

We recently asked one of our Hope Reins moms what makes this place different for her son. Her words are a powerful reminder of how your support brings true hope and real healing.

## Why Hope Reins Is Different for My Son

My son has faced a lot – trauma in our family, health diagnoses, and difficulty connecting in traditional therapy. Most days, it's hard to get him to open up. But at Hope Reins, something is different.

Hope Reins knows the Lord. I know we're prayed for by name. That matters. His mentors, especially the men who've stepped in as spiritual role models, have reminded him he's not alone. With his dad absent, that's made a lasting impact.

Hope Reins gives him choices. From day one, he's had options: fish, garden, play, or spend time with a horse. Some days he changes his mind constantly, but you meet him where he is – and he feels heard and valued.

Hope Reins hasn't abandoned him. When I asked for help, you made space for him. You've shown him that he's not forgotten – even when he is struggling.

Hope Reins doesn't charge families. We've had to say no to activities we couldn't afford. My son once said, "One day I'm going to hang out with kids for free – because people shouldn't have to pay someone to do that." Your donors make that vision a reality.

Thank you – for showing up, making space, and allowing God to work through you. You are making a difference.

With thanks,  
A very grateful Hope Reins mom

## The Academy: Equipping a New Generation of Leaders

Hallie, a friend of Hope Reins since 2014, is now the Founder and Executive Director of Blue Sky Acres in Georgia. Even with a degree in Therapeutic Horsemanship and Equine Business, Hallie says The Academy was a pivotal resource in launching her ministry.

Launched in 2024, The Academy is an online learning community that has welcomed 113 participants from 95 ranches across the country. It equips leaders to build or strengthen faith-based equine mentorship programs that help kids in crisis heal.

Hallie and her team are now taking the *Healing-Based Horsemanship* course and gaining practical tools to serve both kids and horses well. "The tangible support I've received from Hope Reins is a game changer."

Thanks to your generosity, leaders like Hallie are being equipped and encouraged. The Academy is growing—and so is the impact. If you know someone dreaming of this kind of ministry, send them our way!



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# HOOF PRINTS

The Hope Reins Newsletter



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## Two Hearts, One Healing Journey

Made possible because of you.

Sarah & Pax

## A Note from Kim

Summer is here, and we're celebrating so much good news. And it's all because of *you*.

Thanks to your incredible support during our *Heroes for Hope* campaign, all 17 of our horses are fully funded for the year! These amazing animals are the heart of Hope Reins—making it possible for kids in crisis to find true hope and real healing through connection and trust. And because of your continued generosity, we're now looking for two new mares to join our herd and help carry the healing even further.

We're also celebrating the beautiful success of the Diversity Collective's Hope Reins Experience event, where nearly 50 new friends came to the ranch, heard powerful stories of hope, and were invited to join

our mission. What a gift to welcome new hearts into this work!

And July has brought even more joy—*Summer Camp!* During the three weeks of camp, our kids got to spend their days playing, laughing, connecting with others, having fun with the horses, and learning about the love of Jesus. These moments of pure childhood joy and meaningful connection are made possible by your generosity.

Finally, we're rejoicing over the growth of *The Academy*, our online learning community equipping others to bring hope and healing to their own communities. We welcomed 38 new learners this spring—each one eager to shine light in dark places.



Friends, thank you for standing with us, believing with us, and giving so generously. We're so grateful for you—and the way your support is making a lasting difference for kids and families.

In Hope,

Kim Tschirret, Founder & CEO

## Pax & Sarah: A Beautiful Bond of Healing

*Because of You, a Hurting Child Found Hope in a Horse That Understood Her*

When 10-year-old Sarah first arrived at Hope Reins, she couldn't meet her mentor's gaze.

"She loved horses," says Harriette, her mentor. "But she wouldn't look me in the eye."

After years of loss and instability, Sarah was fostered by a loving family in 2022—but trust didn't come easily. That's why the consistent rhythm of Hope Reins meant so much.

She started with a horse named Joy, but one day noticed something about a quiet gelding named Pax—he seemed unsettled, always scanning his surroundings.

Harriette explained that Pax had been rescued from a kill pen after being abandoned by his owner. He needed to make sure everything was safe before relaxing.

Sarah paused.

*"I do the same thing," she said. "I have to look at everything and everybody around me to feel safe. That's why I don't look you in the eye."*

*Then she asked, "Can we spend time with Pax to help him feel safe here?"*

That was the beginning of something beautiful.

Sarah and Pax understood each other. He didn't expect eye contact or conversation—just a quiet presence. And that was exactly what Sarah needed.

Over time, she began to open up. She began to laugh. She began to trust. And she began to look Harriette in the eyes when they were together.

At home, her mom Abbey noticed the transformation.



"Hope Reins gave Sarah the ability to trust people," Abbey says. "She learned that she can share her story—and that people won't leave. That they'll still love her."

Today, Sarah is thriving—more confident, more connected, and finally able to simply be a kid.

"Hope Reins has been a great blessing in my life," Sarah says. "It feels amazing to be around the people and horses that I love. And I know Pax understands me."

### BECAUSE OF YOU...

Sarah found healing in Pax's quiet strength.

You gave her the chance to feel safe.

To be known.

To be loved.

Thank you for caring for our horses—so they can care for the hearts of hurting kids.

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