



ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2025



A Special Message FROM OUR CEO

Dear Friends,

At Days End Farm Horse Rescue, progress has always been built through steady commitment by people who care deeply about horses and choose to stand with them, year after year.

As you read this annual report, you will see the results of that commitment in the lives of horses rescued, rehabilitated, and given second chances, as well as in the education and outreach that help prevent suffering before it begins. These outcomes are not accidental. They are the result of thoughtful planning, responsible stewardship, and the partnership of supporters who believe equine welfare deserves long-term investment.

Over the past year, our team has continued to strengthen the programs and systems that allow DEFHR to respond when horses need us most—today and into the future. At the same time, we have been engaged in important conversations about what comes next for this organization and the growing role it plays in equine welfare locally and nationally.

One of the most significant opportunities before us is the vision for the National Equine Welfare Center. This vision reflects both the increasing demand for our services and our responsibility to meet that demand with care, intention, and sustainability. While meaningful progress has already been made, the future of this work and the horses who will depend on it will be shaped by those who choose to help carry it forward.

This moment is not about a single project or a single year. It is about ensuring that Days End Farm Horse Rescue remains strong, responsive, and prepared to serve horses for generations to come. That kind of impact is only possible through continued partnership, shared belief, and the willingness of supporters to invest in what they know truly matters.

I am deeply grateful to everyone who has been part of this journey so far, and I invite you to see yourself in the work ahead. Together, we can continue building a future where compassion leads, care is never compromised, and horses are protected and respected at every stage of their lives.

Thank you for believing in our mission and for standing with us — not only in the visible victories, but in the quieter, essential work that makes them possible.

With gratitude and hope,

Erin Clemm Ochoa

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CEO, DAYS END FARM HORSE RESCUE



WHO WE ARE AND *Why It Matters*



MISSION

Our mission is to ensure quality care and treatment of horses through intervention, education and outreach.

Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR) is a nationally renowned, benchmark 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to rehabilitating neglected horses and educating the community on equine welfare and advocacy.

VISION

Our vision is a culture of humane care and compassion for all equines.

Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR) is striving to reimagine the future of equine welfare. We believe every equine deserves kindness, and as a community of advocates, it is our responsibility to give voice to those who cannot speak for themselves.



THIS IS THE IMPACT

A Story of Rescue, Trust, and New Beginnings

Wise Willow arrived as one of eight horses rescued from a neglect case—underweight, withdrawn, and marked by the effects of long-term neglect. Through consistent care, patience, and time, she began to heal. As her strength returned, her gentle nature emerged. Calm, kind, and trusting, Willow quickly showed she had much more to give.

Her journey led her to a family seeking connection, not perfection. Adopted as a companion horse, Willow found her place as a steady, reassuring presence—offering patience, comfort, and quiet joy. She bonded quickly, especially with the children. Today, she is thriving in a home where she is valued not for what she can do, but for who she is.

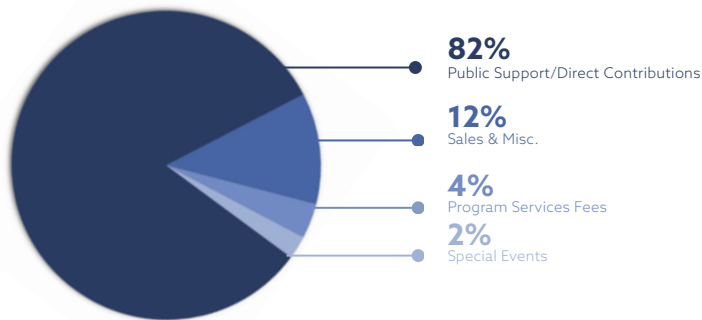
Willow's story reached far beyond the farm, resonating across social media and reminding thousands why rescue matters. She is living proof that when horses are given compassion, consistency, and a real chance, they can become exactly what someone needs.

THIS IS WHY RESCUE MATTERS.

