



ORGANIZATION AT A GLANCE

Our Mission

Borrowed Freedom Equine Assisted Therapies and Activities, Inc. strives to offer a meaningful experience that will enhance wellness, build life skills and bring great joy and self-esteem to children, adults and families with physical, developmental, intellectual, emotional or socioeconomic special needs. We do this by providing funding for equine (horse), animal assisted activities, agricultural and environmental learning opportunities, and the development and implementation of innovative, beneficial projects.

We believe that in fostering the wellness and independence that develops through the beneficial relationships between people, animals and the environment we can make a positive impact on our community and its future.

Our Board Of Directors

Borrowed Freedom Equine Assisted Therapies and Activities, Inc. has a dedicated volunteer Board of Directors. Our 2012 Board Of Directors are:

Colleen Cheechalk – President
Grace Andres – Secretary
Rosemary Glanville – Treasurer
Allyson Cheechalk – Youth Advisory Board

Advisory Panel

Lori Tankel
Tammy Martin Dobrosielski, PT
Todd Buttman
Nancy Cheechalk
Jessica Reinartz, PT, DPT
Karin Foley

Organizational Profile

Borrowed Freedom Equine Assisted Therapies and Activities, Inc. is an IRS Certified 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization. Our EIN# is 27-0327968. The organization is also registered with the NYS Attorney General's Office Charities Bureau Registry. Our registration# is 42-60-23. Our 501(c)(3) status became effective June 3rd, 2009. Donations to Borrowed Freedom Equine Assisted Therapies and Activities, Inc, are fully tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

How We Are Funded

Grants and gifts from charitable organizations

Donations from private citizens

Sponsorship from area businesses

Fundraising activities including our Annual Pasta Dinner, 2012 Wine Tasting, Open House events and other projects.

Individuals Served

To be eligible for services at no charge, students must have a documented need. A referral from a physician, therapist, educator, school district personnel or service agency is preferred. Families may also apply based on an Individual Education Plan (IEP), Individual Family Services Plan (IFSP), Care Plan, or a 504 Designation. Students ages 3 through adulthood are served by our program. Students from several local school districts including Johnson City, Maine-Endwell, Union Endicott and Vestal attend our program weekly. We also have students from the Handicapped Childrens Association, Head Start, the Institute for Child Development at Binghamton University, and other local schools. We also proudly offer a Farm Day for the Fresh Air Fund children who visit Broome and Tioga Counties each summer.

Programs Offered

We offer Equine Assisted Activities including Unmounted Therapeutic Horsemanship, Therapeutic Riding and our innovative and unique Borrowed Freedom program which incorporates unmounted horsemanship with the arts. We also offer Hippotherapy and community learning and outreach opportunities. In 2012 we will also host our Trail Blazers Special Olympics program, and we will be piloting our therapeutic vaulting program.

Cost To Participate

Many of our staff members and volunteers have been in the same position that many of our student families face. Finding \$150-200 more each month when you are already paying so much out of pocket for therapeutic services is just not possible. We firmly believe that the joy, self-esteem, independence, trust and caring that students can achieve through this program is priceless. You simply cannot put a price on dignity and self-respect! We were inspired by [Camelot Therapeutic Horsemanship in Arizona](#) to always provide services at no charge, and we hope that we will inspire others to do the same.

Standards

Borrowed Freedom Equine Assisted Therapies and Activities, Inc. is a member of the following organizations, our staff is trained in, and upholds, the guidelines and policies each organization requires. Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (formerly NARHA), Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGALA), Equine Experiential Education Association, The American Hippotherapy Association, The United States Pony Club, and the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

We are working diligently to achieve Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH) Premier Accredited Center status. Our program meets or exceeds more than 82 mandatory and core standards required for this status, plus additional standards required for Hippotherapy.

Annual Budget

We are committed to providing the best experience for our clients and students, while remaining fiscally responsible and debt free. We feel strongly that our donors deserve to feel confident that their support directly and positively impacts the lives of the individuals we serve and the animals in our care.

Our annual budget and fundraising goal for 2012 is \$12,500. This budget includes the basic health care and feeding of the six horses, two goats, our Autism Service Dog and Therapy dog in training, and 5 chickens. It also includes the consumable materials, tack and equipment we use in our programming. Our insurance, memberships and fund for special events such as Fresh Air Fund visits and in-school visits are also included in our annual budget.

Borrowed Freedom is a volunteer organization with no paid staff.

Borrowed Freedom will be able to offer programming to 4 Hippotherapy clients, 8 Therapeutic Riding Students and 18 Learning Program Students each semester. We will also be able to offer training and competition to 30 Special Olympics athletes if our fundraising goals are met. Our target goals are as follows:

1st Quarter (Jan – Mar) – \$1800
2nd Quarter (Apr – Jun) – \$4500
3rd Quarter (Jul – Sep) – \$3700
4th Quarter (Oct – Dec) – \$2500

Contact Information

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