

HOOF BEATS



THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF
RISING STARR HORSE RESCUE

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Boarding * Lessons * Leasing * Life Coaching * Equine Yoga * Team Building * School and Youth Programs

MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT



On December 4th, RSHR joined forces with Vista Wine and Spirits for a wine and craft spirits tasting event in the barn. In addition to the tastings, there was food provided by The Farmers Grind, holiday shopping by Patricia's Presents and Kasaro Designs, "Lucky Draw" raffles, and live music by Kenneth Kuo and students from Westport School of Music. Thank you to everyone who attended. The evening was a great success and we are already planning on doing another one next year, if not sooner!



A LETTER FROM KELLY

Dear Farm Family,

2021 has been a very busy year for RSHR. We took in 36 horses, and found forever homes for 27 of them. We also made many necessary improvements to the farm. Unfortunately we lost 3 horses this year. All of them due to the neglect they experienced prior to coming to our farm. We did our best to save them, but it was too late and we humanely ended their suffering. That is the hardest part of my job and something I will never get used to.

In addition to already being a Guardian with the Equus Foundation, a member of the Homes for Horses Coalition, and again receiving the Platinum Seal of Transparency from GuideStar, RSHR became accredited by The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries. None of this could have been accomplished with out the help and dedication from all of you. I am truly grateful for each and everyone of you!

As we begin 2022, there is still much work to do. We will continue to make farm improvements, and sadly, there will always be horses to save from abuse and neglect. But with your continued support, I am confident that we can make a difference in many horses lives.

Wishing you the best in 2022! Thank you all for all you do!

Love, Kelly and the Horses

HELP US FILL THE TREE!

GIVING TREE 2021

DONATE AN ORNAMENT TO OUR GIVING TREE AND HELP A HORSE IN NEED. YOUR NAME AND HOLIDAY MESSAGE WILL HANG ALONGSIDE THE ORNAMENT. ENDS 12/31/2021.

HELP US FILL THE TREE!



\$50 - FEED A RESCUE

Provides a weeks' worth of hay for one rescue horse.



\$100 - VAX A RESCUE

Provides annual vaccinations for one rescue horse.



\$250 - SHOE A RESCUE

Provides a trim and shoes for one rescue horse.



\$500 - TRAILER A RESCUE

Provides transportation for 1 rescue horse to RSHR.



\$1000 - SHELTER A RESCUE

Provides funds for capital improvements to the farm. These improvements will help keep our rescue horses safe.



\$2500- TRAIN A RESCUE

Provides much needed training for our most traumatized and unhandled rescues.



\$5000 -HEAL A RESCUE

Provides funds for our emergency medical fund to care for the sickest of our rescues.



\$18,000 -LEADER OF THE PACK (1 ONLY)

Provides a much needed, reliable UTV for the farm.

To participate go to our website or
www.2021GivingTree.Givesmart.com

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Susan Groo

When did you first start volunteering?

I went to the open house in December of 2019 and signed up for volunteering. I started in the Spring of 2020

What is your background with horses?

As a young person I took riding lessons and then owned my own horse, Bacardi. We competed in horse shows, equitation classes, USET classes, and hunter classes. I also belonged to the Fairfield County Hounds and hunted with them.

Do you have a favorite horse? If so, why?

I love all the horses, it is hard to pinpoint just one in particular, however Jonathon was the first one I read to, so I have a soft spot for him.

What is your favorite part about volunteering?

My favorite part of volunteering is reading to the horses, turning out or bringing back from the paddocks, grooming and just being able to help out in whatever is needed around the barn. Rising Starr is a special place, everyone is so loving and caring for the horses and really for each other. Horse lovers of all ages working together for the same goal, to heal and help these wonderful animals become less afraid, and to trust in people, is magical. It is heartbreaking to hear the stories of mistreatment but so satisfying when they are able to find a safe, loving forever home. I have learned so much, on all levels, about caring for these animals to get them whole again. Nothing is overlooked or spared in their rehabilitation. I treasure my time at the barn.



*Susan, reading to Jonathon
"The Night Before Christmas"*

FEATURED RESCUE

ABRACADABRA aka "Abra"

Abra is a 5 year old American Mustang mare who stands at approximately 14.3 hands. She was born in the wild and adopted by a young girl who trained her as a filly for the Extreme Mustang makeover challenge. Not yet broken under saddle, Abra is a very smart young girl who still needs training.. If you feel Abra is the right horse for you, please contact us at RisingStarr100@gmail.com



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Gift Certificate



Rising Starr Horse Rescue is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Our mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home America's at-risk horses, as well as educate the public about the reality and responsibility of horse ownership.

Give the gift of lasting memories with a gift certificate for a lesson, trail ride, ground work or a life-coaching session.

Certificates can be emailed to you to print at home. Call 203-257-8345 or email RisingStarr100@gmail.com