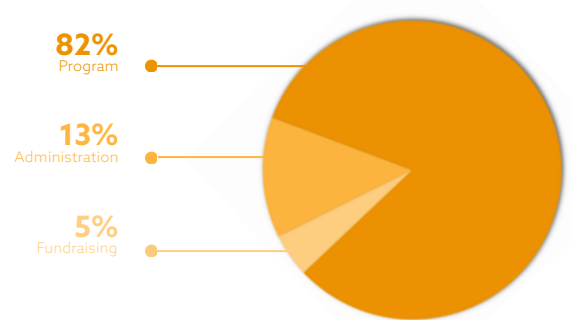
THE POWER OF *Every Dollar*



REVENUE



EXPENSES



MEASURABLE IMPACT. MEANINGFUL CHANGE. POWERED BY YOUR GENEROSITY.

At Days End Farm Horse Rescue, every dollar you give reflects a deep commitment to protecting horses and strengthening the future of equine welfare. Your generosity makes lifesaving care possible — from medical treatment, rehabilitation, and safe refuge to the education and outreach that strive to help prevent suffering before it begins. Individual supporters remain the foundation of our work, allowing us to respond quickly, care responsibly, and teach compassion to the next generation. These numbers tell a powerful story of trust, stewardship, and shared purpose.

This financial report is more than a snapshot of resources — it is a reflection of the lives changed, the knowledge shared, and the lasting impact we achieve together. Thank you for standing with us and with the horses who depend on your belief in this mission.

WHEN *People* ARE CONNECTED BY *Purpose*



30,882

Hours Volunteered



4,350

People Educated



1,034

Total Volunteers



1,249

Tours/Visitors

LEARNING. GIVING. SHOWING UP.

Connection is at the core of everything we do. This year, volunteers, supporters, students, and visitors came together to learn, engage, and deepen their understanding of equine welfare. Whether through hands-on service, educational programs, or a first visit to the farm, each interaction strengthened a shared commitment to protecting horses.

These moments of connection do more than inform — they create lasting relationships between people and the horses whose lives they touch. They turn curiosity into understanding and understanding into action. In doing so, they build awareness, inspire compassion, and help shape a community grounded in respect, responsibility, and care.

Together, we are building a future where education leads to prevention, compassion replaces cruelty, and horses are safeguarded for generations to come.

**“I’VE NEVER
VOLUNTEERED
ANYWHERE THAT FELT
THIS PURPOSEFUL.”**

-NANCY JOHNS VOLUNTEER



WHEN COMPASSION MEETS COMMITMENT, LIVES CHANGE.

THIS YEAR, 73 HORSES DIDN'T JUST FIND
SAFETY, THEY FOUND HOME.



HORSES GIVEN SECOND CHANCES *that last*



138

Horses Served



111

Horses Sheltered



105

Horses in Sanctuary



73

Horses Placed



EVERY RESCUE. EVERY ADOPTION. EVERY SECOND CHANCE.

Because of you, horses rescued from abuse and neglect are finding hope, healing, and second chances every day. From rehabilitation to training and adoption, each horse's journey is a testament to what is possible when a community believes in change.

Many arrive malnourished, frightened, injured, or misunderstood, but with time, skilled care, and consistency, they begin to recover—both physically and emotionally. Each step forward reflects the dedication of the people who stand behind them.

Every rescue and success story reminds us of the lasting difference that compassion, knowledge, and dedication can make. Together, we are shaping a future where cruelty is prevented, every horse is safe, and each one has the opportunity to thrive.



BUILDING A NATIONAL EQUINE WELFARE CENTER

Working for the horses of tomorrow, today.

For more than 35 years, Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR) has stood at the forefront of equine welfare rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming abused and neglected horses while educating tens of thousands of people each year. As Maryland's primary equine impoundment facility for law enforcement, DEFHR is nationally recognized for its expertise in forensic documentation, rehabilitation, and humane education.

Today, DEFHR cares for an average of 120 equines each year, educates and inspires more than 60,500 people nationwide, and benefits from more than 30,000 volunteer hours annually. Over the past decade, we have trained more than 1,000 law enforcement professionals and provided over 400 hours of support to the prosecutorial process. With a proven track record of fiscal responsibility and transparency, DEFHR has earned its place as a trusted leader and innovator in the field of equine welfare.

To meet growing demand and expand its national impact, DEFHR has launched a \$5.75 million capital campaign to build a National Equine Welfare Center at its Woodbine, Maryland campus. Operating from the same facilities since 2008, DEFHR has outgrown its current infrastructure. The new center will ensure the organization can continue—and significantly expand—its lifesaving work.

