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Equine Partnership Program

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Letter from the Executive Director



One thing we have learned from watching the aftermath of the school shooting epidemic taking place in our country is that **KIDS' ACCESS TO EFFECTIVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES HAS NEVER BEEN MORE NECESSARY OR IMPORTANT!** Equine Partnership Program was developed in

2006. Twelve years later, it remains one of only four equine programs on Colorado's "front range" that provides psychotherapy services.

WE SEEK OUT THE MOST CHALLENGING CASES OF THE UNDERSERVED, AT-RISK POPULATION IN OUR COMMUNITIES. Through intensive, experiential therapy with horses, EPP provides individuals whom may resist traditional therapy with services that expand their worldview and give them hope for the future. Whether their challenges involve traumatic histories, mental illness, or cognitive disabilities, our clients each bring a unique story that deserves to be heard so recovery can begin. In 2017, we continued to advance our mission and grow in new ways.



Strategic Highlights –

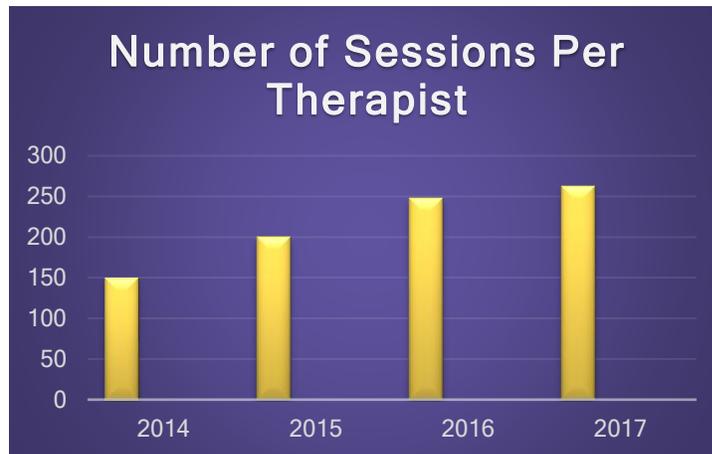
A Year of New Partnerships

- EPP facilitated an equine assisted life skills group for 16 participants in the *18 to 21-year-old transition program* with **Denver Public Schools**. The group met for 9 weeks during which we delivered the equivalent of 54 group or 144 individual training hours.
- We were invited to be a mental health provider for the prestigious **Temple Grandin Equine Center with Colorado State University**
- Our therapists provided over 50 individuals, many with comorbid mental health challenges, with much-needed equine therapeutic services. Our approach involves supporting both the clients and their families.
- Our team hosted 10 children for the **“Horses Healing Grief” program** through **Children’s Hospital**.
- We were the chosen recipient charity for the **Rocky Mountain Polo Festival**.



Growth in Numbers

One of EPP's key performance indicators is the number of therapy sessions delivered (average per therapist), which is an indicator of resource utilization and community impact. Each year, EPP refines and expands its use of quantitative and qualitative activity and outcome measures.



Pictures are Worth a Thousand Words

Charts and graphs are great; however, the numbers tell only a fraction of our story. We are a small organization with a BIG impact. Watch this video showing personal accounts of the difference EPP has had on individuals with severe needs and challenging circumstances. (Select the link beneath the photo).



<https://www.dpsk12.org/dps-students-horse-around-to-support-their-social-and-emotional-needs/>

Hoof to Woof (Work for Food) – Resource Stewardship



Our model: Everyone works! Our horses work. Our therapists work (hard). Our clients work. Our volunteers and board also contribute. This enables EPP to operate efficiently and maximize outcomes. As a result, in 2017, over **90% of EPP's expenses were program-related.**

The Case for Equine Therapy

What we know from our work is that equine therapy fosters a deeper level of engagement than traditional therapy. Clients bond with our horses and look forward to coming to their sessions. Equine therapy requires clients to “get off the couch”, get moving, learn new skills, practice care-taking, and demonstrate responsibility. The physical nature of our work reinforces that often, change requires a combination of both thoughts, words, and actions.

The body of scientific evidence supporting the efficacy of equine therapy is still emerging. We monitor the newest studies and improve our own methods of data collection and measurement. One of the original studies on the efficacy of equine therapy showed greater improvement among the equine therapy participants compared to clients attending a school-based program.



