It would be fair to say that 2020 was by far the most challenging year in our history, but we persevered and continue to make a lasting difference in the lives of America’s at-risk and transitioning horses.

The work of the EQUUS Foundation begins each time the career of a horse comes to an end. For so many horse lovers and protectors, it’s hard to imagine that behind the glamour and affluence of equine sport, there are many horses that are abandoned, neglected, abused, and shipped across our borders for slaughter when their owners cannot, or no longer wish to, care for them. Viewed as commodities, too many horses in sport and in the workplace are regarded as disposable for profit when they no longer serve their owners’ purpose.

For horses to remain an important part of American life and have a viable future, we need to embrace a fundamental shift in our attitude towards horses -- from the horse as a commodity to the horse as an athlete, companion, teacher, and healer.

We dedicate our efforts to finding homes for at-risk horses and horses in transition, providing a safe haven for aged and infirm horses, and increasing opportunities for all people to engage and partner with horses in new and innovative ways.

Informed giving has never been more important. It is critical to ensure donor dollars are invested in programs that have the greatest impact - which is why only equine charities that have undergone a rigorous review and attain the EQUUS Foundation Guardian designation are eligible for financial support from the EQUUS Foundation.

We are grateful to many individuals and organizations that have supported our efforts by donating their time and financial resources, our leadership, and our small but highly talented staff -- and thrilled to share our progress in helping to ensure a safe and sustainable environment for horses now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Lynn Coakley, President
For The Love of Horses!

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2020

$500,000+ in grants

*Statement of Financial Position
Fiscal Year Ending August, 31, 2020

Assets $1,205,287
Liabilities $119,881
Net Assets $1,085,406

*Statement of Financial Activities
Fiscal Year Ending August, 31, 2020

Revenue
Contributions $927,815
Interest $3,434
$931,249

Expense
Programs $629,934
Fundraising $71,660
Administrative $22,700
$724,294

Net Surplus
Cash $75,776
Rider’s Closet $131,179
$206,955

*Audit conducted by Sabel & Oplinger, P.C.

5,000 horses
160 charities nationwide
576 Rider’s Closet award recipients of new and gently used riding apparel valued at $240,000

EQUUS Foundation 2020 Annual Report
Harsh Realities

We aim to inspire advocacy and support on behalf of horses by focusing on their magic and beauty, but sometimes we simply need to face the harsh reality that tens of thousands of horses in the United States are subjected to abuse, neglect and the threat of slaughter each year.
The EQUUS Foundation funds charities providing Equine Assisted Services with the capacity to increase the number of people who can benefit from these services. Equine Assisted Services have been proven effective in improving the cognitive, physical, emotional, and social well-being of people with disabilities. Equine Assisted Services include: Therapeutic Horsemanship, Riding, and Driving; Interactive Vaulting; Equine Assisted Psychotherapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Pathology; and Equine Assisted Learning.

Why is it that only 69,000 people of the 61 million people in the United States with disabilities have access to Equine Assisted Services and only 7,900 horses are providing these services? Boundless opportunities exist for thousands upon thousands of horses to contribute positively to the cognitive, physical, emotional and social well-being of all people.

61 million people
People with disabilities in the United States

69,000 people
People benefitting from “Equine Assisted Services”

7,900 horses
Horses benefitting people with disabilities today

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Many more at-risk and transitioning horses could be serving people with disabilities.
EMPOWER • INSPIRE • EDUCATE

The EQUUS Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors representing a cross-section of the equine community, including supporters, participants, and professionals.

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EQUUS Foundation programs:
• EMPOWER equine charities to operate at the highest standards for horse care and service and be fully transparent by providing them with financial support, recognition, guidance, and resources;
• INSPIRE horse lovers to become horse protectors by stimulating advocacy and volunteerism;
• EDUCATE the public on the value of horses in our lives by sharing stories of their amazing achievements and contributions.

