

# Hope Ranch Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc

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Dear Volunteer,

Therapeutic riding uses horses and horse-oriented activities to provide therapy, education, sport, and recreational activities to the disabled members of the community. Horseback riding for the disabled is recognized as a more progressive form of therapy.

As a non-profit organization, Hope Ranch relies on the continuous dedication of volunteers to continue operations. Everyone that is involved with Hope Ranch does so out of their own free will, including the volunteer staff and Board Members. Volunteers play a very important role: assisting with riders and rider classes, horse care, facilities maintenance, grounds maintenance, administration, and fundraising.

Each volunteer is required to attend volunteer training, especially if you are interested in being a leader. Please find our volunteer application and volunteer manual which are both available online for you to download and return to our office. If you have any questions or comments about volunteering, please email our Volunteer Coordinator, [volunteer@hoperanchks.org](mailto:volunteer@hoperanchks.org).

Therapeutic riding classes consist of one leader and two side-walkers per rider. Each class has a maximum of five riders. For each rider to participate and ride in our program, we need three volunteers to help in the rider classes per rider. An instructor teaches each class and directs the leaders and side-walkers throughout the class. Each leader is the main support for their rider and is the key element in each rider's success. We need volunteers to make each rider class happen. We have several rider classes each week that run only an hour. Volunteers are needed to tack and untack the horses before and after classes. Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering for our rider classes.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to tell you about Hope Ranch Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc and to share Hope Ranch's vision with you. Your generous support will enable Hope Ranch to meet its goal of providing much needed, high quality, cost effective therapeutic riding program for the disabled.

For more information or comments, please visit our website, call, or drop by. Please find our volunteer application and manual online and let us know where and when you would like to help out.

Sincerely,

Ken Scroggs  
Board President

## Hope Ranch Mission Statement

The mission of Hope Ranch is to provide a therapeutic equine program designed for individuals with a wide range of physical, cognitive, and emotional disabilities who can benefit from therapeutic riding and other equine activities.

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