



CORRAL

# ANNUAL REPORT



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# OUR MISSION:

CORRAL is a faith-motivated nonprofit that equips adolescent girls in high-risk situations through a long-term, holistic program of equine therapy and education to prepare each girl and her community with skills, resources, and opportunities so that she can gain access to a bright future.

# OUR VISION:

Ending the cycle to intergenerational trauma and systemic marginalization in our community.

# CORE VALUES:



FAITH & CHOICE



RELATIONSHIPS-FIRST  
& COMMUNITY



HIGH EXPECTATIONS  
& ACCOUNTABILITY



SAFETY & RISK-TAKING



INNOVATION & GRIT



GRACE & LEARNING

## A LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDER:

When I reflect on this past year I'm reminded of the phrase, "Let's make hay while the sun shines." Simply put, it means to make the most of every given opportunity, even if it's laborious. I can confidently say that this year, CORRAL has done that in every way. While the sun was not always shining, we certainly maximized every moment AND we quite literally made hay.

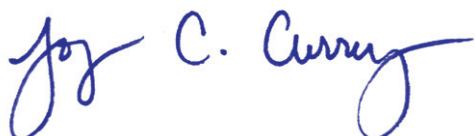
As an organization, we are always seeking to implement sustainable practices to keep our expenses down. With an uncertain economy and inflation at all-time highs, we felt the pangs of a budget stretched to its limit. Costs for materials were skyrocketing across the board and we had to get creative. Thankfully, we were granted funding that gave us the ability to buy the necessary equipment for hay-making. With the help of some seasoned volunteers, we made our own hay for the first time. It is a sustainable practice that will allow us to reduce one of our larger expenses and reallocate that budget to other pressing needs. That's the thing about sustainability, it creates stability and makes room for growth. Without sustainability in all areas, we falter.

This year, as we marched forward with our mission on our shoulders, we experienced staff shortages across the board. At any given time, we were down two or three staff members, some for life celebrations and others dealing with illness. In spite of our reduced capacity, the work was still there to be done. Our staff and volunteers rallied together to provide an excellent program for our girls and often went beyond the call of duty. We helped to find housing for families that were without and we mediated high-stakes situations for families on the brink of deportation. We were making hay. Pressing forward in spite of all obstacles to accomplish the task set before us. And we could not have done it without you.

I want to impress upon you that your support doesn't merely provide a program; it provides a safe haven. The impact that the CORRAL program has on each girl reaches far beyond her solo experience. It carries over into their families and communities, causing a ripple effect. As their lives continue to grow and bloom, we are seeing a generational shift. Several alumni have come back to the farm this year to share the ways that their lives have opened up. Many have families of their own that they are choosing to instill with the values they established here on the farm. Because of your ongoing support, we have been able to create a safe place for girls to find healing and leave with confidence.

My prayer for this coming year is that we will stay rooted in the mission. Now, more than ever, the young women in our communities facing adversity need access to the resources we provide. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. I invite you to join us for a groundbreaking year as we help our girls to reclaim their stories and restore their power.

Sincerely,  
Joy Currey, *Co-Founder and Executive Director*



# WHAT MAKES CORRAL UNIQUE



## *Transformative Environment*

We combine equine assisted psychotherapy with a rigorous college-preparatory environment.



## *Faith Motivated*

We are a faith motivated community seeking biblical justice and inclusive community driven by Micah 6:8, "And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."



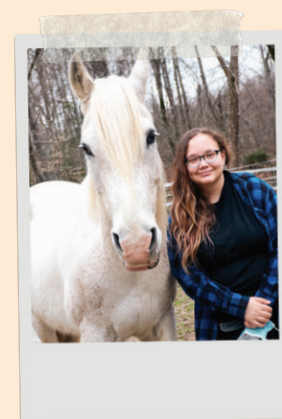
## *Measurable Outcomes*

We deliver measurable impact through a researched-based, trauma-informed, long-term holistic program.



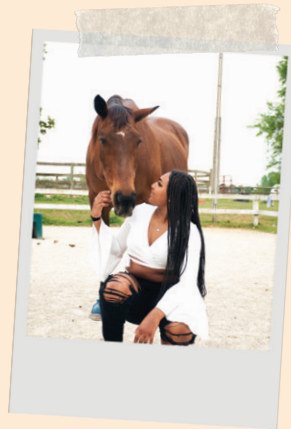
## *Personal Approach*

We operate a small cohort model creating a family-like environment. We do not merely deliver a program, we provide a support system.



