

Milestone Equine Rescue

Every horse we save makes a difference



ANOTHER GREAT HELP A HORSE DAY!

We were fortunate to have a great group of volunteers put on Help a Horse Day at Horsemen's Outlet in Lebanon NJ. Sarah Prant Ercolano, store owner, and store manager Mary Ellen O'Toole made it possible for this event to happen!

Once again we were extremely blessed to have the offer of a \$10,000 match from one of our generous donors. All donations were matched up to the \$10,000.

The weather certainly didn't cooperate this year -- it was cool and rainy. We also switched days to Sunday and we think this may have affected our turnout. However, the event still raised money for the horses. We met our \$10,000 match thanks to online donations, donations through the mail, and at our Help a Horse Day event. While we didn't raise as much money as last year, the event was still very successful for the horses!

We had a silent auction and a wonderful variety of items for bid. Our bake sale was really fabulous with delicious goodies baked by our volunteers and supporters. We also had Milestone merchandise available with our new t-shirts in a pretty purple and bright green color for sale! It was a fun day despite the weather.

Beautiful flowers were donated for sale by Carol Mulvaney. Sarah generously donated food to be cooked for the event and then donated the proceeds.

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Our well-known, bright green banner welcomed visitors and framed just a portion of our wonderful silent auction items.



Volunteers Marie and Tracy promoted Milestone merchandise, including t-shirts in fresh, new colors, and our popular Milestone mug.

THE HORSES GIVE BACK ... AND SO DO THESE SPECIAL KIDS



Students from Phillipsburg High School gently brush Phebe, who stands quietly for them and loves the attention.

It has always been important to my husband Bruce and I to find a way for the rescue horses to give back to the community. We wanted people to realize that even though the horses were not rideable their lives still had value and they had love to share. We have been on the farm 20 years now, and we started our grooming program back in 2000. We have worked with several schools over the years whose students love to participate in this special program.

We have been working with the Phillipsburg High School for many years with a group of students with special needs. Recently, Stepping Stone School has started coming again. For many of the students it is their first time being around horses.

The students from the high school help Bruce with a certain task each time they come so they leave with a sense of accomplishment (Cont'd Page 3)



Logan

Doing our best for the horses is always uppermost in our minds, and from time to time that means reevaluating what we do. We recently had to make the very difficult decision to not hold our annual Open House this year.

Unfortunately, we just don't have enough help to pull off the event, and that means that the vast majority of the physical work is left to those of us here at the farm. Knowing that we will have even less help this year than last

year, all the prep work before and on the day of the event will fall on the very tired shoulders of one or two people. Under these circumstances, holding Open House is impossible.

We've also noticed that the older the horses get, the more stressful each Open House seems to be on them. The past few years we have had horses colic the night of Open House. Another year one of the horses got very ill and nearly died because he was fed something he shouldn't have been. We are now concerned for the well-being of our horses at such a big event.

Not holding Open House was an extremely difficult choice to make because we also raise a lot of money for the horses. This leaves us wondering how we will generate these funds.

However, don't let the lack of Open House stop you from coming to visit the horses. We are happy to schedule tours by appointment so you can visit the farm. Call or email us for more details. We want you to see the wonderful horses to whom your donations make a difference every day. The horses still very much need you.

We are also looking into new possibilities for smaller events, both on and off the farm, and are open to your suggestions and possible fundraising/event ideas. Thank you for understanding and for your continued support.

- Susankelly

The Joy of Volunteering

It's hard not to smile like Dawn when you're brushing someone as all-out cute as our dwarf miniature horse, Mini Pearl. Helping take care of the horses is one of the most rewarding experiences any horse enthusiast can have. It's not the same as riding or showing, but these devoted horses need your help and care just as much, if not more. If you've read our newsletter or visited our website, you know what special animals reside at Mylestone ... rescued from cruelty or neglect, the auction or slaughter, each has an inspiring story to tell. Won't you be a part of their story and volunteer? We also need help at events and other activities.

Give us a call at 908-995-9300 or e-mail us at info@mylestone.org and let us know how you would like to help.



THANK YOU!

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** Califon Animal Hospital, Dr. Mary Beth Hamorski & Dr. Simone Koster*

** Equine Dentists Bill Schultze, Jim Edwards, Brian Shaw & Dianne Frack*

** Farriers Todd Huber & David Delli Santi*

** Horsemen's Outlet for their continued support*

** A special thanks to all those who have donated items for the horses, plus blankets, tack and assorted items for us to put on consignment at Horsemen's Outlet*

Your generosity is very much appreciated!

