



Riverwood

Therapeutic
Riding Center

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OUR MISSION


Riverwood provides quality, professional equine assisted activities and farm-based learning opportunities for both children and adults with disabilities.

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GONE
RIDING...



Letter From Our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

2020 was an intense time for our world, our local community and our personal Riverwood family. Children and families faced unparalleled financial, housing and food shortages. Education upheavals and job insecurity added to layers of stress. And growing social and racial injustices have caused us to look deeply at systems and their impact on our humanity. It was a heavy year and one that could have easily pulled us under and given us reason to seek an easier path and one of less resistance.

Instead, we chose to “Walk On.” Never have those two words meant more to us. “Walk On,” is a moniker that we utilize in lessons with our horses. It’s the first cue to ask a horse to join with a student and move in harmony. “Walk On,” is the smallest set of words, or sign language, which opens possibilities to move, grow, achieve, dream, connect and develop kinship with humans, animals and nature.

At the height of the pandemic, we collectively took a pause for two months, spending time with our herd and getting intentional about what our focus would be for the future. We learned from each other, listened to the community and paid attention to the world around us. Realizing that school closures and isolation were going to continue well into 2021, we implemented social and educational based equine programs at the farm to serve exceptional children who were faced with isolation during virtual learning. We took the horses to nursing care facilities where residents had not been able to engage with anyone for months and we put hundreds more miles on our Mobile Education and Outreach trailer by taking the horses to schools so that equine assisted services could still provide joy and education- even if it wasn’t on the back of a horse.

Our afterschool and summer classes were smaller. We relied on less volunteers due to mandated pandemic related safety measures. Through it all everyone masked up for the well-being of the collective whole. “Walk On” was heard from our arenas at the farm to the parking lots of The Children’s Center, Central Davie Academy, The Special Children’s School, and nursing care facilities in Winston Salem and Thomasville.

The support and love continued as volunteers joined with us to initiate “hands free” shopping days at The Coop as well as the creation of a safe and accessible live music series on The Coop porch to ensure that our students and volunteers would have a safe source of gathering space during closures. We were truly blessed by a small but mighty group of volunteers who sewed hundreds of masks, provided them to LTD Farm and Garden in King who then sold the masks to the community and gave the money to Riverwood to ensure months of horse care costs were covered. Additionally, we celebrated with longtime volunteer, Jim Matthews, as he was awarded the Governor’s Service award for his remarkable energy and love he devotes to Riverwood.

As our students continue to find their strengths with their horses and our volunteers and community gather to create a remarkable place in the world, I have no doubt that “walk on” will continue well into the future. Our deepest and most sincere thanks goes to each of you who makes Riverwood such a special place.

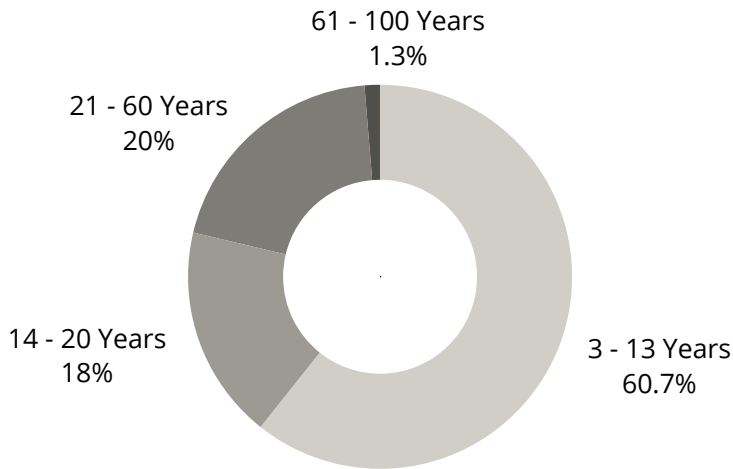
With appreciation,

Laura Pallavicini
Executive Director

OUR COMMUNITY

Riverwood is built on the core belief in providing an accepting, accessible and inclusive environment in which individuals of all abilities and backgrounds are valued. Some of the most common diagnoses seen in students at Riverwood include attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, depression, anxiety, autism, cerebral palsy, post-traumatic stress disorder, developmental delays, Down syndrome, multiple sclerosis, sensory processing disorder as well as visual, hearing and speech impairments.

