

A black horse with a long, shaggy mane is grazing in a green field. A young girl in a bright pink jacket and red boots stands to the right, holding a purple lead rope. In the background, there are bare trees and a tall wooden cross.

Hope
Lives
Here



HOPE REINS

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

2017 Milestones

- We built *Cameron's Arena*, a 12,000 sq ft covered structure that was lovingly donated by Fielding and Kim Miller, in memory of their daughter.
- Because of your steadfast support, Hope Reins surpassed **1 million** in donations for the first time in its 7 year history.
- This financial stability allowed us to serve an unprecedented **520** individual kids and families through **2,544** free sessions.
- You also funded a record-breaking **50** kids in acute crisis - our "*Kairos Kids*" - for the 2017 End of Year campaign.
- Hundreds of you joined our *Stories of Hope Tours*, which showcases opportunities for engagement at the ranch.



About Hope Reins

Since 2010, Hope Reins has helped over *1,450* kids in life crisis from 14 eastern North Carolina counties through its 33-acre ranch, rescued horses and restoration in Christ.

Mission: We pair hurting kids with rescued horses to find hope and healing.

Vision: To inspire true hope and real healing for every child.

Core Values:

Jesus Heals
Grace is Our Default
Be Authentic
Share Your Story
Make it Better

Our Three Uniques

RANCH

With two fishing ponds, wooded trails, a community garden, 4,000 sq. ft. log cabin, and 16 rescued horses, the ranch is a beautiful and safe refuge.

RESCUE

Hurting kids connect with our horses because most are rescued from heartbreaking backgrounds of abuse themselves.

RESTORATION

The horse's story of rescue and redemption is the bridge to hope for the kids and their families. No place is this narrative exemplified more profoundly than in the Gospel of Jesus.



What We Do

The Path of *Hope and Healing*

Our unique service model shepherds kids through customized programming, to help them find hope and begin rebuilding their lives.

POINT OF CRISIS



Kids in acute crisis - called *Kairos Kids* - receive 90-minutes of personalized time between a rescued horse and leader to build trusting relationships.



Bloom + *BUILD*
(GIRLS) (BOYS)

Here kids move into a group sharing the same consistent mentor, refining social skills and diving deep into friendships.



These programs give kids the ability to grow with others in areas of **trust, boundaries, communication, leadership.**



GROUP SESSIONS:
Group sessions bring kids facing similar circumstances together for shared growth and healing



RANCH FELLOWS:
Ranch Fellowships allow our session kids and families to enjoy an afternoon at the ranch building community



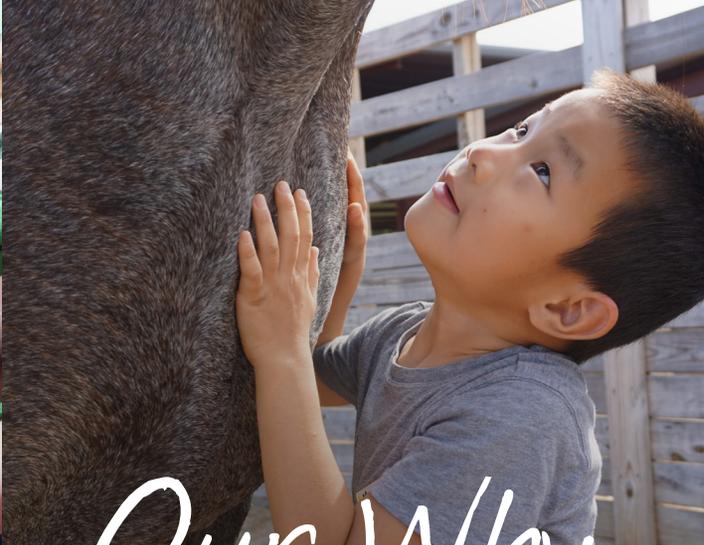
ROUNDUPS:
Roundups offer a customized ranch experience for area nonprofit partners



SUMMER CAMP:
Summer camp is a fabulously fun week with an emphasis on developing relationships with the horses, each other and God



As alumni of Hope Reins, these teens are legacy-minded leaders with a desire to give back to the ranch through **service, advocacy, leadership, and mentorship.**



Our Why

HOPE REINS' FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURE

“Praise be to the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.”

- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Stories of Hope & Healing



Pooja & Jesse

POOJA'S STORY:

A little girl with a brilliant smile, Pooja endured a horrific early life in her home of Hyderabad, India. She lost her birth parents as a toddler and joined one of the country's orphanages where maltreatment and cruelty is widespread, especially toward girls.

Adopted at 12 by Candy, Pooja arrived in the United States and began the long, arduous journey of healing deep wounds.

“She's endured unspeakable brutality, but she's never, ever let it break her spirit, says Candy.”

Jesse has a dark history as well. When rescued, the beautiful bay Quarter Horse was missing 150 pounds, half her tongue and any trust in humans at all. But Jesse's story of restoration has become an inspiration to the kids served at Hope Reins, especially Pooja.

