

# HOOF PRINTS

The Hope Reins Newsletter

Summer 2026



## A Milestone of Hope



*Celebrating our very  
first graduating class!*

*Peyton & Shiloh*

# A Note from Kim

Summer is here, God is raining down blessings at the ranch, and it's all because of you.

Thanks to your incredible generosity during our Heroes for Hope campaign, our amazing herd continues to be cared for and ready to do the work they were created to do. Our horses are the heart of Hope Reins—making it possible for kids in crisis to find true hope and real healing through connection, trust, and relationship.

July is Summer Camp at Hope Reins! For three weeks, our session kids joined us for day camp filled with laughter, friendship, horses, and the joy of being a kid. Campers spent their days playing, connecting with others, having fun with horses, and learning about the love of Jesus.

These moments of connection and joy are made possible *because of your faithful giving*

We're also celebrating a first in Hope Reins history...our very first Graduation! Our program pathway sent off its first group of 46 graduates, marking a beautiful milestone in their journey of healing and growth. We can't wait for you to read the story of Peyton and see how your steadfast support helped make this moment possible.

The blessings continue through Hope Reins Academy, our online learning community equipping others to bring hope and healing to their own communities. We rejoice over the launch of Mercy Reins as Hope Reins Academy learner Laura takes this mission into her community.



Friends, thank you for standing with us, believing with us, and giving so generously. *Because of you*, kids and families are experiencing hope, healing, and transformation.

In Hope,

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Kim Tschirret, Founder & CEO



David plays Zacchaeus waiting to be seen by "Jesus" (played by Hope).



Walking on "water," remembering we are SAFE with Jesus



Rosie leads Gabe down the pathway of truth statements! I am seen! I am loved!



Colorful fun with crafts on our Bible stories!

## SUMMER 2026 CAMP!

Thank you to our Corporate Champion, **Performance Print Services**, for their generous support of Summer Camp.

# From hope to healing: *Peyton's journey to becoming one of Hope Reins' first graduates*

This summer, something new and exciting happened at Hope Reins.

For the first time in our 16-year history, we celebrated a graduating class of kids who have completed the Hope Reins program pathway.

One of those graduates is Peyton.

When ten-year-old Peyton and her mom, Beth, first drove through the gates of Hope Reins, they were living with Peyton's grandparents while her father received help to overcome his addiction.

They came hoping to find help, but there was one problem—there were no openings.

Then something unexpected happened.

During their visit, Peyton met a little gray pony named Shiloh.

"She sniffed my hand," Peyton remembers. "Her whiskers tickled my fingers."

Standing beside Shiloh was mentor, Janiece. Sensing Peyton's need, Janiece offered to begin meeting with her one-on-one.

God had opened a door—a space had opened up for Peyton!

Together, Janiece and Shiloh became a steady presence in Peyton's life. She remembers painting bright pink flowers on Shiloh's side before gently rinsing the paint away. "I loved making her comfortable again," Peyton says.

For the first time in a long time, Peyton felt comfortable too.

Just a few months later, tragedy struck again when Peyton's father passed away unexpectedly.

"I'll never forget her first words," Beth recalls. "Through tears she said, 'I want my horse.'"

The very next day, Peyton was back at the ranch.



Week after week, Janiece reminded Peyton she wasn't alone. After every session, she tucked handwritten notes and Scripture verses into Peyton's hands.

"I kept every one of those notes in a little rose-patterned tin box," Peyton says.

Those notes became reminders that someone saw her, believed in her, and pointed her toward Hope.

"Making that connection with a horse—and being accepted unconditionally—healed a big part of me."

This June, Peyton returned to Hope Reins as a graduate.

Before the ceremony began, Peyton and her fellow graduates pressed colorful handprints onto a mural—a reminder that they each left an enduring mark on Hope Reins.

Then Peyton stepped to the microphone.

"This has been my safe place," she shared. "I will never forget what Hope Reins did for me. It offered emotional safety and a place to find God when I couldn't find it—or Him—anywhere else."

The little girl who once arrived searching for hope left as one of Hope Reins' very first graduates.

Thank you for making stories like Peyton's—and this historic milestone—possible.

*Peyton and her dad  
at Disney in 2014.*



# Holy Ground: *One volunteer's fifteen years of faithful service*

When Janet Gregg first stepped onto the Hope Reins property 15 years ago, she remembers thinking, “This is holy ground.”



She quickly found her place as a volunteer, serving as a compassionate Listener for parents and caregivers walking through some of life's hardest seasons.

“I was changed by volunteering in sessions,” Janet says. “Sometimes all a caregiver needed was for someone to ask, ‘How are you doing?’ or to remind them that they matter, too.”

Over the years, Janet faithfully served in many roles—from Listener to Ranch Tours—and even significantly rearranged her schedule so she could continue volunteering each week. Her commitment inspired her husband, Steve, to join in as well, using his wood-working skills to build and repair countless pieces throughout the lodge.

While visiting the ranch this spring, Janet had the joy of seeing Hope Reins' very first graduating class.

“I sat there, and it hit me,” she says. “The depth of Hope Reins is incredible. I've watched this ministry grow for 15 years, and it just keeps doing the same thing—better and better.”

Thank you, Janet and Steve, for fifteen years of faithfully helping Hope Reins become a place where children can find hope and healing.

## From Learner to Leader: *How the Academy helped launch Mercy Reins*

Laura Stuart has loved horses since she was five years old, but it was during a season when she needed confidence and purpose herself that she discovered the healing connection between horses and people through her horse, Rinkles.

*“The Academy material has laid the foundation for our mission, and we are now open and serving children in our community.”*

Years later, while listening to Kim Tschirret share the story of Hope Reins on a podcast, something stirred in Laura's heart.

What began as inspiration soon became a calling.

Together with her husband, Tim, Laura purchased twelve acres in Farmington, New Hampshire, and began building a ministry. As they developed the vision for Mercy Reins, Laura walked through the

Academy's three courses, gaining the tools and foundation needed to open their doors.

Today, Mercy Reins is the only Academy-affiliated ranch in New Hampshire and is home to four rescued horses—each carrying their own story of abandonment, neglect, and redemption.

With four mentors trained in Healing Based Horsemanship, Laura keeps one thing at the center: relationship.

“God is continually reminding me that this is not performance-based, but relationship-based.”

Like many leaders coming through the Academy, Laura is what we often call an “accidental founder”—someone who simply sensed God's invitation and chose to say yes.

**If an equine mentorship ministry is in your heart, please reach out to [theacademy@hopereins.org](mailto:theacademy@hopereins.org) today!**



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