



ANNUAL REPORT

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MISSION

CORRAL provides adolescent girls in high-risk situations a holistic program of equine therapy and education so they may gain access to a bright future.

VISION

We envision a world free of intergenerational trauma and systemic marginalization.

WHY

Motivated by our faith, we believe all girls deserve a bright future.

CORE VALUES

CORRAL's core value pairs are the principles that guide us as we seek to understand ourselves, our community, and the work we are called to do.



**FAITH
& CHOICE**



**SAFETY
& RISK-TAKING**



**RELATIONSHIP FIRST
& COMMUNITY**



**INNOVATION
& GRIT**



**HIGH EXPECTATIONS
& ACCOUNTABILITY**



**GRACE
& LEARNING**



Who We Serve

Wake County girls in middle and high school with high risk factors, low resources, and the capacity for change.

79%

failed a course prior to joining the program

44%

are involved in the court system

67%

have had suicidal thoughts or actions

77%

have experienced trauma

93%

have experienced depression or anxiety

44%

are adopted or live in foster care

45%

don't live with their biological mothers

70%

have behavior problems in school



Why Horses?

Horses relate to our girls in ways that humans and traditional talk therapy cannot. We work with rescue horses who have had difficult journeys, much like our girls.

CORRAL teens struggle with trusting others. Horses are good at sensing emotions and are non-judgmental, making them a relational bridge back to healthy human connection.

Laying the Foundation, Brick by Brick

A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This year has been one of deep learning and thoughtful transition—CORRAL's first without our founder at the helm. While it was a major shift, we stepped into this new chapter with intention. Guided by our mission and values, we moved forward with a clear strategy, grace, and a commitment to growth.

With new people in new roles and a deliberate move away from relying on a single individual, we expected and encountered challenges. Gaps surfaced, mistakes happened, and growth stretched us. But something powerful took place: leaders rose, embraced big-picture thinking, and took ownership. **Throughout it all, our community of supporters stood strong, holding fast to our mission.**

We've been intentional, not changing for change's sake but evolving to stay strong for the work ahead. Always grounded in our mission. Like many organizations, we've felt economic headwinds, and our facility updates have progressed more slowly than we hoped. Still, we keep pushing forward because what we're building matters.

When I think of what our teens need, I picture a foundation. A solid place to stand. Many of our families are incredibly gifted, filled with passion and purpose, but life circumstances have left them without the footing to let those gifts flourish.

One young woman experienced multiple traumas: the loss of a close family member, school bullying, financial hardship, and exposure to violence. She came to CORRAL seeking healing and support. **Despite the instability at home and school, she discovered a path forward.** With the equine-assisted therapy, mentorship, and essential family resources you made possible, she began rebuilding her confidence and resilience.

With consistent support and academic preparation, she graduated last year and has already begun her first semester of college. There, she has found a new community to walk alongside her through the next chapter: hopeful, empowered, and ready to give back by supporting others in similar situations. **Her journey reflects the transformative impact of comprehensive, compassionate care.**

To continue this work well, our foundation must stay strong. As CORRAL grows, so must our systems, always rooted in faith and choice. Faith that God is redeeming lives here, and choice that affirms every teen's agency.

Mistakes will come—that's part of learning. The obstacles our teens face are complex, and running two farms while staying mission-driven is no small feat. But we lead with grit, innovation, and high expectations. We believe in our teens, often before they believe in themselves, and we hold them accountable because we know what they're capable of.

Trying something new is scary. That is why we build emotional, physical, and mental safety into everything we do, always rooted in deep relationship and community. We make sure every teen knows they are seen, known, and cheered on.

Looking ahead, we see the finish line not as the end but as the beginning of something greater. We press forward with our facility, **inspired by what God has already done, knowing God's not done yet.**

We will continue laying the groundwork brick by brick, with faith, hope, and belief in the potential of teens we haven't even met.

Thank you for walking with us. Your partnership is key. **Because of you, the future is bright.**

Lauren Clements

Executive Director



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OUR PROGRAM | 2024-2025

Every year is a journey. This year, we're sharing a comprehensive view of our program data by walking the path our students take from the time they first connect with us, through their time in CORRAL's programs, and beyond.

