

Kennison's Kause



Hello Folks,

If you have been following me over the past year you probably know my love for animals, and especially horses. So while flipping through one of the many local magazines that is always lying around my house I came across an article that peaked my interest.

Now you have probably seen the loveable dogs that visit hospitals, nursing homes and special events that bring smiles to the faces of many children and adults. Well, have you ever seen an Equestrian Angel that does the same? Ken Roche and his team of miniature horses do exactly that in working with a variety of professionals that include social workers, psychologists, physical-occupational-speech therapists, teachers, and more to bring a very unique therapeutic interaction with children as well adults. Ken Roche has been able to bring two of his biggest passions in life (the love of horses and nursing) into a powerful program that is having a positive impact improving the quality of life for individuals within our community.

Ken and Jennifer Roche, RN, BSN, founded the Equestrian Angel Therapeutic Outreach Program in 2009. They wanted a program that would be completely free of charge to the facilities they visit, and that would help individuals to forget about their illness, if only for a little while. The program has become very popular over the past three years and they have a growing number of sites they visit regularly. But Therapeutic work is not their only mission, as they regularly get involved with fundraising and community outreach programs, schools and literacy programs as well as general visitation.

For three years now, the Equestrian Angel has demonstrated that equine assisted therapy and visitation can be both accessible and practical. Like many non-profit organizations, volunteers, donations and corporate sponsors are needed to keep the mission alive. Student service hours are available. If you would like to learn more about this unique and wonderful program please visit www.equestrianangel.org. Animals are such a gift from God and bring smiles to our face every day.

McKenna Hell, age 13



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Services

The Equestrian Angel Therapeutic Outreach Program serves our community's hospitals, nursing homes, special needs schools, group homes, and hospice patients.

We are available to assist teachers and therapists with:

- Equine assisted learning
- Behavioral and Psychotherapy
 - Physical Therapy
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Speech Therapy

Private visitations and services are also available. As well as birthday parties, special events and fund raisers for all of our friends in the above mentioned settings.

