



ANNUAL REPORT

2016-2017

SIRE, Therapeutic Horsemanship



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Friends of SIRE,

What a year it has been for SIRE! We have seen our new Executive Director, Joe Wappelhorst take the reins and hit the ground running. We also welcomed a new Director of Development, Beth Burroway, full of energy and great ideas. We have seen riders and their families sharing their success stories on local television.

We have traveled across the world to South Korea to share best practices in therapeutic horsemanship. We have seen an increase in donations from corporations and foundations, as we spread the word and show the impact of the work we do. Sadly, we have lost members of our herd – horses whose steadiness and gentleness have impacted scores of riders over the years. We have also gained new horses, and look forward to seeing them build relationships with our riders now and in the future.

Speaking of the future, there are exciting things ahead for SIRE. Our strategic plan has been updated and will focus on spreading awareness of our brand; improving long-term sustainability; and continuing to excel as a leader in the field of therapeutic horsemanship. New corporate partnerships have been formed and we look forward to building even more relationships as we seek to introduce new riders to the benefits of equine therapy.

There are so many people to thank for our success over the past year: dedicated staff members, who give of themselves tirelessly; volunteers, who provide countless hours of their time not just in class but with special events as well; generous donors, who provide the resources to fulfill SIRE's mission; our beautiful horses; and of course, the riders, who make our work meaningful.

If you have not had the opportunity to see for yourself the magic of SIRE, I invite you to visit one of our sites. You will witness firsthand the amazing impact horses have on the lives of the riders. Please join me in helping to improve the quality of life for people with special needs and disabilities within the greater Houston Community.

Thank you for your support.
Darren Williams, DVM, MBA
2017 President, SIRE Board of Directors



*"My favorite
part is standing
on the horse."*

SUCCESS FOR TIMMY

I always wanted to be a mom and I had decided to adopt. When a two- day old little boy came into my life, I was excited but also realistic. I knew that Timmy might face some issues in his development.

As a speech-language pathologist, I deal daily with children who have various needs so I knew of some resources already, but was happy to learn of SIRE from the parents of some of my students.

When Timmy was four, I met with one of the SIRE instructors. Even after discussing how he might benefit from therapeutic horsemanship, I wasn't certain of how much difference it would make. Four years later, I can safely say it has made a huge difference in Timmy! He has developed confidence, learned responsibility and how to follow directions, and gained the ability to be still and focus for 45 minutes.

Timmy has also had the opportunity to compete in the SIRE Horse Shows and Top Hands, which have only bolstered his self-esteem and confidence. No matter how tired Timmy says he is after riding, he is always centered and refreshed. I can only assume that comes from the amazing bond formed between horse and rider during class (as well as the bond formed over the bucket of carrots he gives his horse after every class). Timmy has grown in so many ways being a part of SIRE and I am truly grateful to all of the SIRE instructors and volunteers that have worked with Timmy through the years.



A SURE-FIRE INVESTMENT

It can be hard to decide where to put your hard-earned money. IRA's, 401Ks and the stock market are the normal choices, but not the choice for Mary Ann and Raymond Mauk.

"It is important to find a way to make a lasting impression in life." These words from Mary Ann Mauk should inspire each of us to examine what legacy we are leaving for future generations.

At 72, Mary Ann has not slowed down as she enjoys volunteering and playing several tennis matches a week. When she is not on the tennis courts you can find her and Raymond at the Woodlands Community Center participating in a variety of activities or managing their five acres outside of the Woodlands. Inspired by the stories she read about riders at SIRE, Mary Ann visited the Spring SIRE location to learn more. It was an instant match.

"Seeing how the riders respond to the horses and learning how much of a difference therapeutic riding makes in a person's life moved me to act." Mary Ann and Raymond have a vision for making an impact with their personal philanthropy and are thinking ahead. In addition to their annual gift, Raymond and Mary Ann have designated a planned gift for SIRE within their estate.

"We just decided because we have been so blessed, we want to share our good fortune to help others improve their lives."

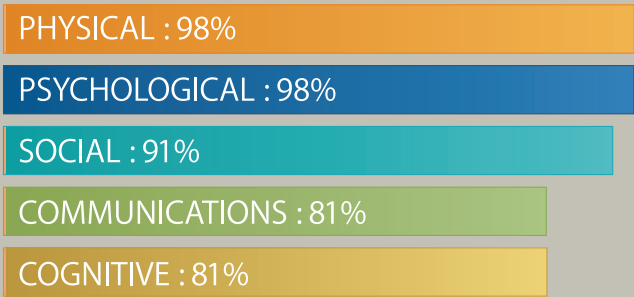
For more information on planned gifts and estate planning please contact the SIRE Development Office at 281-356-7588.

IMPACT OF SIRE

In addition to the high-level results shown below, 90% of our riders report that SIRE has been the best activity of all the various therapies and activities they have experienced .