## *Licensed Therapists*

We employ Licensed Clinical Therapists across campuses to maintain high standards of care in our EAP practices.

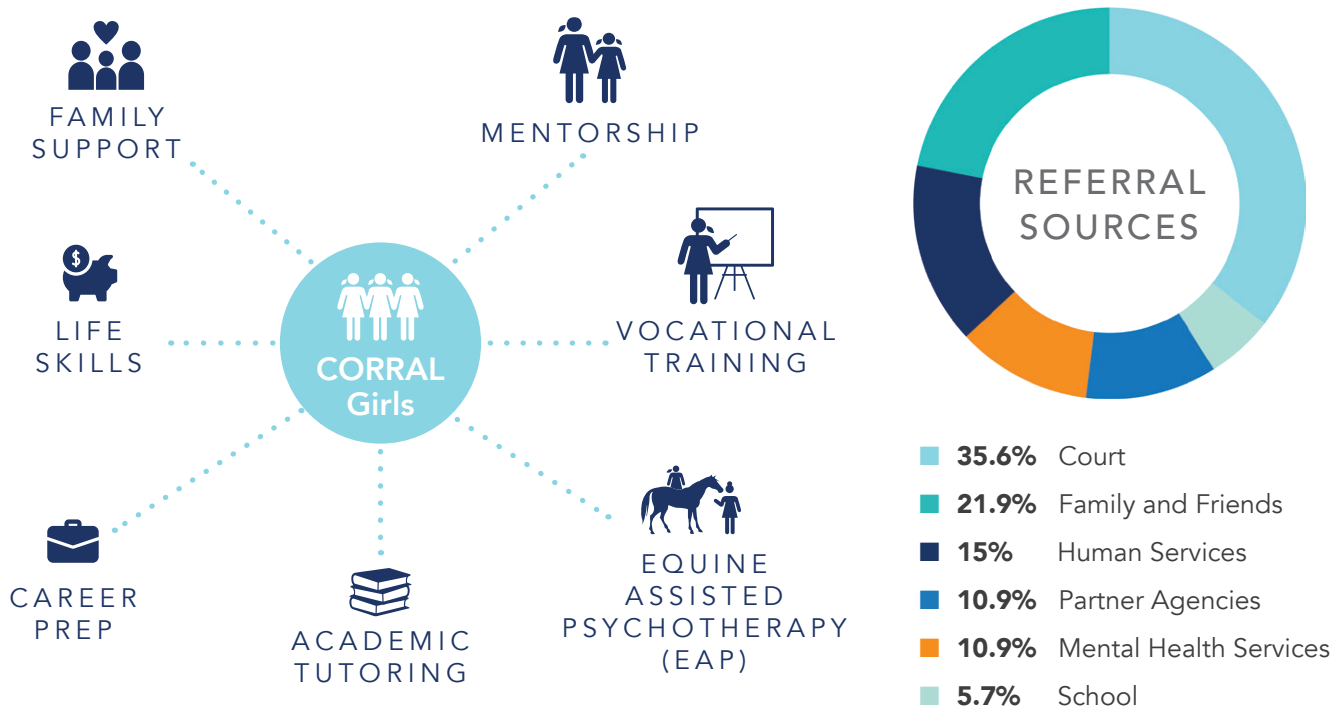


## *Operational Transparency*

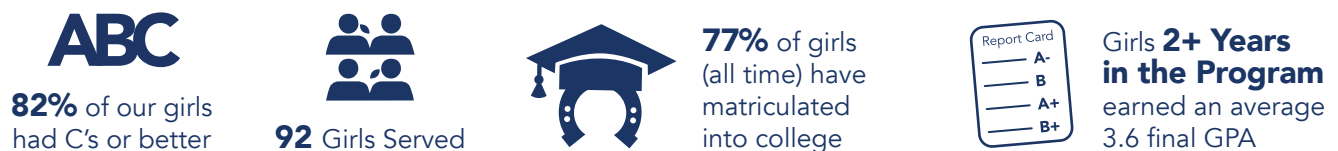
We are audited by third parties, partially funded by government programs and foundations, and rated Gold by Guidestar in 2021.

