



November 2024



It's about community

Introducing...Michael!

Michael has been a We Can Ride volunteer for three years as a sidewalker and barn aid.

What does he love most about volunteering? It's the kids! He says, "I love the combination of children and horses. Working with kids in class, a big part of it is watching them improve and make progress. More than that though...it brings them joy. I love seeing their joy after a great session."



He tells a story of a client he was working with recently who was laughing after one of the horses passed manure during class. "She thought it was hilarious and stinky, and we laughed about that. But then after she watched one of the instructors use the muck rake to clean up, she said 'wait! I want to do that!' and so after her lesson she was able to use the rake and muck the arena. Her parents were so proud of her and were taking pictures. Now that's a true horsewoman!"

Tickets on Sale Soon

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PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CENTER
MARCH 2ND, 2025

Celebrate our Success!

**THAT'S A
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OR TROT
2024!**



"What a fantastically amazing event. So many kids that would otherwise not have been able to be part of a traditional Halloween Party were made to feel so very welcomed today - mine for sure!"



Engagement Opportunities



Why Give to the Max?

Give to the Max Day is a yearly fundraising event held in Minnesota where individuals donate to their preferred non-profit organizations and schools through the GiveMN platform, essentially serving as the state's designated "giving holiday"; it's considered a national model for online giving days, with thousands of organizations participating and millions of dollars raised each year to support various causes across the state.

How it works:

- People can donate to any participating non-profit through the GiveMN website **anytime after November 1st and through November 21st.**

Incentives:

- The event often features prize drawings where donors can win "Golden Tickets" which award additional funds to the non-profit they donated to. **After November 1st, one Golden Ticket is drawn each day!**

Impact:

- Considered a major fundraising event for Minnesota non-profits, your donation supports every aspect of our mission and launches us into 2025!

Give to the Max for We Can Ride

Volunteer with us!



Hey Volunteer Leaders!

If you have completed Leader training but want to practice your leader skills and work with various horses, please sign up for leader practice with instructors Emma and Liz! There is an open practice on most Sundays from 12-2.

Spots are limited, so get them while you can!! Sign up for as many as you like!

Sign up for leader training



Are you considering volunteering at We Can Ride?

Are you a current volunteer looking for a new role, or to expand your horizons?

We host volunteer trainings throughout the year to support you.

Questions? Email our volunteer coordinator, Angel Maltby at angelm@wecanride.org

Sign up for volunteer training

Amazon Wish List

We Can Ride maintains an up-to-date wish list with everything from barn and office needs to programming and horse care items.

Feel like doing a little shopping? We appreciate gifts large and small. Ships directly to the barn!



[Shop our Amazon Wish List](#)



Leading the Herd

A message from our Executive Director

On a beautiful fall day in November, we said goodbye to our Jasper.

Born in 1991 he came to We Can Ride in 2012. The number of hours he served and the number of lives he touched is beyond measure. There was something special about that pony, and many of us cannot imagine life without him to greet us from his corner stall.

Jasper was an example of a life well lived, and he taught all of us to be fully present for life's simple pleasures. Although our hearts are broken, it was a privilege to grant him a final act of loving kindness.

Surrounded by dear friends both horse and human, Jasper was gently led from this world to the next. He took his last breath knowing only love and comfort. The world was better because he lived, and we will never forget him.

I know that we share this loss with our whole We Can Ride community, and the many lives that he touched.



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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