Benefits of Therapeutic Riding at SIRE

2016-17 results from survey of riders reporting various gains



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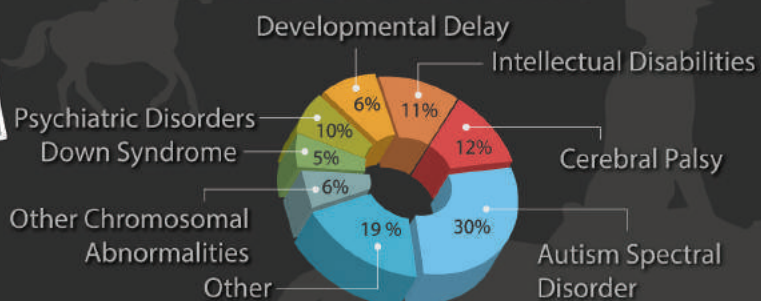


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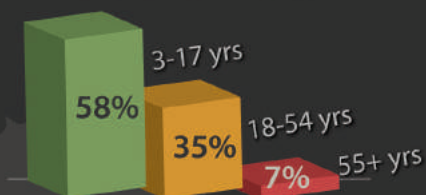
Improving the quality of life for people with special needs through therapeutic horsemanship activities and therapies, and educational outreach.



DISABILITIES OF OUR RIDERS



AGES OF OUR RIDERS



GENDER OF OUR RIDERS



OTHER STATS from 2016

Counties Served	Horses	Weekly Riders	Volunteer Hours
9	34	307	30,615

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3 LOCATIONS IN THE GREATER HOUSTON AREA

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MAIN OFFICE
11211 Katy Fwy, Suite 660
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 356-7588

FORT BEND
2100 Preston Street
Richmond, TX
(281) 344-4308

HOCKLEY
24161 Spring Drive
Hockley, TX
(281) 356-7588

SPRING
4610 Sloangate
Spring, TX
(281) 353-6160

FINANCIALS

SIRE changed its fiscal year to begin on July 1 and end on June 30 effective January 1, 2017, therefore the figures for 2017 are for the transitional six months. Complete financial statements and the most recent income tax forms may be found on the SIRE website at sirehouston.org.

Net assets were \$1,164,054 and \$1,118,283 respectively. Program costs were 73% and 71% of expenses respectively.

INCOME	2016	2017 Jan-Jun
Special Events	\$262,414	\$156,068
Foundations & Org.	\$292,125	\$204,631
Program	\$354,564	\$186,862
Individuals	\$173,423	\$45,208
Misc.	\$17,753	\$15,478
Corporate	\$64,494	\$10,681
Total	\$1,164,773	\$618,928

EXPENSES		
Programs	\$888,800	\$474,237
Administrative	\$172,113	\$99,630
Development	\$164,286	\$90,832
Total	\$1,225,199	\$664,699

NET INCOME	<\$60,426>	<\$45,771>
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In 2016, SIRE provided 8,951 service hours to 307 clients through our weekly therapeutic horsemanship riding program. We also provided 1,632 hours of professional therapeutic horsemanship education and training to advance the field. Further, 180 riders participated in shows and competitions (Special Olympics, Top Hands, and the SIRE Holiday Horse Show). In the first six months of 2017, SIRE provided 4,664 service hours to 246 clients through our weekly therapeutic horsemanship riding program.

OUR PARTNERS / 2016 & 2017

The work of SIRE is complimented by a wide range of community partners who bring expertise and visibility to our mission. By working together our efforts are multiplied to provide maximum impact for the riders and the community.

Avondale House
Bank of Texas
Bethesda Lutheran Home
Boy Scouts of America, local troops
Camp for All
CHA – Certified Horsemanship Association
Comcast Day of Caring
Cy-Fair ISD Cy Ranch High School Boys Soccer Team
Depelchin Children's Center
Dow Chemical Company
Grace Fellowship Church
Korean Racing Authority, Let's Run Park Healing Program
Lone Star College School of Nursing
Magnolia ISD Journey Program
Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Charity League, multiple local chapters
PATH - Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International
Reach Unlimited
RSSLC - Richmond State Supported Living Center, Texas Department of Aging and Disabilities Services
Sam Houston State University
Shell - Summer Internship program
Special Olympics Texas
Thermofischer
The University of Texas Medical Branch Galveston, Department of Occupational Therapy
Veterans Administration Hospital, Houston
Volunteer Houston
Wounded Warrior Project



"Seeing the improvement from one week to the next in a rider is very gratifying. And most importantly, seeing the smiles on riders faces makes it all worthwhile."

GENEROUS SUPPORTERS

Donations acknowledged through June 30, 2017

\$25,000 and over

Beck & Masten Auto Group,
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\$7,500 - \$9,999

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\$1,000 - \$2,499

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