# 21-22 PROGRAM OUTCOMES & IMPACT

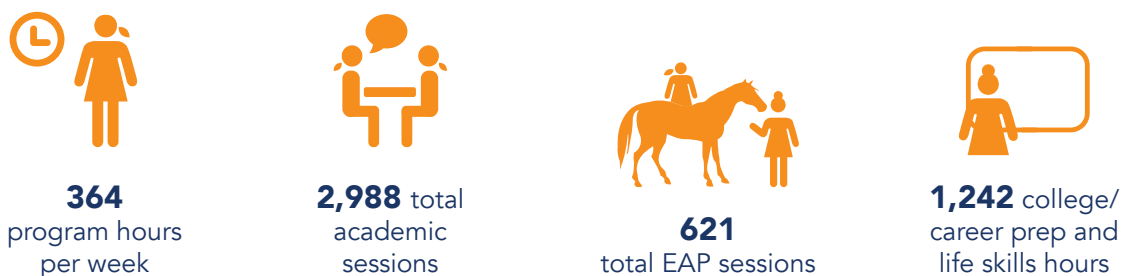
Rooted in equity, our program restores access and opportunities to underserved girls referred by community partners who hold the capacity for change but face highly risky situations: neighborhood/socioeconomic status, intergenerational trauma, gang involvement, abuse, trauma, neglect, or foster care. Once a girl participates in and successfully completes Join the Herd, a 16-session psychoeducational course, she is invited to apply for the Riding Academy, our holistic, individualized, long-term program. Transformational change does not occur overnight for our youth nor with one-size-fits-all services. This is why we invest considerable time and resources into each girl based on her unique circumstances.



## 21-22 PROGRAM OUTCOMES



## 21-22 PROGRAM IMPACT



## A TRIBUTE TO BOB



Occasionally someone new to our mission asks us, "Why horses?", and it's an important question. While many of us have experienced some form of trauma in our lives, not everyone has been privy to the unique way that horses can participate in healing. Every year our program welcomes girls seeking new pathways to breakthrough. They get the opportunity to connect with our rescue horses while learning boundaries, communication, and trust. And while every horse plays a vital role in our program, occasionally one comes along that touches everyone he meets.

*Our beloved Bob was big in personality and rich in kindness.*

When he entered our program he came to us from a failed carriage driving endeavor. Though he had been neglected, his gentle humility had a particularly soothing effect on girls dealing with anxiety. As years went by, more and more girls experienced Bob's unique abilities and we began to realize just how special he was. His wisdom reached across barriers to teach our girls the process of restoration. Large in stature, he conveyed a sense of security for each participant as they practiced equine groundwork connected to their own personal work. His deep emotional intellect provided space for participants to express their emotions without fear of judgment or retaliation. And despite several health issues towards the end of his life, his resilience taught the girls the power of exceeding expectations. As one grandmother said of Bob, "CORRAL may have rescued him, but he rescued my granddaughter." Bob wasn't 'just a horse,' he was a teacher, guardian, and hero to us all.

In the early part of this year, after many years of service, this faithful Belgian Draft horse was laid to rest. We are heartbroken to lose such a pillar in our community. Yet, if Bob left us with anything it is that, with a little patience and a lot of kindness, a brighter future is possible.

*"No matter how hard I tried to camouflage my feelings, he was the only one who could see through my facade. He helped me bridle my inner authenticity which will help me to conquer future hurdles."*

Vivian, Participant at Kildaire Farm



# HISTORY OF BLACK EQUESTRIANS

As an organization built on the powerful work of equestrians, we are invested in telling the story of its origins. When shining a light on its true history, we find that it is deeply connected to our mission and affirms the legacy of the BIPOC community in this sport. Indeed, the history of Black Equestrians in America began right here on this North Carolina clay. A well regarded man by the name of Austin Curtis became renowned for his ability to jockey, train, and consult in horse breeding. All the while, he was enslaved by one of the founding fathers of this state. Yes, this transformative sport that we see now mostly celebrated in whiteness, was first loved, created, and taught to us by African descendants.



One of the most foundational moments in this sport's history includes Oliver Lewis, an acclaimed Black jockey, winning the very first Kentucky Derby in 1875, riding Aristides. Black women were also actively involved in the sport very early on. In France, a female Black Equestrian named Selika Lazevsk was featured in a portrait in 1891. Yet, it wasn't until 1971 that we saw our first licensed Black female jockey, Cheryl White. There is a gap, filled mostly by systematic oppression and cultural appropriation. Still, the Black Equestrian community has continued to thrive.

