



HORSE HAVEN
OF TENNESSEE

Neigh & Bray

Giving a voice to those who cannot speak for themselves.



March 2021

HHT Mission Statement

To advocate for, rescue, protect, and defend our God-given equine from abuse and neglect in Tennessee.

Equine Programs

- **Adoption** - Finding a home for a horse in need.
- **Helping Hoof** - Help equine owners feed their horses during a financial crisis.
- **Ultimate Act of Compassion** - Helping equine owners with humane euthanasia
- **Studs to Buds** - Gelding assistance to help lower the rate of unwanted.

It is through your generous support for HHT that we can continue to give a voice to those that cannot speak for themselves.

Wish List

- Feed: Purina Senior, Strategy, Alfalfa Pellets
- Gift cards: TSC, Rural King, Walmart, Office Depot, Gas cards
- Salt Bricks & Blocks
- Hay - Horse quality Square and Round bales
- Small enclosed trailer for emergency equipment
- 10+ acre farm of our own that we can call home, and use for rescue and retirement facility

2021 - A Year of Possibilities!

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

I've seen the first sign of spring! As I went to feed my horses the other morning, a single crocus was poking out of the ground. It was the first time in many months I felt a promise; God's promise for new beginnings in 2021. New adventures, new friends, new prospects for not only our horses, but our staff and volunteers. It is said that at the end of every storm, there is a rainbow. For those working and volunteering at HHT, I honestly believe we have seen that rainbow since the first day of January, shining bold & bright.

In January we started putting out feelers to find the right person to fill the position of Equine Manager. After some careful consideration we offered the position to Rikki Lee Nidever and she accepted. We are thrilled knowing she will provide excellent training for our horses. We expect to see great things from her in the coming year. **Welcome aboard Rikki!**

Those who received our newsletter at Christmas responded with amazing generosity and exceeded our projections twice over! The cards and notes from supporters filled our mailbox daily, many of whom we've not heard from in some time. Countless supporting families of HHT surpassed the challenge that I set before them. Our staff and Board were completely overwhelmed with emotion. Thank You! We are all humbled by your responses.

Over the past 22 years Horse Haven has always relied upon the generosity of property owners to allowed us the opportunity to utilize their facility for our horses to rehabilitate. In 2018 the facility we had called home for 10 years, sold and HHT needed a place to relocate. We knew the Ford Road location was a short term solution; but more importantly, HHT is grateful for the use of the facility. Once again, the time has come for us to look for that special place to call home. We have faith that God will show us where we need to be, but we could really use your help in our search. If you would like to help us with this new journey in 2021, please reach out to me at ninahhted@gmail.com.



Nina L. Margetson
Founder / Interim Director

FROM OUR OPERATIONS DIRECTOR:

We are running full steam ahead in the first two months of 2021! We have tripled our intake of horses from this time last year. We are beyond thrilled to provide safety, a warm stall, fresh hay, quality feed, and clean water to our newest horses that have entered the safety of our barn to start the rehabilitation process. We are excited to create a bright future for them through our program!



HHT volunteers are the backbone of our organization. They provide the daily care to our horses that includes feeding, handling, grooming, and the upmost love and care. We have certain horses that come through our program that are truly volunteer favorites! Gin entered our barn in February and has quickly stolen the hearts of our volunteers. Gin is a beautiful Appaloosa with the sweetest personality. Gin is not sound for riding, but will make an excellent addition to any herd. She is the type horse that will be able to teach children horsemanship as she's a "been there, done that" kind of horse. She loves to be groomed.

Along with the increased amount of horses in our barn comes the increase of manure. We have not only one, but TWO heaping mounds of manure that are free to the public! With Spring gardening right around the corner, our manure will make excellent compost for your garden. If you, or anyone you know is interested in helping us reduce the size of our manure pits, please give us a call at (865) 609-4030 to schedule an appointment for free pickup. We have a tractor to help you load!

Ashley Ford
Operations Director

WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT: Lee Williams

On behalf of the Board of Directors, let me express our gratitude for the generous outpouring of financial support from our donors. We cannot successfully achieve our mission without our donors or volunteers. Both groups are the foundation of HHT. Nina's return to HHT has been a blessing beyond words. With her leadership and experience, HHT has made huge strides in building a team that works in the best interest of the horses and guarding the integrity of our mission. This year started with a 'big bang' and we will continue to move in a positive direction. It's all about teamwork for the good of the horses. Thank you to everyone for being a part of our team.....donors, volunteers and staff.

Board of Directors:

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Contact info:

HHT - P.O. Box 30393
Knoxville, TN 37930
(865) 609-4030

Directions to facility:

Visits by appointment only.

Take I-40 to exit #369 (Watt Road) & turn south. Go to light and turn right onto RT. 11. Follow RT 11 by taking a left at the next light. Continue 2 1/2 miles to light. Turn right onto Ford Road. HHT is located at 2477 Ford Road just a short way down on the left.

To help insure the safety of our volunteers and horses we request you do not visit without an appointment. We are open for private tours with a simple phone call to

865-609-4030

What Was... is Made New...

