



# 2020

## A YEAR OF RESILIENCY

This year certainly has been full of unprecedented challenges for us all on so many levels. For SRA, this included the 3 month closure of the program and subsequent loss of income despite the continuing horse care expenses. Since that time, with the help of the County and the CDC, we developed and implemented a safety protocol to help minimize the risk for our staff, volunteers and most importantly our students. As a result, we have been fortunate to adapt our program to allow for the more independent riders to return safely to the sanctuary of the farm. Yet we struggle knowing the remaining students long to return to the warmth and comfort of their equine partners as well. We will continue to look to the County for guidance on when the time is right to invite riders of all abilities to return.

During these times of adversity, we continue to demonstrate our resilience in meeting the needs of a changing world. We have a new appreciation for the expression, "it takes a village". Our village includes our employees, who devote their time and energy to insure their students' success, our volunteers who despite the risk, commit their time, labor and love to support us; our donors who believe in our mission and aid us financially, and of course the team of amazing horses with the unique ability to influence their students in profound ways. With the help of our community, our horses are healthy and happy, half of our students have returned, the lights are on and are hearts are full of gratitude.

Looking forward, we remain careful yet innovative in adapting programming and fundraising for the uncertain future. More than ever, we are committed to remaining a vibrant community where horse and human interactions improve lives.

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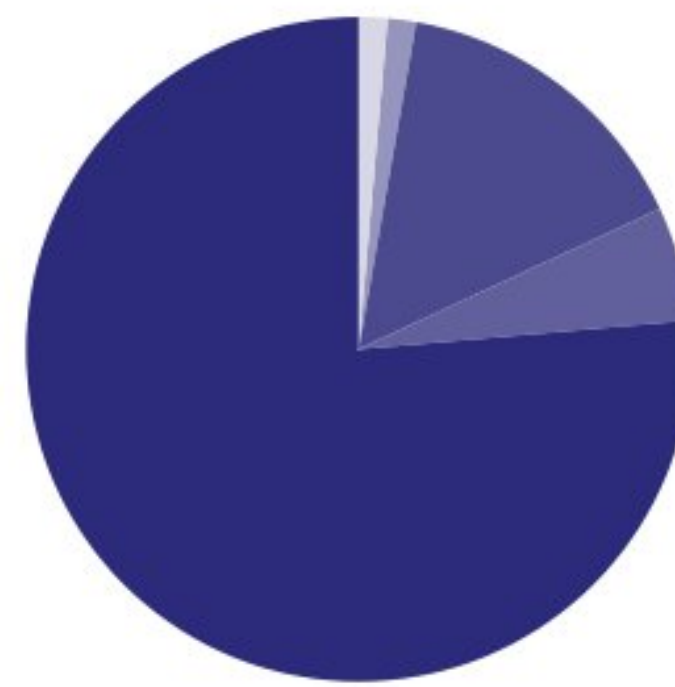
### NUMBER OF STUDENTS

2020: 178 2019: 308

63% female

37% male

**AGE** 16% 2-10 26% 19-30 5% 50+  
37% 11-18 16% 31-50



### LESSON TYPES

- 77% Therapeutic Riding
- 1% Driving
- 7% Hippotherapy
- 13% Riding Free
- 2% Equine Assisted Psychotherapy

### LESSON OBJECTIVE SUCCESS RATE

89% Physical Benefit

91% Cognitive Functioning

77% Social Development

70% Emotional & Mental Wellness

100% Safe Community



### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

10 Total Vinnie visits

200 estimated number of participants

# ANDREW'S STORY

## AGE 14



I first came to SRA several years ago to watch my sister, Hannah ride for physical therapy (Hippotherapy) and was wondering, "Would I ever be able to do this?" "What horse would I ride?" and many more questions. Then the time came that I was able to start riding. My instructor was Cyndi and my first horse, Teddy, felt like he was the only horse that I would ever ride. Teddy was beautiful and had a great personality. He was almost always active and it felt like he was always excited to see me. It was like Teddy got me. After what seemed like ages and many fun times with Teddy he started to misbehave and it was decided that he wanted a new job and moved to NY with his new owner. Then came my Neela (AKA Meatball), and I instantly felt like I connected with this horse. She was great, she was young just like me and it seemed as if we had the same personalities. I finally started riding her and she and I were so much alike. We were both stubborn. When I rode her, we walked with purpose, she also loved going on the trail like me. I was so devastated when she left SRA even though I knew it was the best thing for her. She had made such an impact on my life. I started to ride other horses but I couldn't seem to find one that I connected with like Neela. Miss Cyndi told me that every horse has something to teach us! Along came Zee, he made me work hard to get him to do things that I asked. It was quite a challenge but he taught me that I can do it if I put my mind to it and ask correctly. Right now, I'm riding Trixie and I'm having a great time preparing for contests and shows that we will hopefully get to do this year. Being at SRA and working with all of the horses has given me confidence and allowed me to learn and grow. It is something I love to do. Just to be with the horses has helped me through some tough times. Cyndi has been a great help to me too. She's so easy to talk to, is always so supportive and fun. She and I have a strong bond. Since I started riding, I have experienced the good and the bad. They are not just animals; they all have personalities and it's like they know how you are feeling. Sometimes that's all you need, they understand. Losing them hasn't always been easy but it taught me that sometimes that is what has to happen to keep them happy as well. But, I have learned that there is always a new adventure waiting for me and my horse. I love being a part of the SRA family. I can't imagine not being there and being part of it. My mom calls it a little piece of heaven, and I think I agree.

FUNDING	2020	2019
Rider Income	25%	49%
Individual Donations	16%	16%
Corporate Giving	7%	4%
Fundraising	19%	17%
Grant Funding	33%	14%

ANIMAL COSTS	2020	2019
Animal Expense % of Total	35%	35%
Average Animal Cost Per Horse	\$4110	\$4565
Add'l Cost Subsidized Per Lesson	\$72	\$25
Total Subsidy	\$123,350	\$224,484

VOLUNTEER IMPACT	2020	2019
Total Volunteers	110	158
Total Number of Hours	10,060	15,086
Number of Volunteers 5+ Hrs/Week Annually	6	10