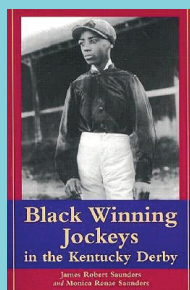
The modern Black Equestrian community is active in many arenas, competitively and socially. Black saddle clubs are prevalent in most agricultural communities throughout the United States, offering a space to connect with their beloved sport. We've even seen a rise in younger generations, like Brianna Noble, a Black cowgirl and social media activist, committed to changing the face of modern day equine culture.

Part of the work that CORRAL is committed to doing in the coming years is educating our champions and reclaiming this history with our girls of color. 60% of our girls are members of the BIPOC community and acknowledging their historic connection to this sport initiates a deeper aspect of their healing journey.

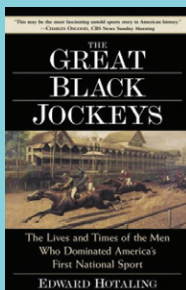
*Seeing themselves represented in the equestrian community helps them to transcend societal misconceptions and instills confidence in their journey.*

This year we are excited to be hosting a Black Equestrian Panel, featuring outstanding women in the field. Stay tuned for more details on how to join this November virtual event.

## What we're reading



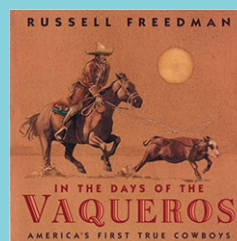
*Black Winning Jockeys in the Kentucky Derby*  
by James Robert Saunders



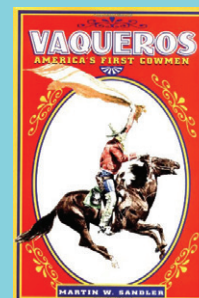
*The Great Black Jockeys*  
by Edward Hotaling



*Long Shot: My Bipolar Life and the Horses Who Saved Me*  
by Sylvia Harris



*In the Days of the Vaqueros: America's First True Cowboys*  
by Russell Freedman



*Vaqueros: America's First Cowmen*  
by Martin W. Sandler

# ALUMNI HOMECOMING

## Academic Success



**79%** enter CORRAL having failed a school course prior to joining the program



**79%** of CORRAL alumni have completed high school

## Humans in Humanville



**23%** enter CORRAL with court involvement



**79%** of CORRAL alumni are currently employed

## Improved Relationships



**41%** enter CORRAL having experienced neglect



**85%** of CORRAL alumni now have a good or great relationship with loved ones

Our mission has always been, and will always be, about **lasting transformational change**. Our goal is that each girl would establish a foundation of health and wholeness that will continue to serve her in all areas of her life.

It has been incredible to witness the success that these girls have been able to find far beyond their time on the farm. This past year, many of our Alumni 'came home' to share stories about the ways in which their lives have continued to grow and bloom.

*"I was diagnosed with severe anxiety and depression when I was 8 years old. Because of severe bullying, I wanted to kill myself by age 12. I joined Corral in 6th grade, graduating from high school and the program in June 2021. Throughout those six years, I learned my anxiety and depression doesn't define who I am and that I am so much more.*

*And, that I am an independent successful woman capable of amazing things.*

*I am proud to say that after the program, I continued my journey as a volunteer Equine Specialist, training one of our newer Mustangs, Dutchess. All while maintaining two jobs. Now, I've moved from volunteering to being an equine intern.*

*CORRAL to me and many girls is a safe place. Sometimes the only safe, stable, reliable home we have. When I was younger I couldn't ever imagine the amount of love and dedication complete strangers could have for someone like me. I am still amazed how many of you, the community, believe in the success of what society calls "hopeless cases", "broken" or even "useless". So I wanted to take this time to sincerely say thank you from the bottom of my heart. Without YOU this wouldn't be possible."*



# CARSON, 2016-2021



# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

*Connection to a thriving community can be an anchor in uncertain times. Our network of champions is that much-needed anchor for our girls.*

This year, with champions like Stacey, we were able to enhance our program and innovate our approach. Stacey Motley joined the Neuse River volunteer team at the beginning of 2022 as a member of the Horse & Farm Team and she has also begun training to become an Equine Specialist in the Fall. To say she jumped in with both feet is an understatement. In addition to these commitments, Stacey took it one step further and hosted Yoga on the Farm with the girls.

Stacey really connected with the girls during yoga. For many of our participants, it can be hard to focus because of age or past trauma. Learning yoga really helped them to train their focus. Practicing yoga is a great addition to trauma work, especially for those who may be reclaiming their relationship with their body. It was a special moment for the girls because they were able to participate in healing collectively.