Heroes Among Us

Kaytlyn Jornayvaz



In 2017 EPP was honored to be the recipient of donations in memory of Kaytlyn Jornayvaz, an accomplished equestrian, artist, and philanthropist. EPP shares Kaytlyn's passion for teaching life skills to at-risk youth using creative methods. With these contributions, EPP established a \$10,000 scholarship fund to provide equine therapy to children and teens with socio-economic need. We are committed and grateful to expand Kaytlyn's legacy through the generosity of Kaytlyn's family and friends. These funds are set aside to provide an estimated 200 future therapy sessions.

Jubee

At the grand old age of 31 our anchor horse "Jubee" passed away. There is no way to describe all the contributions this great animal made to EPP and all the people that he carried. EPP was blessed to have this horse for 11 years--in which he healed many kids and changed many lives. We can only hope that EPP will be able to continue to find, care for, and share horses like this with the kids that need them.



To Our Friends and Supporters – Thank You



Whenever you turn on the television or read internet news and start to feel hopeless and helpless at the tragedies that overwhelm the airwaves, know that your support of EPP's mission is a step toward making a difference in the lives of young people facing tremendous adversity. We are grateful for your trust, and for the investment you make in us to carry out the mission and vision of EPP. We are committed to transparency, and I encourage you to take a few minutes to review our financial statements to understand more about our organization's finances.

Looking Ahead

Our goals for 2018 include:

- Continue to serve our present case loads
- Add two additional 9-week sessions for Denver Public Schools
- Create new partnerships with Sun Valley Youth Center and the Gem Center
- Increase our "herd" by at least one horse to be able to support new programs
- Fulfill 50 – 75 of the scholarship commitments to clients who do not qualify for other forms of assistance
- Raise sufficient funds to meet EPP's annual support needs of \$50,000

To all our future clients: We understand that you have gone through some dark times. We will not pretend to know what it is like to walk in your shoes, but we have some horses that do.

How can you help?

Additional donations are crucial to meet and grow with the demand for equine therapy services. As we increase our herd and take on additional caseloads, we will need increased support from our community! We are humbled by the support from our community as we are urged to continue to grow our outreach. With hope of growing the number of individuals we are able to serve comes an increase in need for support. By sponsoring a horse or client, you are providing an opportunity for someone in need to experience the healing power of our four-legged therapy partners.

Lee Dudley

Executive Director



Balance Sheets
Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Wells Fargo Checking	30,882	44,501
Wells Fargo Savings	5,428	4,228
Total Checking Savings	36,310	48,729
Total Current Assets	36,310	48,729
TOTAL ASSETS	36,310	48,729
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
Unrestricted Net Assets	48,729	21,414
Excess of revenues over expenses	(12,419)	27,315
Total Equity	36,310	48,729
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	36,310	48,729



Statement of Revenues and Expenses
Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016
Individual and business contributions	16,324	24,375
Grants	9,500	26,460
Private pay sessions	8,440	12,945
Fundraising income	4,155	3,681
Total	38,419	67,461
Program expenses	45,600	37,090
General and administrative expenses	4,456	2,868
Fundraising expenses	783	188
Total	50,838	40,146
Excess of revenues over expenses	(12,419)	27,315



Allocation of Expenses
Year Ended December 31, 2017

	Total	Program	General and Administrative	Fundraising
Horse boarding rental fees	15,000	15,000		
Outside contract services - executive director	12,000	9,600	2,160	240
Feed	7,744	7,744		
Insurance	2,175	2,066	109	
Equine rental fees	1,790	1,790		
Farrier	1,695	1,695		
Contract services - cleaning and maintenance	1,424	1,424		
Veterinary services	1,276	1,276		
Equipment rental and maintenance	1,464	1,464		
Transportation expenses	1,051	841	189	21
Computer and internet	669	535	120	13
Marketing consultant fees	571	137	434	
Website	517	414	93	10
Training	486		486	
Fundraising expenses	475			475
Program supplies	606	485	109	12
Tack	388	388		
Meals and entertainment	366	66	299	
Conference registration fee	296		296	
Office expense	232	185	42	5
Postage, mailing	180	144	32	4
Waste management	158	158		
Print and copy	115	92	21	2
Therapy toys	69	69		
License	60		60	
Books, subscriptions, reference	27	27		
Bank service charges	6		6	
Total	50,838	45,600	4,456	783