelly Hargett

**Equine Manager:**

Currently Hiring

**Volunteer Coordinator:**

Lori Stresemann

**Facility Team:**

David and Terri Howard,  
Ken Howard, Mitch Moses,  
Bill Shanks, Kevin Mantooth,  
Aaron and Kelly Crenshaw,  
Corey Gilbert, Bob Donato,  
Craig and Lori Stresemann,  
David and Nina Margetson  
Joe St Clair and  
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 RT-  
11. Follow RT-11 by taking a  
left at the next light. Continu-  
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**

Moms with babies and Moms to be, young and old, so many in need. Some are still in court while others released and ready for new homes. Some with an unlimited future, while others just needing a soft place to land and live out their remaining years in peace.

Below are just a few of those we have been called to help in the last six months. All needing your support. Whether it is through your prayers for a quick court outcome, the offer of a foster or forever home, or through your financial support, Thank You! It takes a village, and we can't do this alone. Please share our mission and ask others to come on board to become a part of the Horse Haven of Tennessee family.



**Above:** Elsa on intake, and three months into her care at HHT.

Your support **DOES** matter!

Thank You.

**A Big "Thank You" To ALL Our Volunteers, Young & Old!**

A **HUGE** thank you to the **Alive In You** mission group who helped at **BOTH** our facilities in June! They worked in the heat and absolutely made both places look amazing!!!



**Hay Team**



**Grace Christian Academy**



**U.S. Air Force**



**UT Equestrian Team**



**Dave & Briggs**



## In the Know - From "Remus"

My good buddy **Twinkie (L)** was recently seen spending some personal grooming time with his new girlfriend, Miss Kauai. This confirms the rumors of him preferring them on the taller side.



Did you know on July 1st...

HHT has opened their doors to **55 new intakes** in the past six months?

HHT is currently providing care for **40 horses**?

HHT has four youngsters, six months or younger with two awaiting delivery?

HHT has already **exceeded** their budget for feed and veterinary expense and they are only half way through the year? Please help if you can.



Cari moved with her husband, Mitch, and their two daughters Olivia and Jillian to Knoxville in January of 2020 from Dallas, Texas. She holds a degree in biomedical science from Texas A&M University and went to pharmacy school at the University of Texas.

**Volunteer  
Spotlight**

"The barn really rescued me during COVID. I met so many wonderful people and learned so much at HHT. I think it provided a sanctuary for horses as well as people during that time. What a blessing to have found this organization! We've always had animals in our lives, and now I get to be around and offer care and love to some wonderful horses."



As we prepare for the upcoming move to our new home, we would love to highlight **YOUR** picture here in our next newsletter. We are looking to add more professionals to our Board of Directors. These individuals will help direct the organization as we enter our next phase of operations. We encourage anyone wanting more information on becoming a board member to contact our office at (865) 609-4030 or via email to [office@horsehaventn.org](mailto:office@horsehaventn.org) and someone from our governess committee will get back with you.

### In Honor Of:

"Camber McDaniel"  
Brenda McDaniel  
"Cari Moses & Joy"  
Mitchell Moses  
"Chief"  
William Duggleby  
"Jake"  
Shandra Henderlight  
"Sterling"  
Roch Monnig  
"All the Horses"  
Carla Brooks  
"Ms. Patty"  
Mary Ellen Fox  
"Elsa and the Frozen horse herd"  
Leslie Sheffield

### In Memory Of:

"Doris Anz"  
Judith Shoemaker  
"Shooter"  
Diane Shular

### In Memory Of:

*(continued)*

"Susie Lonas"  
Linda Smith-Staton  
Mary Sue Temple  
Susan Guy  
Jeffery and Peggie Hodgson  
Carol Harold  
Michelle Wanat  
Betsy Karr  
Anna Yoder  
Tiffany Siler  
Nelia Rueter  
Daniel Coyle  
Barry and Kim Dickey  
Dale Powers  
Randy Edgemon  
Geraldine Morrison  
Tobruk Farm Trailer Sales  
Michelle McPherson  
Rebecca Moses  
HHT Board of Directors

### In Memory Of

*(continued)*

"Greg Richmond"  
Paul & Rita Sands  
"Gizmo the Whippet"  
Mark Adkins  
"Michael Jeffery Wommack"  
Lisa Heck  
"Rose Elaine McAllister Studdard"  
Arlene McAllister  
"Virginia Shippey"  
Deborah Brown  
"E.O. Proffitt"  
"Anthony Lora Simning"  
Rachel Proffitt  
"Toby"  
Marthanne Carter  
"Gail Pigmak"  
Lisa Heck  
"Wilma Jean Turner" and  
"Lisa Gale Hall"  
Margaret Edwards



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## HHT Calendar

2024 events will be held at :



608 Old Brookhaven Farm Rd.  
Seymour, TN 37865

25th Anniversary  
Open House

&

Fall Harvest Fest  
& Craft Fair

October 5th 11:00 - 3:00

Breakfast at the Barn

December 14th 9:00-11:30

For more information about all  
of our upcoming events log  
onto

<http://horsehaventn.org>

### Stall Sponsorships

Charles Everett  
Paul Fischer  
321 Events - Benton Bryan  
Janet Lawson

Kathleen Prendergast:  
In memory of her mother,  
Maryellen McKoy, and her  
horse grandkids: Nicki, Ryan,  
Taylor, and Cal.

Maxine and Paul Fischer  
Melissa McCrossen and Sheldon  
Sapoznik

Michael McKeever

Elizabeth Kistler

Lori and Craig Stresemann

Aileen and Armistead Smith

Paul and Margaret Clark



Donate Today



Cupcake & Ice Cream  
(while available)

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

If you would like to set up at the craft fair, please email Kelly at [outreach@horsehaventn.org](mailto:outreach@horsehaventn.org)