Afterward, the girls invited Stacey to join them at their End of Year Celebration and she cheered them on as they received their awards. She even took time to speak with several of the girls individually during the celebration, continuing to pour into them, sharing in the excitement of their accomplishments.

This is a beautiful picture of what it looks like to truly be connected with our community! So many of you have come alongside our mission this year as a bridge to resources and assistance. Every hour you've sown, every gift given, every connection made has been an investment into the lives of these incredible girls. We are deeply grateful for your continued support and we pray that you too feel connected to this community.

## VOLUNTEERS



**402** active volunteers



**13,658** total service hours

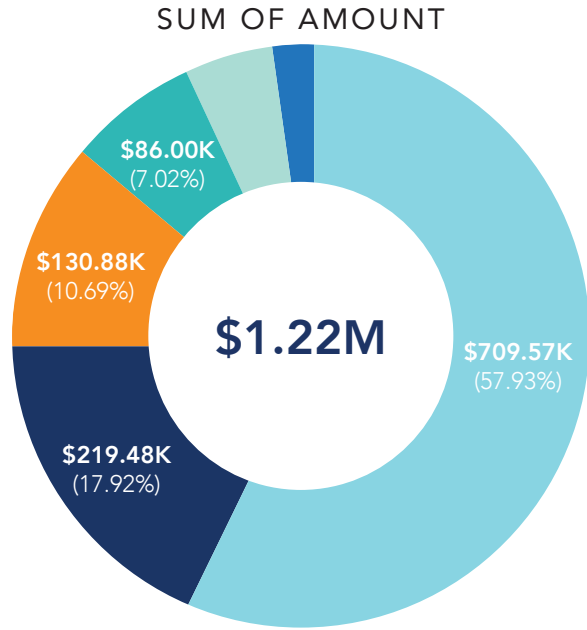


**\$387,230** worth of time

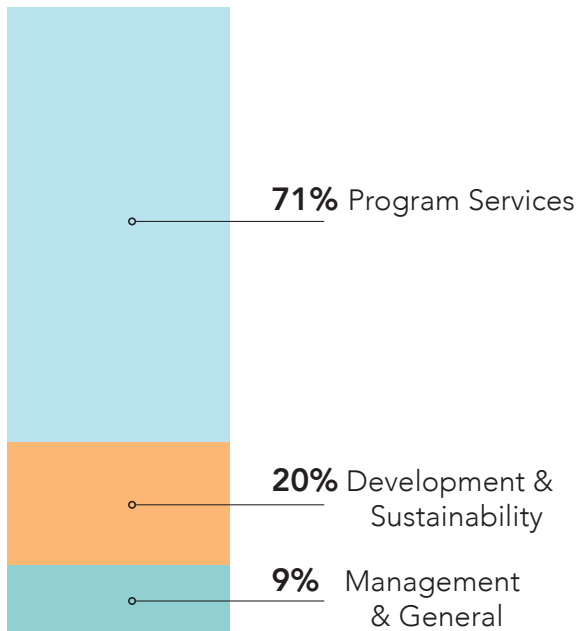
# FINANCES

## TOTAL CONSOLIDATED INCOME

- 58%** Individual Donation
- 18%** Government Grants
- 11%** Foundations and Trusts
- 7%** Public Grants (Non-Gov)
- 5%** Corporate Donations
- 2%** Other



## EXPENSES



## TOGETHER WE RAISED

**\$1,224,786.10**

**752** Total Donors

**461** Returning Donors

## WE INVESTED

**\$818,818.37** to fund programs that provided 92 girls and their families access to bright futures

**\$249,976.71** in financial sustainability, community partnership, marketing, and resource development

**\$108,542.76** to fund general operating expenses

## OUR INVESTMENT IN BRIGHT FUTURES

Riding Academy Girl (11 months): **\$21,121** (13% increase from last year)

Join the Herd Girl (16 Weeks): **\$1,415** (9% increase from last year)

EAP Horse (11 months): **\$5,065**

*\*The average cost to incarcerate a youth is \$70K.*

# LOOKING AHEAD

As we move forward into our new fiscal year, our goals are clear and attainable. Each benchmark is more than just a number, it is about life transformation. We recognize that every girl coming through our doors desperately needs assistance and we want to create a **sustainable** methodology that provides it. By measuring these goals, we are able to ensure that we continue to make space for **growth**.

