



Success Story:

Recently, GallopNYC instructor Marie helped Gabe mount his pony, Buddy. Gabe is diagnosed as non verbal. Marie instructed Gabe – “tell Buddy ‘Walk on.’” Just as Gabe’s schoolteacher reminded Marie that Gabe could not speak, Gabe spoke up, saying firmly “Walk on.” And Buddy did indeed walk on.

Saying hello at the GallopNYC Horse Show.

2013—Another great year for GallopNYC!

1000 RIDERS! By the end of 2013, GallopNYC had given a horse experience to over 1000 riders. We helped each of them walk, talk, connect, focus, behave and learn, inspiring each one to live life as fully, productively and independently as possible.

Our new home is becoming a reality: The New York City Council, at GallopNYC’s request, allocated \$2.6 million to the NYC Parks department for a covered riding arena in Prospect Park’s Bowling Green. GallopNYC must clear several approvals and community reviews to occupy the site and we expect to participate in an RFP process. We hope to be in the facility by 2016. In the meantime we use the Bowling Green as extensively as daylight and weather permit.

This year we were:

- An honoree at Youth, I.N.C.’s “Celebration” – a fundraiser at the Waldorf Astoria attended by over 1000 supporters of NYC non profits serving children,
- Awarded the EQUUS Foundation’s “Horse Whisperer” Grant, honoring our extraordinary kinship with horses, and
- Featured in compelling press coverage with wide distribution including The Wall Street Journal and NY Daily News.

Most importantly, we spent many happy hours with kids (and adults) on horses, fulfilling our mission: To use Therapeutic Horsemanship to expand opportunities and improve lives, by creating harmonious bonds between horses and our NYC community of people with disabilities and special needs.

—Alicia Kershaw, Executive Director

About GallopNYC



Meeting Mocha at our Fall Open House on the Green.

Thank you to...

- Brad Lander and the NYC Council for tremendous support;
- Youth, I.N.C. for trust in us and helping us grow;
- Kensington Stables, Lynne's Riding School and Jamaica Bay Riding Academy staff for accommodating us and our gear;
- Brooklyn Creative League for making us feel so welcome;
- Prospect Park and the Prospect Park Alliance for the use of the Bowling Green;
- AND bunches of carrots to our patient and kind **horses and ponies.**

Our FABULOUS Volunteers

Our success depends on our volunteers. We began with 10 volunteers in 2007 and now have more than 450 active volunteers and more than 1000 volunteers on our roster. Thanks to the Salesforce database that we have customized, we can report that one volunteer has contributed over 1264 lifetime hours, four have lifetime hours over 400, nine over 300, and 11 over 200 hours.

In 2013, we recorded over 10,500 volunteer hours – 10,588, to be exact, with a value of \$280,000 (*hours are valued at \$26.45 per hour*). Most of our staff and some of our board members began their association with GallopNYC as volunteers and continue to volunteer.



Champion Volunteer Deb Abel at our Horse Show

Our ten hardest working volunteers in 2013 were (hours):

Kara McManus	169	Justin Larson	193
Sarah Hickey	169	Lillian Jimenez	242
Beth McReynolds	169	Stephanie Blair	249
Audrey Abbott	176	Katherine Burr	390
Chris Foster	192	Deborah Abel	649

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 Independent LCSW

Our Participants

GallopNYC in 2013 provided 3310 therapeutic riding lessons, working with 150 – 180 riders per week depending on the season. We held lessons for as many as eight sessions a week at three locations for 33 weeks of lessons.

We also offered four days each week of hippotherapy with Physical Therapist Dianne Garcia, for 511 hippotherapy sessions.

And through our free, public Horse Education program at Prospect Park's Bowling Green, GallopNYC offered 132 public horse education lessons in 2013.

Our grand total: 3953 lessons!



Leah Kest is a GallopNYC Champion.

Success Story:

Our volunteer David is a young adult on the autism spectrum. He got his first paid job ever, working at the outdoor sporting goods store REI in SoHo. His job coach told us:

"Working with GallopNYC truly changed the course of Dave's life . . . The staff at GallopNYC's kind and welcoming attitude towards those with disabilities I feel, was the ultimate catalyst in Dave's feeling he had the ability to handle the next level of his work career. He learned valuable work readiness skills."

GallopNYC offers lessons free of charge to Veterans of the Armed Forces.



Vinnie, one of our Veterans, "barrel racing" at our horse show.

Does it Work?

With the help of ReLearning Curve, GallopNYC embarked on an extensive project to develop meaningful measurement and evaluation of our program. Thanks to our new evaluation system, we can analyze progress of our riders along a number of factors –such as age or diagnosis. We can pull results for specific groups of riders. Our instructors establish goals for each rider, and we report each rider's progress towards those goals to parents and teachers.

For example, two thirds of riders with a goal of "developing appropriate level of social interaction" showed improvement, and of those half improved by 2 or more levels. **80% of our riders showed improvement on at least one of their goals. And ALL gained riding skills.**



Grooming Snickers Builds a Bond between Boy and Pony.

Financial Report

2013 Support and Revenues

Riding fees	\$144,845
Less Tuition Waivers	(67,820)
Net riding fees	77,025
Grants	279,810
Contributions	164,699
Contributed services	60,996
Special events	127,559
Gain on Sale of Investments	18,620
Interest income	1,277
Other income	2,206
Total Support and Revenues	732,192

Expenses

Program Services	
Therapeutic riding program	\$422,526
Support Services	
Management and General	\$55,832
Fundraising	54,397
Total Expenses	532,786
Increase in Net Assets	199,406
Net Assets Beginning of Year	244,999
Net Assets End of Year	444,405

List of Donors

AWARDED: \$411,812

Foundation: \$300,125

Ambrose Monell Foundation
 American Express Foundation
 American Quarter Horse Foundation
 Anonymous
 Association of Fundraising Professionals
 Blackstone Charitable Foundation
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 Purple Heart Foundation Charitable Service Trust
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 Stone Valley Trailriding Association
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 The Achelis Foundation

Family Foundation/Donor Advised Funds: \$53,850

Barbara and Donald Tober Foundation
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 Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
 Goldman Sachs Gives
 The Grodzins Fund
 Jewish Communal Fund
 Joseph S. and Diane H. Steinberg
 1992 Charitable Trust
 Lee and Cynthia Vance Foundation
 New York Community Trust Amy
 and Martin Post Fund
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Corporate: \$36,417

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Moms Fighting Autism
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 Youth, I.N.C.

Matching Funds: \$16,320

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Sydney lovin' the Jamaica Bay "Hoof Spa."

Your financial support goes entirely to providing lessons. In 2013 GallopNYC offered tuition waivers (no cost or reduced price lessons) to the more than two-thirds of our riders who have low incomes, with a value of about \$68,000. In addition, we offer free lessons to our public school riders and because of the needs of the community we serve, we have set our fees below our costs, covering the difference, about \$354,000 in program costs alone, with your generous help. GallopNYC depends on donations to offer our lessons to our riders who cannot afford to pay our fees.