

MOUNTAIN VALLEY  
HORSE RESCUE  
*Hopeful Hearts...Helping Horses*



# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



*Dear Friends and Supporters,*

On behalf of our Board and Staff we thank you for your support of Mountain Valley Horse Rescue. 2018 was another exciting year for the horses. The corral expansion completed in 2017 allowed for an increase in the number of equines under care. There was an average of 33 per month enjoying life at the Rescue. During the year we had 9 new intakes and 6 successful adoptions. Several of the adopted equines remained on property as new boarders. The income from our boarders provides an additional source of revenue to maintain operations.

We also assisted in over a dozen direct adoptions where we help coordinate the transfer of ownership between private parties. Through these efforts and our connections in the horse community, we save numerous equines from unnecessary slaughter or euthanasia.

Training was a real focus for MVHR in 2018. The number of equines who experienced some level of training increased with the services of two new trainers. This had a direct effect on the ability of MVHR to complete the adoption process for many of our charges. Among many highlights was the continued success in having the wild mustangs, previously rescued from a South Dakota sanctuary, under saddle and receiving further training.

In 2018 the board and staff held its second strategic planning retreat where our mission was fine tuned to remain focused

on rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming abused, neglected, abandoned, and unwanted equines.

Our education and outreach programs continued to spread the word about real life situations and the need to reduce cases of horse abuse and neglect.

Enhancements were made to many of the administrative functions in 2018 including marketing and public relations, events, fundraising, board development, and compliance with non-profit regulations. Significant improvements were made to our website [www.mvhr.net](http://www.mvhr.net) and to our social media presence.

In addition to our annual Cordillera Barn Brunch fundraising event, board members and volunteers successfully hosted two new outreach events in Steamboat Springs. These were significant successes as the board made it a priority to be more visible in the Yampa Valley.

In the 3rd quarter of 2018, the board approved upgrading our database software. The conversion was completed in time for the year-end giving campaign that once again included Colorado Gives Day. Through the generosity of our supporters, donations exceeded 2017 numbers.

Another area that showed tremendous growth was our summer programming for children and adults. The programs utilize the rescue horses and privately-owned horses boarding at the rescue to educate and develop horsemanship skills. In its second year the program was wildly successful with waiting lists for several of the programs.

2018 saw a 31% increase in the number of volunteer days logged at the ranch and an 66% increase in the number of volunteer hours over the prior year. In addition to these volunteers, we had 89 people from various service groups log approximately 267 hours helping to muck the stalls, groom the horses, and perform general facility repairs. We continued to host Community Volunteer Days on the first Saturday of each month as a day when family and friends can join Veterans at the ranch to complete work on a list of chores. It is wonderful that so many people choose to make the short trek to MVHR and donate their time and effort – and get a little horsey time in return.

With the celebration of life and daily successes at the Rescue, we are cognizant and mindful of the reality of death. Sadly in 2018 we said our goodbyes to Blondie (our matriarch), Nacona, and Atir. We invite you to visit our website [www.mvhr.net](http://www.mvhr.net) to learn more about these and other horses whose care has been entrusted to MVHR.

In 2018 we continued our partnership with the Beaver Creek Rodeo in providing equine educational information to attendees as well as pony rides for the kids. We also continued our partnership with the Eagle County Fair and Rodeo by managing the horse stalls available for visiting participants.

The first of many planned capital improvements to the property continued in 2018 with the construction of the hay barn (stackyard) to keep the hay out of the weather. It is now in use and we hope to have it totally completed in the spring of 2019. If you would like to donate to this or any other capital project, please let Shana or any of the board members know.

It is only with your support that we were able to accomplish these milestones and provide such an elevated level of care for the horses in our charge. For that we are truly grateful.

