

PIKES PEAK THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER



*Utilizing the unique and therapeutic attributes of the horse,
our mission is to serve those with diverse needs, empower change, foster resilience,
and nurture whole health through sustainable and innovative programs.*

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends,

In 1981, Acts 19:11, now known as Pikes Peak Therapeutic Riding Center, was founded by a woman who understood that kids with disabilities could benefit both physically and emotionally from horseback riding. She conducted the first PPTRC therapeutic riding lessons in her back yard. Today, PPTRC is the oldest and largest therapeutic riding center in southern Colorado.

Each year, PPTRC staff and volunteers help more than 600 people seeking change, independence, and whole health. This year's annual report focuses on the clients – however it is defined by you, our supporter and partner. Through our efforts to implement PPTRC's mission you will find that the PPTRC family worked tirelessly to meet our goals. From streamlining our scheduling to building new partnerships, PPTRC made strides toward giving people with unique needs a place to learn, grow, and achieve their own goals.

Thank you for making 2016 another remarkable year for PPTRC. This year marked 35 years of service in the Pikes Peak Region. As we continue on our path, PPTRC looks to a bright future of being THE industry leader in Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies.

It is because of you that we are able to help people take the lead, both in the arena and in life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shannon Mitchell". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Shannon Mitchell
Executive Director

Your Support at Work

Community Members Served

657 people received 2,221 therapeutic sessions and treatments to address physical and mental health needs.

Of people served, children made up 40% and service members, veterans, and their families made up 50%.

Scholarships To Clients

Riders Support Fund

23 scholarships provided 184 therapeutic lessons to low-income individuals and families.

Operation Mack Military Fund

19 scholarships provided 152 therapeutic sessions to veterans and service members.

Volunteer Support

223 volunteers donated **8,463 hours** of service.

Community Support

Huge thanks to our **33 corporate sponsors**, **396 individual donors**, and **112 in-kind donors**.

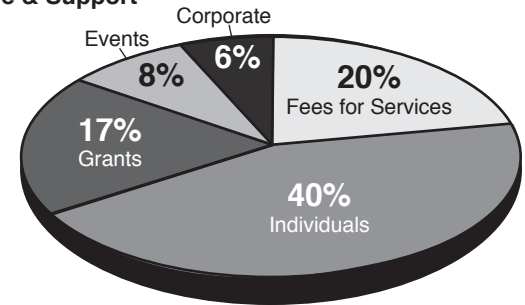
Agency Partners

- CASA
- Cedar Springs
- Children's Hospital Colorado
- El Paso County Department of Human Services
- El Paso County Department of Youth Corrections
- El Paso County Probation Department
- Fort Carson
- Four Feathers
- Griffith Centers for Children
- Mayfield Counseling
- Memorial Hospital/UCHHealth
- Mt. Carmel Center for Excellence
- Operation TBI Freedom
- Rocky Mountain Human Services
- Serenity Peaks
- The Resource Exchange
- Tricare Medical Provider Network
- Triple Peaks
- VA of Colorado Springs
- Veterans Trauma Court

Financial Summary

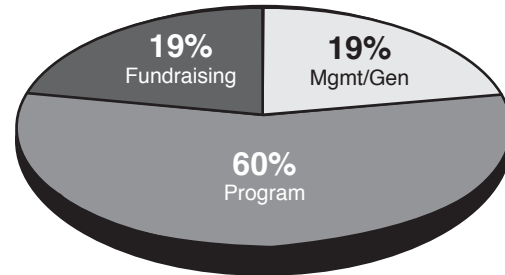
Total Revenue & Support

\$739,238



Total Expenses & Losses

\$581,308



CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS, Beginning of Year - \$510,356
NET ASSETS, End of Year - \$668,286

Our Work

Client Feedback Survey results showed that:

- **100% of clients** were satisfied with their overall experience at PPTRC and would recommend PPTRC's services to others
- **100% of clients** saw emotional and/or physical improvements due to PPTRC services
- **62% of clients** engaged in employment or schooling reported their time at PPTRC improved their career or schooling experience
- **75% of clients** experienced increased independence as a result of their time at PPTRC
- **87% of clients** felt their family also benefited from the overall impact of PPTRC's services



One out of every 6.5 people in El Paso County has a disability, including 19,458 veterans. El Paso County is home to 655,000 people. This means almost 100,000 local residents have a disability.

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Community Members You Helped



"For me with riding horses I went from being hard to walk to being able to walk good. I wanted to ride a bike but my balance was off and now I can, so riding has helped me out a lot and it's fun."

- Jeremy, PPTRC Client



"Quinn has hypotonia and I had never seen him sit up straight. Once on the horse, there he is sitting tall in the saddle. He is on top of the world. The confidence radiates from his smile and posture."

- Quinn's Mother