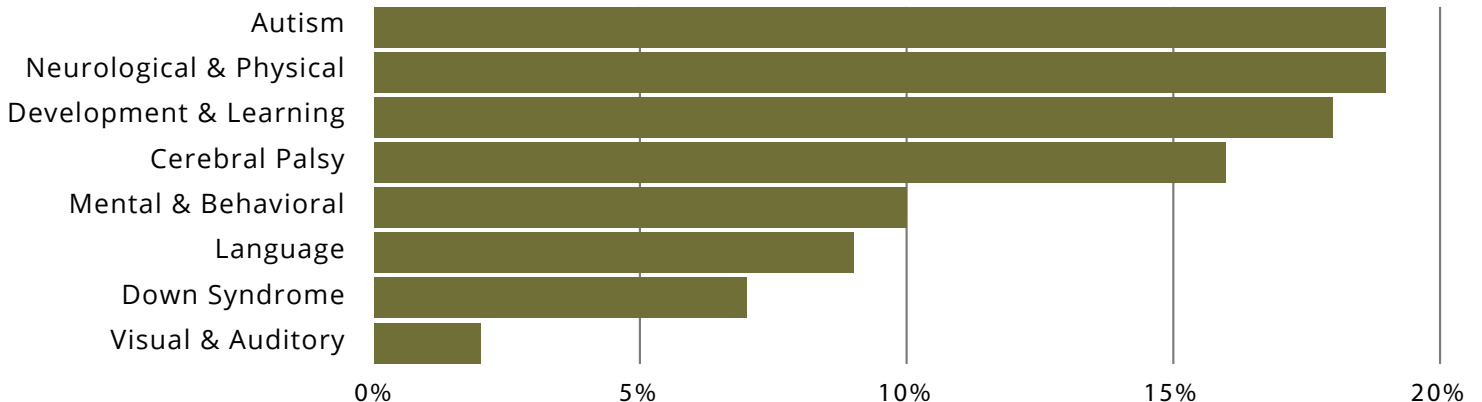
Ages of our Participants



Areas Primarily Served



Individuals Served



OUR RIDERS AND CLIENTS

2,550
Activity
Hours

Inclusivity is in the roots of who we are. Riverwood is a safe place where everyone is family. In 2020, one of our deaf students pointed out that our videos weren't accessible to the deaf and hearing impaired community. Evy Crumb, our CBL Program Coordinator and instructor brushed off her ASL skills, found a quiet place in the woods behind her farm and translated and created videos for our students, volunteers, and staff. This is one of many examples in which we utilize our unique skill sets and ensure we are inclusive on all levels.

428

Total Participants Served in 2020

198

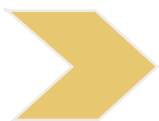
Therapeutic Riding Program

205

Mobile Education and Outreach Program

25

Community Based Learning Program



**Equine Facilitated Learning or Psychotherapy:
All EFL & EFP learning done in 2020 was done
through Riverwood's MEO & CBL Programs.**

OUR HERD

The average lifespan of a horse, according to the American Association of Equine Practitioners, is approximately 30 years. The cumulative age of our 18 Riverwood horses is over 330 years. Combining exceptional care, high quality feed, steady exercise, and an environment focused on well-being is the secret to having our herd provide hundreds of hours of interaction each month. We are able to ensure the highest quality of life for our herd with the deep level of generosity and support of our horse sponsors.

As of 2020 the Riverwood herd has provided 2,550 total hours of lessons – both on the horse and on the ground and provided countless opportunities for students, volunteers and staff to learn, love and connect. None of this would be possible without the horses with whom we share our time and their gracious and generous sponsors.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our 2020 Horse Sponsors



Pet Sponsors:
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Diane Behar;
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Lexi Ciaccia



**Candyman
Sponsors:**
Nicole Gallimore;
Dollie Jo Steelman

VOLUNTEER IMPACT

Riverwood's program is made possible by the incredible members of our community who volunteer their time and talent with us each week. From side-walkers and leaders who help run our daily classes and inspire our students, to specialized committees who work on special events and projects for Riverwood. We cannot thank our passionate volunteers enough for all the love they give.