STEP ONE: *Referral*

[140 REFERRALS RECEIVED THIS YEAR]

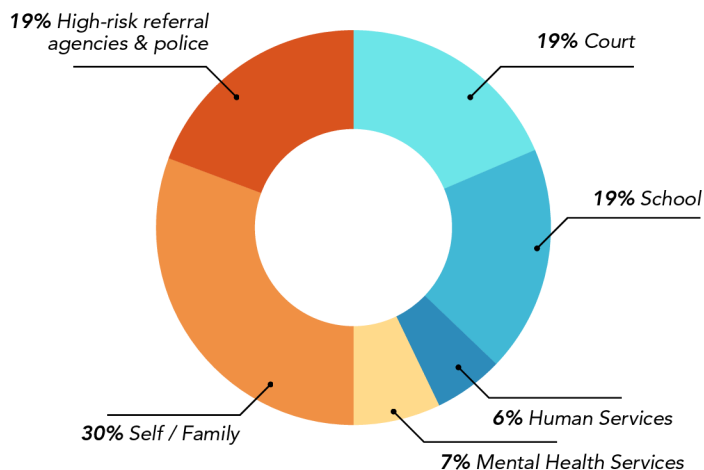
We are proud to maintain a referral process that allows anyone who knows a girl in need to refer them to us for help.

STEP TWO: *Join the Herd*

[75 STUDENTS SERVED THIS YEAR]

During our introductory 12-week group program, students build healthy relationship skills through work with our horses.

Girls learn positive peer associations, social skills, and problem-solving through a trauma-focused equine-assisted psychotherapy curriculum.



We see amazing growth even in this short time.

90%

of participants **completed the program**
of families saw a **reduction in problem behaviors**
of participants **showed growth in targeted skills**



Some students only need a short-term intervention. Others need and are ready for long-term, holistic support. After completing Join the Herd, students are invited to apply to the Riding Academy.

"It has been difficult to find resources to meet her emotional needs... this experience has already given her a sense of purpose in a structured environment."

My hope is that a long-term commitment to CORRAL will give us the tools needed to give her a sense of purpose and an opportunity to heal and build a better future."

– JOIN THE HERD PARENT

STEP THREE: *Riding Academy*

[35 STUDENTS SERVED THIS YEAR]

Our signature program offers family support, life skills training, college and career prep, academic tutoring, equine-assisted psychotherapy / learning, and mentorship. Depending on when a student meets us along her educational journey, enrollment can last from one to seven years.

Riding Academy | 24-25

THIS YEAR, OUR COMMUNITY
provided each student access to:

- 17 hours of weekly programming, including:
 - 7 hours of equestrian skill building
 - 7 hours of academic support
- 24 college and career prep sessions
- 32 equine-assisted psychotherapy / learning sessions*

**on average, individual and group, per student*

Our intervention works.

This year, participants showed an average **57% decrease in risky behaviors, regardless of the time they'd been in the program.**

In August 2024, the average GPA for kids who had been in the program at least one year was 1.93. **In June 2025, this same group had an average 3.23 GPA.**

- ★ Meals, field trips, guest speakers, and college visits
- ★ Resources and counseling to help navigate complex systems and crises
- ★ Transportation to and from programming

Our volunteers & partners gave **901** rides this year!



Beyond CORRAL

...the sky is the limit. Our class of 2025 graduates are a testament to that! Before CORRAL, they struggled academically and socially: facing grief, bullying, and mental health crises. CORRAL's partnership with their families empowered them to **heal, grow, and harness their true potential.**

This class of 4 seniors represents what's possible. Collectively, they attended **6,048 hours** of programming, including **41 college tours.**

Today, all of these students are high school graduates, accepted to college, and leaders at CORRAL and in their communities.

We cannot wait to see what their tomorrow holds.

IN MEMORIAM

Remembering Dr. Crystal Chen Lee

On June 14th, 2025, Dr. Crystal Chen Lee passed away after a brief and courageous battle with cancer. Crystal was—and is—a blessing to CORRAL's mission and community in many ways. As a board member and vice-chair, Crystal's vision and dedication to our youth shaped the organization's work during a critical time of growth and transition. Through the launch of the Neuse River farm, our revisions to our mission and vision, and our growth into a new era of leadership, she led and advised with faith, wisdom, and joy.

The story of Crystal's impact on CORRAL's students is quite literally still being written. Crystal understood the power of literacy as a pathway to opportunity, connection, and leadership, especially for marginalized youth. This led her to found the Literacy and Community Initiative at NC State University, a program with which CORRAL has been privileged to partner over the last several years. For CORRAL's students, who have often been silenced by injustice and trauma, the opportunity and encouragement to write and publish their own stories is an empowering, life-giving experience.

