



September 2024

**On Sunday, September 22nd, We Run,
Walk, Roll and Stroll so they can RIDE!**



Derby Dash

5k Race ~ Walk ~ Kids Fun Run

A BENEFIT FOR WE CAN RIDE
HORSES CHANGING LIVES

Join us for the Inaugural Derby Dash!

- Raise money for a great cause
- Be a part of a really fun day at Lake Rebecca Park!
- Choose your speed - register to run or walk
- Choose your distance - our out-and-back course allows participants to choose how far they want to go!
- Leashed dogs are welcome
- Water stations, mile markers, and folks cheering for you along the course
- Post-race snacks to refuel after your efforts!
- Register by Friday, September 13th and be guaranteed a race t-shirt



[Register!](#)



Team Highlight: Sue Henn's Derby Dash Fundraiser for her Grandsons Jordan and Theo

"Our grandsons have benefitted greatly from the programming at We Can Ride.

Jordan has been taking Hippotherapy for some time to help him with physical, occupational and speech therapy. At age four he was not walking, but after his first session he started walking and now we can't keep up with him!

Theo is now taking the program to help strengthen him as well. We find this therapy amazing and life changing.

It takes upkeep to feed, vet bills, shelter for the horses. I'm hoping Tim and I can help make a difference as this program offers so much hope."

[Donate to Sue's Page](#)

Learn about our Programming

Volunteer and Community Lessons



There's room for everyone to join in the fun!

In addition to our adaptive and therapeutic programs, We Can Ride also regularly welcomes volunteers and members of the community who want to improve their horsemanship skills.



Taught by Tabea Brockman, our Equine Operations Manager with a lifetime of horse experience including an extensive background in classical dressage, each of these lessons is unique and shaped by the client and their goals.



Participants have included We Can Ride volunteers, staff, siblings of clients, people from other programs such as first responders that want to take a deeper dive, and more. Folks come to us in any way imaginable, and we are happy to support them on their horsemanship (and mulemanship) journeys!

[Contact us!](#)

Engagement Opportunities



Volunteer with the We Can Ride Team at the 2024 Grand Prix event at the Harvest Horse Show on October 5th and benefit WCR!

Volunteers are needed:

- Selling tickets
- Checking wristbands
- Selling programs
- Helping with setup and teardown

All volunteers receive free admission to the show!

[Sign up to Volunteer at the Harvest Horse Show](#)



Volunteers needed for the Derby Dash in several key roles

Volunteers are needed:

- Greeting
- Registration
- Course water stations (great for teens and families!)

[Sign up to Volunteer at the Derby Dash](#)



Volunteer for Fall Session

Volunteers are still needed to fill several ongoing roles for fall session. Interested? Contact volunteer coordinator Angel Maltby for more information.

[Email Angel](#)



Leading the Herd

A message from our Executive Director

We did it! Hay Day for Horses was a smashing success, all thanks to our amazing donors! Not only did we hit our \$40,000 goal, but we also crowned McDreamy, our star thoroughbred, as Horse of the Year. **But hold your horses—could there be a plot twist in this tale? It looks like a dark horse might have snuck in just under the wire!** Keep an eye on your inbox for some exciting news and a surprise you won't want to miss!

THANK YOU DERBY DASH SPONSORS!

We couldn't do it without you. Thanks for making this event great!



THANK YOU

Your generosity and commitment enables us to continue providing life-changing experiences for our riders. Thanks to you, we are able to offer therapeutic sessions that enhance physical, emotional, and mental well-being. Your contributions make a profound difference in the lives of those we serve.

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