If we have accidentally omitted anyone, please accept our apologies - we are so very grateful for all you do for the horses!

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OUR MISSION

Mylestone Equine Rescue ("M.E.R.") is dedicated to helping abused and neglected horses. M.E.R. works to educate the general public about these unspeakable sufferings and promotes the plight of unwanted horses.

Our goal is to place these once magnificent creatures in homes that will give them the love and care they deserve. If suitable homes are not found, M.E.R. will be a permanent home for these horses.

Mylestone is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible.



From muffins to individually boxed cupcakes to home-made crumbcake, no one is ever disappointed in a Mylestone bake sale!!

Another Great Help A Horse Day (cont'd)



Help A Horse Day would not be possible without the invaluable help and support from the staff at Horsemen's Outlet and Mylestone's Board (above) and our beyond wonderful volunteers.



Volunteer Davin accepted food pantry donations and entered names to win the \$500 Horsemen's gift card.

Visit our website for more photos!



Our silent auction is always fabulous with unique and fine-crafted gifts!

On April 2nd, a Zumba fundraiser was held in Essex Fells, NJ. Four instructors and over 30 participants had a great time dancing together to raise money for the horses for Help a Horse Day!

A food drive was also held for the local food pantry where Susankelly volunteers. Everyone that donated a food item received a ticket to be entered to win a \$500 Horsemen's Outlet gift card. Susankelly had a carload of food to take to the pantry thanks to the event, and a lucky winner has \$500 to spend at Horsemen's Outlet!

We wish to thank everyone who helped make this event possible for the rescue horses. Whether you donated, baked, bought, and/or attended, you made a difference and we thank you!

THE HORSES GIVE BACK ... AND SO DO THESE SPECIAL KIDS (Cont'd)



Scout is one of our horses in the grooming program, and enjoys being brushed by the students.

by helping the horses. We take the kids around to visit with all the horses and then they enjoy grooming some of them. Not all our horses are quiet enough to participate in this program, only a select few, and this includes Phebe, Tyler, Scout, Dakota and Mini Pearl.

The students from Stepping Stone join in with minor tasks, and have been learning to rake up hay scraps. These students have also been learning how to hold a brush and actually brush a horse. We had to explain not to brush Phebe's eyes. She is incredibly good with the students and just loves the attention.



Raking up the hay that manages to escape from paddocks, hay bales, etc. helps keep the farm neat and tidy.

A change comes over the students when being around the horses. They become calmer and the horses give back that unconditional love. It is wonderful to see a nonverbal child smile while brushing or petting a horse. A lot of small miracles happen here, and it is a joy to share in them.

LONGTIME MYLESTONE SUPPORTERS WED & HELP THE HORSES ONCE AGAIN!



Celebrating the happy day are, from left, family members Matthew and Madeline, and far right, Carly, plus the bride and groom, Rachel and Mark.

CENTENARY INTERN MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO THE HORSES



Lizzie holds Sundance while our farrier ToddHuber, trims his hooves.

Over the years we have been fortunate enough to have some interns helping us with the horses during the summer months. They come from various colleges majoring in equine studies and are often hoping to become future vets. We have had students from as far away as England and Ireland. This summer we had Lizzie Wexler interning for 6 weeks at the farm. Lizzie is attending Centenary University in Hackettstown NJ. Lizzie helped us with general horse care, feeding, mucking, and holding horses for the farrier and vet. Since we have such a wide variety of horses with medical issues, she was able to see many different horse treatments and procedures. We really appreciate Lizzie's help these past few weeks and wish her all the best in her equine studies.

Does the idea of becoming an intern appeal to you? Although our past interns have done so, you don't have to major in equine studies or intend to become a vet to become one. You do need to be enrolled in a college which has an intern program, and ideally, be in a field of study where the horses and our organization will serve to advance your education. If interested, speak to your intern study program administrator about an internship at Mylestone.

On a picture perfect day in June, Rachel Rosenthal and Mark Bellard were married on their beautiful farm surrounded by friends and family. Rachel and Mark have been long time supporters of Mylestone, holding several events to benefit the rescue horses over the years. We were extremely honored to be included in their wedding this year.