EQUUS Foundation programs help to ensure a humane and sustainable environment for horses now and in the future

EQUINE WELFARE NETWORK Connecting equine enthusiasts with equine organizations across America

GUARDIANS Setting the standards for horse care and ensuring transparency and accountability

NEXT CHAPTERS Providing opportunities to organizations to showcase horses that are ready for adoption and sharing success stories

SAFE LANDINGS Offering a platform to organizations that are looking for program horses

CHAMPIONS Stimulating and rewarding volunteerism

THE RIDER’S CLOSET Providing riding attire to equestrians in need so that they may pursue their horsemanship dreams

EQUINE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING INITIATIVE Educating the public on the impact of horses in our lives

EQUINE EDUCATION NETWORK Encouraging the pursuit of equine studies at the collegiate level and careers in the equine industry
Now more than ever, we all need to treasure what we believe is worth preserving -- what has the power to make us feel happy, safe, and hopeful. We believe that the bond between horses and people is worth preserving.

Horses are powerful teachers and healers — positively influencing not just our happiness but also our health.

Yet too many horses in this country need a lifeline and opportunities to thrive.

Our vision is that all horses will naturally transition from one career to another without the risk of an uncertain future.
2020 Awards & Honors

Recognizing achievement and the impact of horses in our lives

Humanitarian Award Recipient
GEORGINA BLOOMBERG

Veterinary Research Fellow
REBECCA LEGERE
DVM, MS, DACVIM (LAIM)

Horse Stars Hall of Fame Inductees
APOLLO
CAMEO
DARRY LOU
DISRUPTION
EL PRIMERO
FIRST APPLE
GUNS N GOLD
LUCKY STRIKE
SHEZAFFIRECRACKER+/
TSETSERLEG TSF
ZANDER FAN CAMELOT STER

Samantha “Sam” Calzone
Memorial Award
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Michele E. Arnhold Memorial Horse Whisperer Award
HIGH HOPES THERAPEUTIC RIDING, OLD LYME, CT

Daniel D. Barkan Memorial Horse Whisperer Award
BROOK HILL FARM, FOREST, VA

Emma and Georgina Bloomberg Horse Whisperer Award
OMEGA HORSE RESCUE AND REHABILITATION CENTER, AIRVILLE, PA

Gore Family Memorial Foundation Horse Whisperer Award
LUCKY ORPHANS HORSE RESCUE, INC., DOVER PLAINS, NY
SAVING HORSES, INC, ENCINITAS, CA

Jackson Family Horse Whisperer Award
GERDA’S EQUINE RESCUE, INC., WEST TOWNSHEND, VT
THE EQUUS EFFECT, SHARON, CT

Lafitte De Muze Horse Whisperer Award
COLORADO HORSE RESCUE, LONGMONT, CO,
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Mighty Nice Horse Whisperer Award
SECRETARIAT CENTER, LEXINGTON, KY

Newstead Foundation Horse Whisperer Award
PROJECT HORSE EMPOWERMENT CENTER, GREAT FALLS, VA
SPROUT THERAPEUTIC RIDING AND EDUCATION CENTER, ALDIE, VA

Richard L. Parish Memorial Horse Whisperer Award
CHARLESTON AREA THERAPEUTIC RIDING, JOHN’S ISLAND, SC
GREEN CHIMNEYS CHILDREN’S SERVICES, BREWSTER, NY
M ITCHELL FARM EQUINE RETIREMENT, SALEM, CT

Split Rock Farm/Bobbie & Derek Braun Horse Whisperer Award
GIANT STEPS THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRIAN CENTER, PETALUMA, CA

Weisberg Family Foundation Horse Whisperer Award
SARASOTA MANATEE ASSOCIATION FOR RIDING THERAPY, INC (SMART), BRADENTON, FL, & HORSEPOWER, INC., HIGH POINT, NC
Finding Common Ground
Cultivating partnerships with individuals and equine organizations across the nation and facilitating new and innovative collaborations between horses and people.

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EQUINE AMBASSADORS
Lafitte De Muze
Owned by Cheryl Olsten & ridden by Amanda Steege
Happy Thoughts
Owned by Caroline Moran & ridden by Havens Schatt
Cacan
Owned & Ridden by Serena Marron

FOREVER FARMS
Warioto Farm Inc., Franklin, Tennessee
Owned by Joni Werthan
Our first Forever Farm
Storeybrook Farm
 Owned by Andrew, Olivia, and Storey Alcorta

EQUUSTARS
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Our Gratitude and Thanks  The EQUUS Foundation wishes to express its appreciation to giving and event attendance.

WINNERS CIRCLE

$25,000+
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The Otis Booth Foundation

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MEET ROSSI!
Before & After Rossi was rescued, rehabbed and re-homed by EQUUS Foundation Guardian Charity, Omega Horse Rescue.