

# Small Miracles 2022 Therapeutic Horsemanship Annual Report

**To each of our donors, volunteers and community partners, THANK YOU for supporting Small Miracles' Therapeutic Horsemanship program serving individuals with special needs and disabilities through Equine-Assisted Services (EAS). YOUR generosity enabled us to sustain and systematically grow this program, without adding financial burden to student families despite rising inflation. YOUR generosity bridged the gap between actual program costs and the participants' ability to pay, which eliminated financial barriers for 59 participants during 1,299 direct service hours.**



## SMALL MIRACLES STAYS CURRENT OF OUR COMMUNITY'S NEEDS

Therapeutic Horsemanship programs enhance the physical, social-emotional, cognitive and behavioral growth of our participants challenged with, but not limited to, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, intellectual developmental disabilities, and neo-natal drug/alcohol exposure.

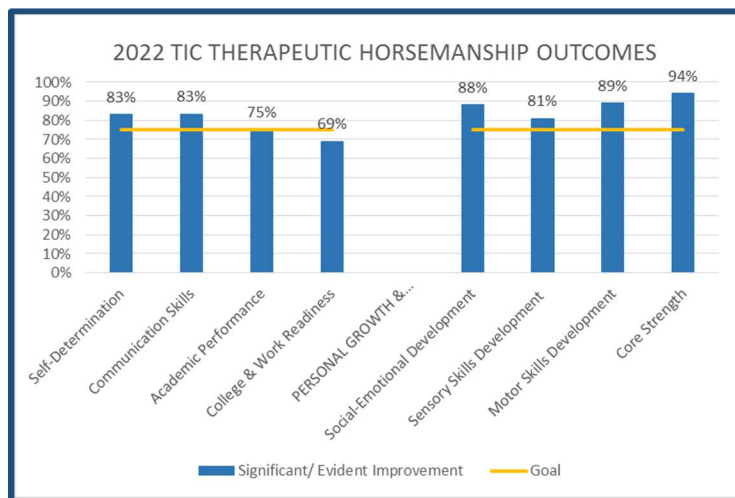
HOPE Connection specifically serves individuals on the autism spectrum and/or with sensory processing disorder. With an emphasis on social-emotional connection, these equine-assisted activities help to prepare students for higher learning and provides work-readiness skills.

For those who are also navigating co-occurring diagnosis due to Adverse Childhood Experiences, Trauma-Informed Care-Equine-Assisted Services (TIC-EAS) are facilitated in order to help mitigate harmful, negative effects, develop resiliency and give hope for a brighter future. An increase in requests for our effective, holistic and unique TIC-EAS continue from families, guardians, and medical- and mental health professionals. This has resulted in a post-pandemic increase in the numbers of individuals served and of those placed on our waiting list.

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## 2022 THERAPEUTIC HORSEMANSHIP PERSONAL SUCCESS STORY

*I can't say enough GREAT things about Small Miracles; what this program has done for Jimmy can't be measured. Due to Jimmy's autism diagnosis, he was previously involved in PT, OT, social skills groups and counseling. It was hard to manage all this. Small Miracles took the place of all of these and more! I have seen more improvement with Jimmy's participation at Small Miracles than all of the other services combined." SM therapy horse Terry has helped Jimmy progress over the past six months.*



**Thank you to our 2022 sponsors of Small Miracles' Therapeutic Horsemanship Programs: United Way of Greater Kingsport, Ballad Health Foundation, Gray Community Chest, Palmer Center Foundation, Inc., Speedway Children's Charities, Tony Stewart Foundation, Tweed Family Foundation, Variety Children's Charities of Eastern TN,.**



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