## FY 21–22 Goals: Growth & Sustainability

### Program Goals

Across both campuses through Join the Herd and our Riding Academy, we served the most girls yet.

With both farms at capacity this year, we are aiming to serve **36% more participants** inclusive of both programs.



### Funding Goals

Last year we raised **\$1.2 million** in support of our program and mission. In the coming year, despite all challenges, we are aiming to raise **\$1.35 million**.



Engaging more girls will require more resources and we have faith to believe we can meet those needs.

### DEI Goals

With 60% of our girls in BIPOC communities, we are underscoring the importance of them seeing themselves reflected in our support system.

This year we are seeking to **increase our BIPOC volunteer engagement from 27% to 39%**, through meaningful community connection.



*"At CORRAL I learned to think before I speak when I have something to say. I value the relationships that I developed with other girls my age. I graduated from Wake Tech and now hold two jobs. I'm enjoying life!"*

ASHLYNNE SCARBOROUGH



# CORRAL

## RIDING ACADEMY

### Kildaire Farm Campus

3620 Kildaire Farm Road, Cary, NC 27518

### Neuse River Campus

4429 Mial Plantation Rd. Raleigh, NC 27610

## JOIN US

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Joy Currey, *Founder, Executive Director*  
Robert Currey, *Board Governance*  
*Committee Chair*

Jennifer Castillo, *Board Member*  
Catherine Doster, *External Affairs*  
*Committee Chair*

Denise Huska, *Treasurer/Internal Affairs*  
*Committee Co-Chair*

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Dan Michel, *Board Member*

Andrea Keith-Moore, *Board Member*

Dan Pratt, *Board Chair*

Aykel Smith, *Internal Affairs Committee*  
*Co-Chair*

### STAFF

Heather Brewer, *Program Director*  
*Kildaire Farm*

Madison Brooks, *Manager of Mental Health*  
*Services Kildaire Farm*

Jennifer Brown, *Senior Engagement &*  
*Development Manager*

Miya Brown, *Director of Finance*  
*& Operations*

Jennifer Chapman, *Manager of Mental*  
*Health Services Neuse River Farm*

Lauren Clements, *Managing Director*  
*Neuse River Farm*

Joy Currey, *Co-Founder & Executive*  
*Director*

Shera Everette, *Education Manager*  
*Neuse River Farm*

Dakota Getrouw, *Equine Manager*  
*Kildaire Farm*

Dr. Dee Harrison, *Education Manager*  
*Kildaire Farm*

Meredith Pizzurro, *Marketing Manager*  
Erendira "Edi" Ramirez,

*LatinX Community Liaison*

Alison Smitley, *Creative Manager*

Neyra Toledo, *Director of Development*  
*& Corporate Strategy*

Sharon Yoo, *Graphic Designer*

### PARTNERS & SPONSORS

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All of You: Mind, Body & Spirit Counseling

Alliance Health

Care First Animal Hospital

Carolina Outreach

Cary Keisler, Inc. - Smithfield Chicken & BBQ

Cary MacGregor Rotary

Chiesi

Clearwind Farm

Department of Social Services

Easterseals

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Greystar

Haven House

Interfaith Food Shuttle

Jilasoan

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)

Lady Prestonians

Legal Aid

Lifeline Children Services

Methodist Home for Children

Mission Triangle

New Waverly Place Dentistry

North Carolina Department of Public Safety

Pierce Group Benefits

Precision Garage Door Service

QoS Consulting Solutions

Raleigh Kiwanis

Reach Creative

RTI Corporate

RTI International

SECC

Southeast Raleigh Promise

Smith Anderson

Sweetwater Plumbing LLC

Triangle Land Conservancy

Vistra Business Solutions

Woman in Networking Holly Springs Chapter

WingSwept, LLC

Youth Villages

YWCA - Young Women's Christian Association

### GOVERNMENT GRANTS

City of Raleigh

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)

Town of Cary

### FOUNDATIONS AND TRUSTS

4 Others Foundation

Cary Oil Foundation

James & Mildred Wilkinson Charitable

Foundation

Jandy Ammons Foundation

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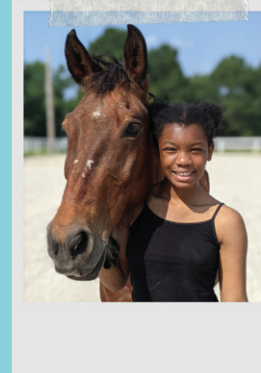
### SUPPORTERS



1,186 Champions



752 Donors



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