Says Candy, “It's been a beautiful thing to watch, she's made great strides in learning to trust.”

DAVID'S STORY

Lonely. The word can describe anyone at some point in life, but for David, feeling alone began at the age of 3, after his birth mother took his sisters one night and left him behind.

Although David was placed with his Dad, Scott, and very soon thereafter a new and loving Mom, Kimberly - guilt, confusion, and sadness still permeated his life. "David had so much turmoil at an early age, it was heartbreaking," says Kimberly.

He faced ADHD and marked anxiety in elementary school and as the teen years progressed, David's emotional and physical health began to deteriorate. "After missing his 8th-grade graduation, we spent a year focused on getting him the help he needed."

Now 15, David struggled to reintegrate back into school as well as form significant relationships, especially with peers. "He'd eat lunch by himself in the cafeteria," says Kimberly.

But, then they found Hope Reins. "We move heaven and earth to get David to the ranch." In addition to the camaraderie he's built with other kids his age in the teen mentorship program, Build, he's also developed an incredible bond with Sparrow and his session leader, Heather. "Normally, he doesn't talk very much, but he's so open with Heather."

According to Kimberly, Hope Reins is David's safe space, his place just to hang out and be himself.

“My prayer is one day, others will know what an incredible young man he is.”



David & Sparrow

CADENCE'S STORY

Cadence was born on the streets to a single homeless mother and by the time she was three entered foster care due to extreme neglect, violence and malnutrition.

Fortunately, Holly and Brad fell in love with the tiny little girl they'd taken in as foster parents and adopted Cadence. "It was extremely hard for her to trust people at first," says Holly. "She also had food hoarding tendencies because she was so deprived as a baby."

Once in elementary school, anxiety and panic attacks emerged as Cadence struggled to develop relationships and healthy boundaries. And, at home things were difficult as well. "Every day was a new day with her Dad because she remembered men only as abusive."

Hope Reins, Holly thought, might be a pivotal support system for Cadence to make deeper connections because of the open, natural settings, horses and uplifting Christian foundation.

It was here she met Ruka, our beautiful black draft horse who shared a painful past of starvation and abuse as well. Caitlyn, Cadence's session leader, explained how Ruka was still willing to trust people in spite of everything the mare had been through.

“Cadence first said 'I love you' to Ruka,' says Holly, 'something she'd never, ever been able to say to me, Brad or anyone.’”



Cadence & Ruka

ASHLEY'S STORY

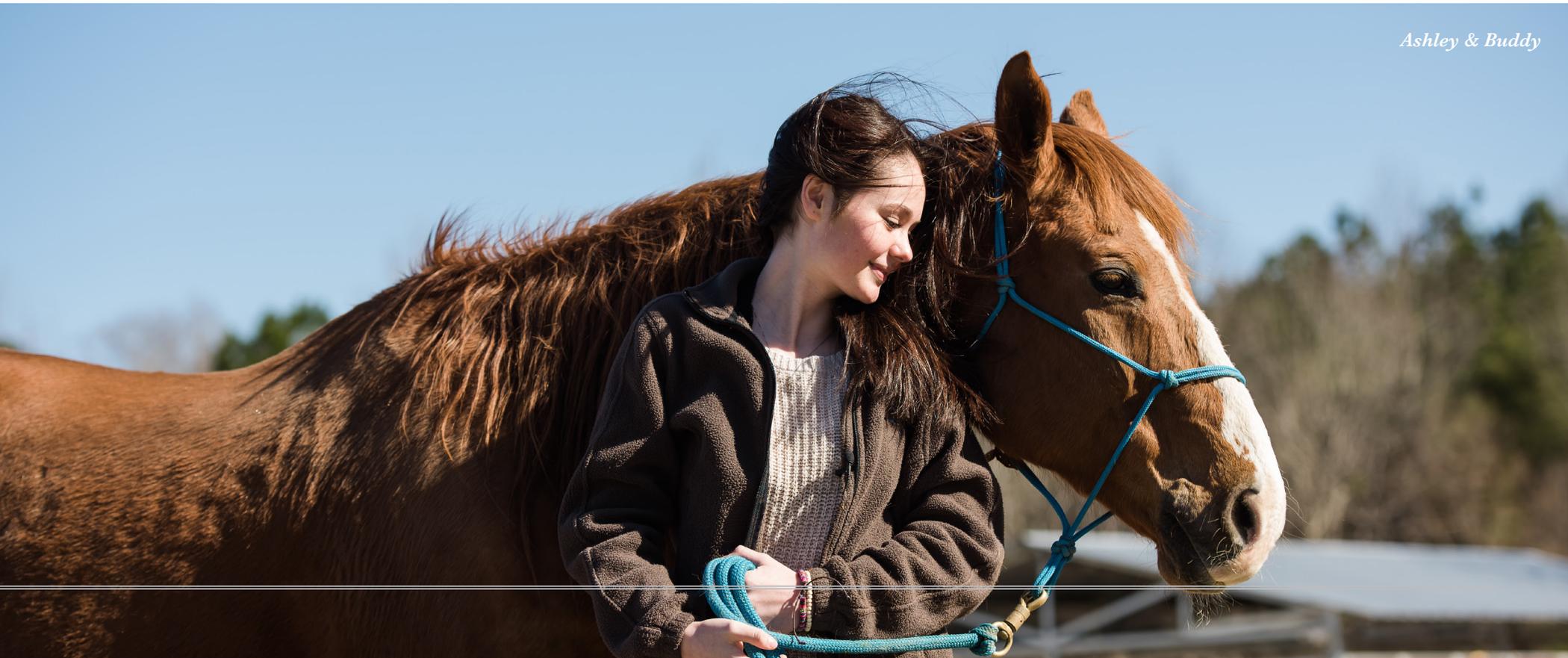
“Nothing’s been easy for Ashley,” according to her Mom, Tina. From her infancy, the now 14-year-old grappled with severe health issues that progressed to debilitating anxiety and obsessive compulsive disorder by the time she was 10. “Every day was a struggle. I couldn’t fix it.”