In lieu of wedding gifts they asked their guests to donate to Mylestone. Rachel and Mark said that "the joy of this day, including the knowledge that we were helping Mylestone, was just overwhelming. The love and generosity of our family and friends is a gift we will always cherish."

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Well ... you do have to do one tiny thing and that is sign up to be a part of the AmazonSmile program. After that you just log in to AmazonSmile each time you shop and you are donating to Mylestone with every purchase! To date, Mylestone has received a total of \$1,902.86, and in just the last quarter, \$102.15 because Amazon donates 0.5% of every eligible purchase (almost everything) to your chosen charity. Just sign up at smile.amazon.com and with your existing password, log in there for all future shopping. Easy-peasy and puts a smile on all our faces, horses included!

SPONSORSHIP FORM

Sponsors are the life blood of Mylestone's efforts - we truly could not do it without you. To become a sponsor, forward this form with the sum of \$50.00 for two months, or more for additional months, (see below), which will be applied towards the care of the Mylestone horse of your choice, or we can select the horse in the greatest need of sponsors. You can sponsor for two months or for as many additional months as you would like for \$25.00 per month. You will receive a photo and sponsor letter monthly, updating you on the goings-on at the farm.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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E-Mail: _____

Please sign me up to receive occasional e-mail updates from Mylestone

Enclosed is \$ _____. I would like to become a sponsor for

Phebe Scout Mini Pearl Sundance Logan

Horse in Need or _____ (name of horse) for:

(check one) 2 months (\$50.00) 3 months (\$75.00)

6 months (\$150.00) one year (\$300.00)

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Remembering Misty & Madeline - Our Two Beautiful Girls



Misty

We are very sad to share that Misty had to be humanely euthanized. She has been dealing with chronic founder since we rescued her over 5 years ago. The shelter we got her from allowed her to be on lush pasture and along with hormonal imbalances, she foundered. Her hooves were curled and long when we first saw her. We tried to stabilize her with proper medication and trimming. But over the years she would have repeated bouts of founder.

We had been treating this last bout since September of 2018. Normally, she had been able to rally and recover, but this time she never really got better and then she began to get worse. We tried different pain regimens; she had her special soft ride boots with extra padding; then about two weeks ago we put special front shoes on her. Unfortunately the shoes didn't work and there was minimal improvement in her walking.

On April 13th she seemed to be getting worse and we had Dr Mary Beth out to examine her. She too was very concerned about her condition. We decided to take more X-rays and we determined that she was now foundering behind and was in pain in her hind hooves. We could not keep her comfortable and this was just too much for her. We fed her lots of treats and allowed her to graze on grass -- none of which she had been able to do because of her health issues. Misty passed very quickly. We will miss her feisty spirit and freshness. She could be such a character and the barn is quiet without her. We are sad over her passing, but grateful we could spare her further pain.

Madeline was an icon on our farm for the last 19 years. I purchased her in 2000 from a dealer that was selling her online with a broken elbow. She had been kicked while out in the field and never received veterinary treatment. Since she was young, she adapted to getting around on 3 legs.

She was really quite amazing and it is with deep sadness I share that we had to have Madeline humanely euthanized. She had been having a much harder time getting around on her

three good legs and we weren't sure of the exact cause. One morning she lay down and couldn't get up. We knew it was the end. Madeline was calm and didn't struggle. Something had happened to her hind legs. I brought her bunches of grass to munch on and gave her horse treats. I sat next to Madeline in her stall. I pet her, scratched her itchy spots, and hugged her while we waited for the vet to come.

Madeline was an incredible inspiration; I don't know another pony on this earth that managed to live for 19 years with a broken elbow. Madeline accepted life's challenges and far exceeded them. She was semi-wild when we got her and I had to work hard to earn her trust. We had a very special bond, and those that know me well at the farm, know that I considered Madeline the daughter I never had. She touched so many people's lives over the years. I adored her and earning her love and trust was an incredible gift. She truly was a miracle ... we are better for knowing her.

- Susankelly



Madeline

MEMORIALS

- ❖ Caryn Skinner in loving memory of Phebe Bishop
- ❖ Diane and Peter Brusman in loving memory of Phebe Bishop
- ❖ Susan and Rupert Hauser in loving memory of Phebe Bishop
- ❖ The Thompson family in loving memory of Phebe Bishop
- ❖ Mary McCarthy in memory of "Swimmy"
- ❖ Nancy Kembel in honor of "Misty"
- ❖ The Szigethy Family in loving memory of "Madeline"
- ❖ Barbara Caruso in memory of "Madeline"
- ❖ Barrie Saltzman in memory of:
"Smokey" Commander-Fredericks Family
"Willie" Walker Family
"Luna" Tuorto-Fisk Family
"Simon" Feigenbaum Family

In special memory of long-time supporter, Carol Fox, mother of volunteer Laurel Fox, and who passed away earlier this year.