3,115

**VOLUNTEER
HOURS IN
2020**

95

**AVERAGE WEEKLY
VOLUNTEERS**

Our students and volunteers create a special bond during their time together on the farm. Due to pandemic restrictions and precautions, volunteers and students weren't able to interact as they normally did. Gus, one of our longtime students, expressed to his Mom that he missed his Riverwood family and his time at the farm. Over the years, Gus has spent much of his time at Riverwood with Burke Wilson, Barb Keller and Jim Matthews, three of our beloved volunteers. Kendra Phillips, Gus' instructor, took this to heart. She devised a system wherein Burke, Barb and Jim created videos and texts for Gus that she then shared with Gus. Gus was also able to respond to Burke, Barb and Jim via Kendra. With a mindset of respecting student and volunteer confidentiality,

Kendra created a means of connection, comfort and love during a time of forced isolation. A natural and creative way of supporting our Riverwood family during a particularly difficult time. Below is just one of many messages sent to Gus:

"Hi, Barb Keller here. I have been watching a farm show on TV and saw a young man working the field on a tractor - made me think of Gus. So I thought you might let him know that I am hoping he is working his fields and planting lots of crops. I feel sure Sir is just about ready to get back to work and waiting on Gus to give him a good ride.

Thanks for passing this message to Gus. Hi to his Mom, as well. Best to all. Hope to see you soon."

These communications happily ended when both returned to Riverwood in the summer of 2021 with Gus running across the farm yelling "Jim," a high five at the ready. It was the first time Gus and Jim had seen each other in a year and a half. All were masked, safe and together again!



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

We are so very grateful for our partnerships with these important community organizations. Together, we are able to further enrich the lives of those we serve.



The Centers for Exceptional Children

Central Davie Academy



Down Syndrome Association
of Greater Winston-Salem

Down Syndrome Association of Greater Winston-Salem

Horizons Residential Care Center



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Thank you for supporting Riverwood's continued program expansion and future sustainability!

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Aaron and Cynthia Williams

FINANCIAL REVIEW

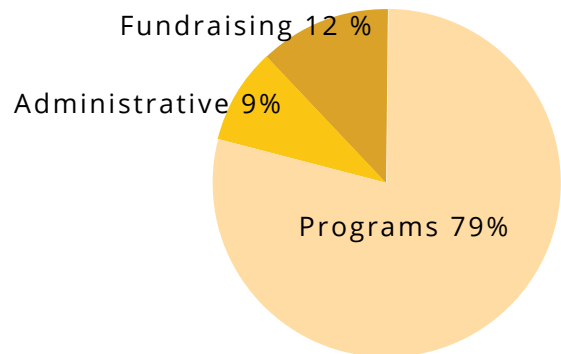
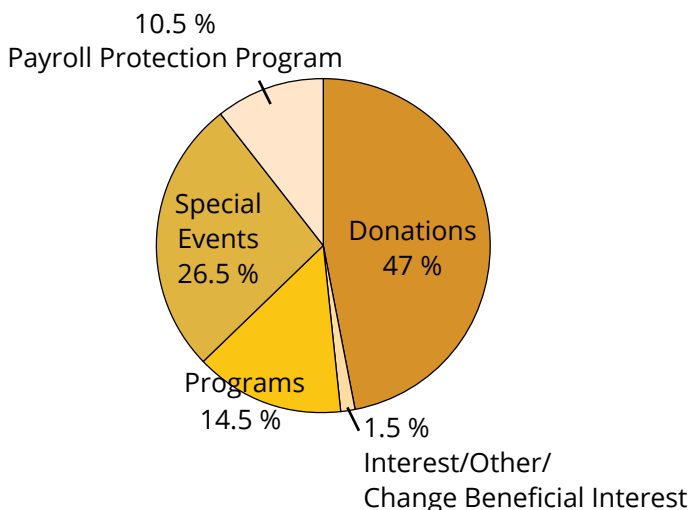
We are dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals with special needs, regardless of financial capability. In addition, Riverwood subsidizes the cost of lessons by more than 70% for all students. Riverwood provided \$5,352 in scholarships to those in need of greater financial support in 2020.