Multiple therapists and dozens of medications didn’t seem to ease increasingly out of control panic attacks that consumed not only Ashley, but her entire family. Four years ago, Ashley and Tina visited Hope Reins on a Saturday during Barn Chores.

“‘For the first time in years, she smiled. I literally dropped to my knees and told God she was in his hands now,’ says Tina.”

Today, Ashley plays ice hockey, lacrosse and hangs out at the ranch with 2 close girlfriends she met through Bloom, Hope Reins’ teen mentorship program. Tina credits the safe relationships Ashley developed with her favorite horse, Buddy, and session leader as the bridge to her healing. “She learned to trust others and most of all, believe in herself.”

Ashley & Buddy



Hope by the Numbers

14 *North Carolina Counties Served*



The majority of our clients come from Wake, Durham, Franklin, Johnston, Nash, & Orange counties.

19 *Community Partners*

- Wake County DSS
- Ronald McDonald House
- Durham Rescue Mission
- Mission Increase Foundation
- The Summit Church
- Southbridge Fellowship
- Triangle Family Services
- YMCA Community Hope
- Haven House Services
- Boys and Girls Club
- Fort Bragg Military Base
- Raleigh Rescue Mission
- East Durham Children's Initiative
- StepUp Ministry
- Crossroads Fellowship Church
- John William Pope Foundation
- Religious Coalition for Nonviolent Durham
- Overflowing Hands Ministry
- Loaves and Fishes Ministry

CRISES THAT BRING KIDS TO US

48% *victims of abuse or violence*

20% *attempt or contemplate suicide*

50% *have lost a loved one*

63% *battling anxiety and depression*

FAMILY SURVEY RESULTS

93% *of respondents indicate a reduction in anxiety or depression since their child's initial participation in programs*

100% *of respondents would recommend Hope Reins to another family*

81% *of respondents indicate Hope Reins has had "some or significant" positive effect on their child(ren)*

78% *of respondents have seen positive improvement in or reduction of the original behavior(s) that brought their child(ren) to Hope Reins this year*

53% *of respondents indicate increase leadership skills and confidence in their child since initial participation in programs.*

53% *of respondents receive government assistance or fall under the poverty line.*

OUR TEAM: *9* full time, *4* part-time, *6* interns

2017 FINANCES

Revenue

Programs and Other	\$726,735
PY Pledges Collected	\$132,710
Capital Revenue	\$289,690
Total Amount Received	\$1,149,135

Capital Expenses

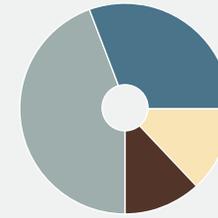
Assets Purchased	\$302,230 - Covered Arena
Other	\$16,873 - ADA Handicap Accessible Uplift
Total cap. Expenditures*	\$319,103

Operational Expenses

Program	\$402,586
Management and General	\$116,312
Fundraising	\$211,244
Total Operational Expenses**	\$730,142

*Does not include 2017 depreciation

**Figures are pre-audited for 2017 but not expected to significantly change



SESSION IMPACT

Total sessions: **2,544**

ONE-ON-ONE SESSIONS
1,123

GROUP + ROUNDUP SESSIONS
689

CAMP SESSIONS
370

MENTORING SESSIONS
362

8,581 Cumulative Sessions since 2010

Did you know our volunteers served enough hours to
equal 16 full time employees in 2017?

*2017 Federal value of volunteer time

**VOLUNTEER
IMPACT**



190

Active Volunteers



26,485

Volunteer Hours

X



\$24.14*

Per Hour

=

\$639,348

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