- ❖ Charles Seal
- ❖ Margaret Gould
- ❖ Lois Lastinger and Ken Mandoli
- ❖ Heidi and Lawrence Fox
- ❖ Michele and Lee Wilber
- ❖ Elizabeth and John McPherson
- ❖ Mary Hansen Ward
- ❖ Hugo and Joanne Maimone
- ❖ Michael Stasak and Laurel Fox
- ❖ Pittstown Trail Association
- ❖ Gail and Robdert Lippincott
- ❖ Dorthey and Rockey Ruggerio
- ❖ Terre and Robert Foldy
- ❖ Ruth Marie and Paul Vernes
- ❖ Barrie Saltzman

MYLESTONE A TOP-RATED CHARITY AT GREAT NON-PROFITS



Thanks to many people sharing their experiences about Mylestone, we have earned a spot on the Great Nonprofits 2019 Top Rated List!

Mylestone is featured on their website, their 2019 Top-Rated List, and distributed to media and corporate foundations. The official 2019 Top-Rated List will be announced after October 31.

Thanks to everyone who took the time to post a positive comment on our page on their website - <https://greatnonprofits.org>

ERIN AND MOM VOLUNTEER AT FARM, ORGANIZE GRAIN SEALS



Erin with all the grain seals she and her mom sorted and bundled.

This summer we were fortunate to have Erin Devine and her mom Cheryl help out at the farm for a school project. Erin has three horses of her own and also rides and competes in horse show competitions. Her mom helps her care for the horses and enjoys grooming and supporting Erin in her love of horses.

Erin and her mom volunteered for a week at the farm helping us with various chores. They mucked stalls, and helped with feeding and watering the horses. They also enjoyed brushing several of the horses. One of their favorites was Mini Pearl. Erin and Cheryl also took on the huge task of sorting all the proof of purchase labels from Triple Crown, Southern States, and Legends horse feeds. Many of these proofs are donated and mailed to us as well as coming off all the bags of grain we use, too. These symbols are able to be redeemed for money for the horses and free grain. It was a time consuming and tedious task but when I batched up everything they had done to mail out, we had over \$730 in proofs of purchase labels! All their hard work really paid off!

Erin and Cheryl are going to continue helping out on the farm on Monday mornings for the summer.



Erin meets Scout while helping with barn chores, and is clearly delighted!

SEND US YOUR GRAIN SEALS & HELP FEED THE HORSES!



SAVE YOUR SEALS from Legends, Triple Crown and Southern States feed bags to help our horses. Each proof of purchase seal is worth .25 to help our horses.

We collect these symbols and redeem them through the S.H.O.W. program earning money for the care of our horses. You can collect the symbols and mail them to us and we will take care of the rest. Please share this information with your horse friends and at your barn.

IN HONOR OF

- * Russ Jones in honor of his wife Lynda Sanderson celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary
- * Carla Dehmlow in honor of Janet Calvert
- * Florence Commander in honor of Lois Commander's birthday
- * Deborah Young in honor of volunteer Nancy Kembel's dogs, "Spencer and Lucy"
- * Jamie Powers in honor of Lois Commander's birthday
- * Cindy Burns in honor of Lois Commander's birthday
- * Karpas Strategies in honor of the Rosenberg family

GRANTS & FOUNDATIONS

Thank you to the McCrane Foundation for their continued generous support.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

- ◆ To Kathy H. for the generous support of Mylestone and the Equine Relief Fund.
- ◆ We are extremely grateful to volunteer Chris H. who volunteers 4 times a week helping us with the horses, especially the night feedings. We are so appreciative of her tremendous help!
- ◆ Volunteers Nancy Sapanara and Jeri Jurgensen and sponsor Abigail Walker all held birthday fundraisers on Facebook for Mylestone and raised much-needed funds for the horses. Thank you all!

DONATION FORM

Your support of Mylestone is greatly appreciated. Please use this form if you wish to make a straight donation to help the horses. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

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