As we learn, lead, and gather together in the years to come, we will carry Crystal's memory with us. We will carry on her legacy as we seek to amplify the voices of our students. When CORRAL girls are empowered to create, share, and speak, we will hear and celebrate their voices, knowing that Crystal's spirit speaks with them.

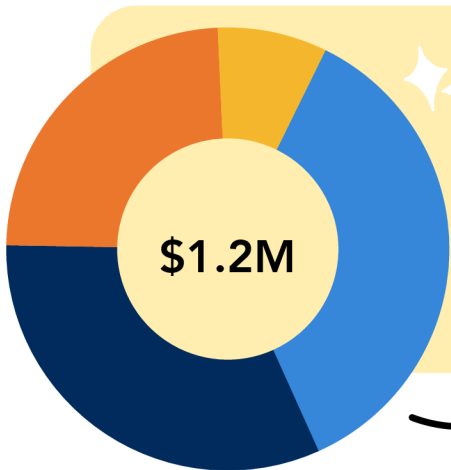


FINANCIALS | 2024-2025

Rooted in equity, our program restores access and opportunities to underserved girls. Investment from our community of champions sustains our work and makes it possible for us to lay the groundwork to expand and deepen our programs.

TOTAL CONSOLIDATED INCOME

- 36% Individual Donors
- 32% Grants
- 24% Foundations
- 8% Other



Together we raised
\$1.2 MILLION

- 525 TOTAL DONORS
- 385 RETURNING DONORS
- 95 MONTHLY DONORS

Thank you to our partners!

PARTNERS & SPONSORS

- Activate Good
- Alliance Health
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- Apex Material Girls Quilting Bee
- Apex United Methodist Church
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- Cary Pediatric Dentistry
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- Mt. Zion Church, Cary
- NC State ASABE Student Chapter
- NC State Literacy and Community Initiative
- Oak Steakhouse
- Pennymac
- Pfizer
- Raleigh Parks & Recreation
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- SAS Institute, Inc.
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- Sunrise Clinical Associates
- Timothy Gabel
- Treasuring Christ Church
- Triangle Community Foundation
- Triangle Land Conservancy
- UNC Youth Behavioral Health
- United Way of Alamance County
- Wake County 4-H
- Wake County Health & Human Services

GRANTS

- Christ the King Lutheran Church
- City of Raleigh
- DPR Foundation
- The Duke Endowment
- Governor’s Crime Commission
- Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
- John Rex Endowment
- Luke Garrison Foundation
- Mead Family Foundation
- Raleigh Kiwanis
- St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Raleigh
- Town of Cary
- W. Trent Ragland Jr. Foundation
- William C. Etheridge Foundation

Championing the Work: MISSION TRIANGLE SHARK TANK

We are grateful for the support of Mission Triangle! This year, CORRAL was offered the amazing opportunity to connect with the community to share our mission and work as a presenting nonprofit at Mission Triangle’s Shark Tank.

The connections and support that grow from this powerful evening will enable CORRAL to continue building our Neuse River farm to reach its full potential and transform lives for years to come.



Our Circle is Strong

CORRAL's volunteer community pours into our students, horses, farms, and each other. Their dedicated service creates a space of safety and stability in an uncertain world, and the work we share in opens doors to bright futures.

126

CORRAL **VOLUNTEERS**
CONTRIBUTED **OVER 5,030** SERVICE HOURS



Last year, we welcomed over 25 corporate and community partners to our farms to learn about our programs and support our work through hands-on service projects.

234

community volunteers supported our farms at events and group workdays!



\$1,785: EACH JOIN THE HERD STUDENT
1 round = 12 weeks | 5 rounds offered at each farm

\$21,062: EACH RIDING ACADEMY STUDENT
10 months of program services

\$4,991: COST OF CARE PER HORSE
17 horses across 2 farms

Investing in Bright Futures

Transformational change doesn't happen overnight, or with a one-size-fits-all approach.

We invest considerable time and resources into each girl to be responsive to her unique circumstances.

This year, we invested **over \$1.45 million** into programs that provided **110 girls and their families** access to life-changing resources and support.

**TOTAL
EXPENSES: \$1,453,501.95**

56% Program Services

19% Operations

25% Development
& Sustainability





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Join our circle!

Get involved: visit our website to learn about giving, volunteering, and referrals.