In 2020, the cost to operate Riverwood's facility for 1 day was \$1,299.00.

79 cents of every dollar was spent on equine assisted therapy programs.

2020 Income:
\$559,471

2020 Expenses:
\$474,029



Donations:	\$ 264,463
Interest/Other/ Change Beneficial Interest:	\$ 7,701
Programs:	\$ 80,531
Special Events:	\$ 148,504
Payroll Protection Program:	\$ 58,272

Programs:	\$ 373,543
Administrative:	\$ 42,978
Fundraising:	\$ 57,508

RIVERWOOD'S DONORS AND SPONSORS

January 2020 - December 2020

\$10,000 +

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Barrett, Diane and Rolland
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*Thank you for your generosity, spirit
and passion for Riverwood! - Your Riverwood Family*

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Busek, Terri

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Childress, Jamie

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

2020 was a tough year for all. It challenged us to slow down, take a step back and look at what truly matters in life. We struggled through immense change and sacrifice while trying to navigate a new normal. Some dealt with anxiety and fear, while others suffered depression and loneliness. It was a time to take each step in stride and remain open minded. We worked to be flexible, creative, understanding and were forced to change course time and time again. Riverwood's community of staff, students, volunteers, and local outreach overcame many obstacles and continued to work with students through the challenging environment. We have our extended Riverwood family to thank for this.

Kyle and Marie Petty have been part of Riverwood's story and family for at least 15 years. Kyle was in search of a place to volunteer on a farm when he discovered Riverwood. His first job as a volunteer was to clean out a pasture woodline and not surprisingly, he stayed. Over time his passion and love for Riverwood grew deeply and he told Marie that he "wanted to dedicate his time to Riverwood." Marie agreed though only with a few promises from Kyle...chickens, ducks, and a glorious garden! And so, they moved to be closer to the farm. As Kyle continued and expanded his work on the farm and with Marie volunteering in various ways, they developed a close friendship with Susan and Steve Hubbard, Riverwood founder and her husband. They were home.



Marie and Kyle's talents are many and unique. Kyle shares his art of craftsmanship, building and problem-solving and Marie shares her love of gardening, poultry-raising and, at the top of the list, sewing. She has been sewing since she was a child, having learned from her mother and she readily shares her skills with the Riverwood family. She crafts "slip-on" shoe covers for our staff, so our offices stay clean, makes padded tack for horses with a sensitive spot somewhere and so much more. In the spring of 2020, her love and gift of sewing made an enormous difference in our community.

As 2020 and COVID19 rolled in, much uncertainty ensued. We can all remember when masks were hard to come by and this community was no different. Marie used some fabric she had on hand to make she and Kyle face masks. After visiting LTD Farm and Garden donning her handmade mask, she was asked where she had gotten it. It was a fun pattern and clearly well-made. Marie shared that she had made it and was immediately asked if she would make some to sell at LTD. She started with 3 dozen at a time and soon could hardly keep up with the demand. The masks evolved over time, with Dollie Jo Steelman, another longtime Riverwood volunteer and hero, jumping in to help. Customers were able to request colors and patterns. The most requested mask? Appalachian State! All proceeds went directly to Riverwood's account at LTD for feed and supplies, totaling around \$2500. This substantially reduced expenses for Riverwood during a tough year financially. The unique partnership of Marie and LTD helped ensure community safety and cared for our sweet herd. When Marie was asked about making the masks, she shared that she found joy in knowing the impact it had. During an incredibly challenging time, this special community continued to find creative ways to help others. A heartfelt thank you to our friends, Kyle and Marie. You are forever in the fabric of Riverwood.



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