Was		Made New
	Balue	
	Poppy	
	Gin	



Spring Fling
CRAFTERS WANTED!
APRIL 17, 2021 | 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.
Craft Fair | Food Trucks | Tack Sale | Open Barn

This is an "open barn" event that is free to the public. In addition there will be a plant sale featuring two local Greenhouses; Meadowview Greenhouse, and Gregory's Greenhouse. Live music will be performed by Jacob Covell, and there will be a dance demonstration from Greenback Dance Studio. .

*If you would like to set up at the fair, please email Kelly at

outreach@horsehaventn.org

In Memory Of

"Bob Robertson"

Michael Mowery, Karen Gouge
Catherine Psimer,
Randall Loveday
Rita Gilbert Mumford
Jackie, Don & Denna Robison
"Hal" Lightner
"Chester & Smudge" Baxter
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In Honor Of

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"Tanya & HHT"
Richard Brittain
"HHT"
Lyzah McClunie
Deanna Daniels
"Bailey & Thunder" adopted from HHT
Trudie Hurlbut
"Tim Evans & Simone Klemenz"
Anna Evans Beesley
"Camber McDaniel"
Brenda McDaniel
"Toby"
Michelle Baldwin

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Danny Maxwell
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"Linda Green"
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Stall Sponsors

"In honor of Janet Jungclaus"
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"In honor of Laura Conway"
Frank Bushman
Chantell Nobel

Stable Thoughts - from "Twinkie"

"Life will only change when you become more committed to your dreams than you are to your comfort zone."

~ Billy Cox



Anna Hamilton has been a volunteer on the Sunday AM shift since August 2020. She began volunteering at HHT so she would be able to spend time with the horses and learn more about their care and training. Pandora is her favorite horse to date, and her favorite HHT event has been Fall Harvest Festival. When not volunteering she enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with her husband and children.

Thank you Anna for your hard work and dedication caring for all our wonderful horses!



Jeannine Rickards has been a volunteer on the Wednesday PM shift since November 2019. She says she "has been in love with horses, since before I can remember. While growing up I was able to ride but never owned my own horse." Jeannine truly believes in our mission, and is passionate about giving rescued horses a chance at a wonderful life. When HHT moved near her home, she decided to volunteer. She loves the ladies on her shift and says they "inspire" her for their dedication to all the horses that come through our doors. Jeannine also says that all the volunteers she has met at HHT have been great to work with and are always willing to teach new skills. Fall Harvest Fest is her favorite event that we have had. Her favorite horse "in the whole world" is Sweet-heart. When not volunteering, Jeannine is the Office Manager at First Cumberland Presbyterian. Thank you Jeannine for your dedication to the horses and your team!



🔗 Your support is vital because all HHT programs are supported solely through private contributions.

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

check enclosed Please charge my VISA MC Discover American Ex

Card number: _____ Expiration: _____

3 digit CSC _____ Signature: _____

You can also donate online by going to our website at www.horsehaven tn.org and write newsletter in memo.

Please make your checks payable to HHT and mail to HHT - P.O. Box 30393 - Knoxville - TN - 37930

HHT is a 501(c)3 organization and doesn't get operating support from the government, United Way or any National Humane Organization. We strive to be good stewards of our donors financial support and use every dollar wisely.

Horse Haven of Tennessee
P.O. Box 30393
Knoxville, TN 37930



HHT Calendar

Spring Fling: April 17
10:00 - 2:00

2477 Ford Road, Lenoir City
Craft Fair, Tack Sale, Demonstra-
tions, Twinkie meet & greet, Food
trucks.

Yard Sale: May 28 & 29
10:00 - 4:00 Rain or Shine
2919 Davis Ford Road,
Maryville, TN 37804

Fall Festival: October 9
More info to follow

For more information about all
our upcoming events log onto
www.horsehaventn.org

Can you help?

HHT has some special
needs that we hope the
business community can
help us with. Please let us
know if you can help
with...

**Gravel and stone to help
with our parking and
paddocks**

Disposal of our manure

**Equipment repair &
maintenance**

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We want to thank  
Precision Printing for the  
printing of this newsletter  
& Direct Mail for getting  
it into your mailbox.



### The man behind the camera is... **JOHN BLACK!**

From neglected and unwanted to beautiful and desired. Horse Haven is very thankful for John and his generous heart. He spends countless hours photographing and making our horses look stunning.

Although John has had a passion for horses his entire life, he recently stepped in the world of horse photography and has created a new passion!

How did John get his start?

"I had my aha moment in 1979 when I borrowed a friend's camera and found out if you shoot on automatic you get rubbish photos. I immediately packed my things; moved to Dublin, got a degree and have not looked back. Came to America in 1987 by invitation of the same friend. I have lived in Knoxville the entire time. Got my green card, started a business, met some truly amazing people and have seen all of this beautiful country. It just goes from strength to strength and for that I'm grateful." ~ John Black

If you're looking for a top notch equine photographer, then look no further. John is simply amazing and we are truly in awe of his talent!

**You can book him at [www.johnblackequine.com](http://www.johnblackequine.com)!**