

## Right Foot Ranch Newsletter

Issue: August 2025: Happy Trails and Healing Tales

Backpacks, Blessings & Community Spirit: A Back-to-School Success!

On August 16th, Right Foot Ranch proudly partnered with Harvest of Blessing for a heartwarming Back-to-School event that brought smiles, supplies, and support to local families. Together, we distributed nearly 200 backpacks filled with essential school supplies—ensuring students were equipped and confident for the year ahead.

But the generosity didn't stop there. Families also received an abundance of food, creating a moment of relief and celebration during what can be a stressful season for many. Volunteers from both organizations worked side by side, embodying the spirit of service and compassion that defines our mission.

This event was more than just a giveaway—it was a powerful reminder of what happens when nonprofits unite for a common cause. We're deeply grateful to Harvest of Blessing for their partnership and to every donor, volunteer, and supporter who helped make this day possible.

Right Foot Ranch remains committed to nurturing our community—not just through equineassisted therapy and rescue work, but by showing up wherever hope is needed most.





#### From Courage to Canter: A Trail Ride to Remember

At Right Foot Ranch, every hoofbeat tells a story—and this one is pure inspiration.

After three years of dedication, grit, and growth, one remarkable young rider saddled up for her very first completely independent trail ride. What began as tentative steps in the arena blossomed into a confident journey through open fields, winding paths, and the freedom of the great outdoors.

This little cowgirl didn't just ride—she soared. Through countless hours of equine-assisted therapy, she built not only physical strength but a deep belief in herself. Her journey is a testament to the power of perseverance, the healing bond between horse and rider, and the supportive community that makes Right Foot Ranch so special.

Moments like these remind us why we do what we do. They're not just milestones—they're miracles in motion.



### An Bailey's Brave Journey: Understanding EPM and Honoring a Ranch Hero

At Right Foot Ranch, every horse has a story—and Bailey's is one of courage, resilience, and deep connection. After years of faithful service in our equine-assisted therapy programs, our beloved Bailey is now entering semi-retirement due to his ongoing battle with Equine Protozoal Myeloencephalitis (EPM).

Bailey's diagnosis came after subtle shifts in his movement and demeanor. Thanks to early intervention and ongoing care, he continues to enjoy gentle rides and pasture time—but his days of full-time therapy work are behind him.

We honor Bailey not just for his service, but for the quiet strength he's shown through this challenge. His journey reminds us of the importance of vigilance, compassion, and the deep bond we share with our horses.

If you'd like to support Bailey's care or learn more about EPM, we welcome your questions and contributions. Every act of kindness helps us continue our mission of healing—one hoofbeat at a time.



#### **WGAL TV 8 Visits Right Foot Ranch to Feature Founder Mandi Martinez**

We're thrilled to share that WGAL TV 8 recently visited Right Foot Ranch to spotlight our incredible founder, **Mandi Martinez**, who has been nominated for the prestigious **8 Who Care** award!

This honor recognizes individuals making a meaningful impact in their communities, and Mandi's dedication to the mission of Right Foot Ranch has inspired many. From her tireless work with youth and families to her unwavering commitment to creating a safe and nurturing space for healing and growth, Mandi truly embodies the spirit of service.

**Tune in to WGAL TV 8 starting next Friday** to catch the full story and learn more about Mandi's journey, the heart behind Right Foot Ranch, and how you can support her nomination.

Your vote matters! Watch the segment to find out how you can cast your vote and help shine a light on the incredible work happening right here at the Ranch.

Let's rally behind Mandi and celebrate the impact she's making every day. Stay tuned and spread the word!



#### 🗱 Hay for the Holidays: Preparing Our Herd for Winter

As the days grow shorter and the chill begins to settle in, Right Foot Ranch is gearing up for our most demanding season—winter. Unlike humans, horses don't rely on heated stalls to stay warm. Instead, they generate body heat through digestion, which means their hay intake nearly doubles during the colder months.

Right now, we're hard at work storing and purchasing hay to ensure our herd stays healthy and warm all winter long. With over a dozen horses depending on us, the cost of feed rises sharply making winter our most expensive time of year.

#### How You Can Help

Every bale counts. Whether it's a one-time gift or a monthly contribution, your donation directly supports the nourishment and comfort of our therapy horses. These animals give so much to our community—now's the time we give back to them.

To contribute to our winter hay fund, visit [insert donation link or instructions]. Your support helps us keep the barn doors open and the hay racks full.

Together, we can make sure no horse goes hungry this winter. 🐴

#### Calendar of Events:

September 13 2025 – Flea Market Event at Bethel Presbyterian Church- 4135 Norrisville Road, White Hall MD 21161

September 20, 2025 – Inners Creek Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation – 100 W. Queen Street, Dallastown, PA 17313

October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Silvers Spurs Cowboy Church Picnic – 7677 Church Road, Felton, PA 17322

October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Pedals and Ponies at the Right Foot Ranch.

October 12th, 2025 – Cowboy weekend at Norther Central Railroad

November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Wild West Fall Fest 10:00 – 5:00 PM

#### STEP BACK INTO THE OLD WEST

AT RIGHT FOOT RANCH'S

## EST FALL FEST

#### CHILI COOKOFF & RANCH HAND COMPETITION

+GUN FIGHT REENACTMENTS by OUTLAWS & PEACEMAKERS+

-VENDORS -HORSE RIDES -FOOD -KIDS BARREL TRAIN

-CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES -MINI COW CUDDLING -SILENT AUCTION

**Cowboy Church by Silver Spurs Cowboy Church** 

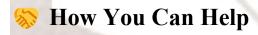
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#### CASH ONLY

ADMISSION FEE: Suggested Donation of \$10 per adult **Proceeds** benefit Right Foot Ranch, Inc 501c3

120 Church Road « Lewisberry, PA 17339



Donate: Your gift provides essential care for therapy horses and funds for life-changing sessions. Donate by scanning the QR code:



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Together, we bring **hope**, **healing**, and the power of horses to those who need it most. Thank you for being part of our journey!