THE CAMPAIGN PROJECTS ARE:

An **EQUINE INDOOR REHABILITATION AND TRAINING ARENA** to allow year-round care, training, veterinary services, and adoption evaluations, reducing length of stay for horses and improving outcomes.

An **EQUINE INTENSIVE CARE BARN** designed for critically ill and injured horses, featuring advanced medical resources, a veterinary suite, therapy equipment, and overnight accommodations for caregivers.

An **EQUINE DISCOVERY CENTER**, supported in part by a \$1.25 million commitment from the State of Maryland, expanding humane education, professional training, community engagement, and administrative capacity.

TOGETHER, THESE FACILITIES WILL STRENGTHEN DEFHR'S ABILITY TO SAVE MORE LIVES, EDUCATE FUTURE GENERATIONS, AND PREVENT CRUELTY THROUGH EDUCATION, WHILE SERVING AS A NATIONAL MODEL FOR EQUINE WELFARE.

WHAT YOUR SUPPORT HAS *Set in Motion*

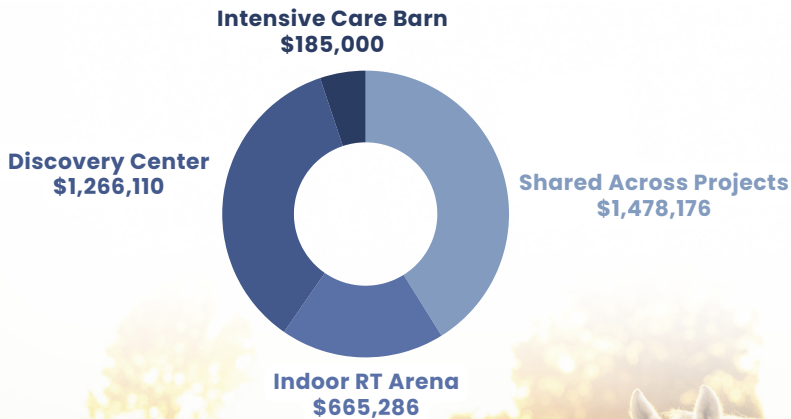
Thanks to the early leadership and generosity of dedicated supporters, DEFHR has made significant progress toward the \$5.75 million goal for the National Equine Welfare Center, reaching 62.5% funding by the close of FY25. A strong foundation is now in place and the work ahead will determine when this vision becomes a reality.

We invite you to be part of what comes next. Continued support through meaningful gifts and multi-year commitments will be essential not only to bring this campaign to completion, but to ensure that our rescue, care, and education programs remain strong and uninterrupted throughout the process. Whether through a leadership-level contribution or by helping connect us with others who share this commitment to equine welfare, your involvement at this stage will help this National Equine Welfare Center take root and serve horses for generations to come.

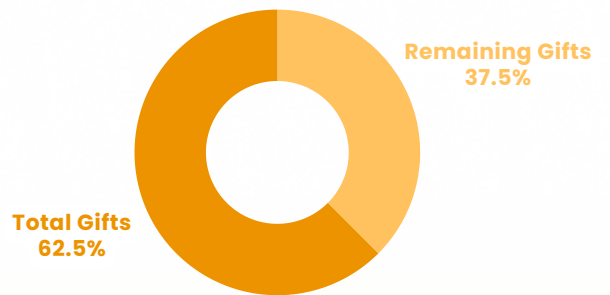
\$3,594,572 RAISED.

62.5% FUNDED!

FUNDING BY RESTRICTION



CAMPAIGN PROGRESS TO \$5.75M



YOUR *Compassion* MAKES A DIFFERENCE



EVERY HORSE'S JOURNEY TOWARD SAFETY, HEALING, AND A SECOND CHANCE BEGINS WITH SOMEONE WHO CHOOSES TO CARE.

Because of supporters like you, Days End Farm Horse Rescue is able to respond when horses need help most, providing rescue, rehabilitation, lifelong sanctuary, and education that prevents suffering before it begins. Your generosity not only fuels today's care, but the future of equine welfare for generations to come.

There are many ways to be part of this work:

- **Support** lifesaving rescue and rehabilitation.
- **Help** expand education and outreach efforts.
- **Invest** in facilities and programs that strengthen equine welfare nationwide.
- **Share** our mission with others who believe horses deserve compassion and protection.