*With Sincere Thanks,*

*Mountain Valley Horse Rescue Board of Directors*

# 2018 BY THE NUMBERS



29

Number of equines helped by MVHR in 2018



6

Number of adoptions



12

Number of boarders



1,971

Volunteer days logged



6,301

Volunteer hours logged



\$64,270

Value of committed volunteer time

INCOME	
Fundraising	137,226
Program Service	93,069
Operational	24,972
Capital Campaign	282,916
Other	237
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$538,420</b>

EXPENSES	
Fundraising	39,872
Program Service	139,057
Operational	76,488
Capital Campaign Expenses & Loan Payments	283,558
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$538,975</b>

MVHR has received several grants which are reported within the Fundraising Income section. Detailed financial reports and IRS form 990 are available at [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org). Guidestar has awarded MVHR with the Gold Seal of Transparency for financial reporting. Financial reports are also available through [www.coloradogives.org](http://www.coloradogives.org) or by contacting our Executive Director, Shana Devins.

# COMPLETE THE DREAM CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Purchasing and moving to our now permanent home put Mountain Valley Horse Rescue halfway to its Capital Campaign goal, with continued thanks to the Shaw Family Foundation. Phase II will require a minimum of \$1.7 million to continue renovation and development at the Rescue. This will provide us with a truly top notch facility for rehoming, rehabilitating, and training our equine charges, and for our continuing education and outreach to all generations of people.

Phase II of the Capital Campaign to Complete the Dream journey is to raise the funds necessary to build key facilities and infrastructure that will ensure the quality of life our horses deserve, and facilities for our key resource which is people – staff, volunteers, and trainers. In 2018, we focused on fundraising for a stackyard and now have a roof over our hay. Providing our equines with clean safe food is one of the most important things we need to do, and the stackyard's weather protection is crucial for keeping the hay that is donated or purchased from getting wet and mildewed.

Having accomplished building our first key facility, we are now looking ahead to other capital improvements that are needed: a safe and spacious outdoor round pen for horse training and human education, an

on-site caretaker unit in order to ensure full-time care for the horses, a training barn and indoor arena to provide our horses with indoor space to work towards their adoptions - even in Colorado winters, improved irrigation and pasture management to help us grow our own hay, a truck that can pull a large and loaded horse trailer, infrastructure including night lights, improved footing, and better drainage.

Since moving from our previous location in Eagle to McCoy, MVHR accommodates 20-30 equines on a regular basis. This means we also have more people coming daily, weekly, and monthly to help care for our charges. This increase in equines and volunteers is coupled with an ever-increasing number of people who rely on MVHR's programs. It is essential that MVHR has a ranch property that includes these key facilities, which will allow both humans and equines to thrive.

We were hard at work in 2018 to continue to drive visibility and support for the Complete the Dream Capital Campaign. Our deepest appreciation is for those who have already pledged their support for the future of MVHR.

# THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

The following list of donors is a compilation of those people and organizations who contributed to Mountain Valley Horse Rescue between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018. We have carefully reviewed this list for accuracy and consideration of those who wish to remain anonymous. If you find an error or omission, please accept our apologies and contact us at (970) 653-0185.

## Grants

Betsy Fink Charitable Fund  
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# MVHR MISSION

Mountain Valley Horse Rescue (MVHR)'s Mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome abused, neglected, abandoned, and unwanted equines. MVHR also works to reduce cases of equine abuse and neglect through education and outreach. MVHR rescued its first horses in 2004, and became a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization in 2005.

# MVHR VALUES

- Every equine is cared for, valued and respected as an individual.
- The welfare and needs of each equine is first and foremost.
- We follow each of our charges throughout their lives, including after adoption.
- We will always take back a horse who has been adopted.
- Every person that MVHR touches or who touches MVHR is respected and valued as an individual.
- We value our unique position to be able to teach to and connect people with equine welfare, care issues and skills.
- MVHR is a holistic organization, actively participating in and contributing to our broader communities.
- We support and help to maintain the Western ranching, farming, cultural and historical roots of our communities.
- The land in our care will be managed, with the intention of long term improvement and sustainability, by employing best practices to balance equine use with 1) wise use of resources, including water and soil; 2) respect and coexistence with wildlife; and 3) maintaining visual appeal.

