



Little Bit of a Newsletter

"Turning Disabilities into Abilities"

January 2025

Quarter Moon Acres Equine Therapy Center

Horses, hope, healing - three simple words that together, hold the power to transform lives. At QMA, we are dedicated to supporting individuals facing cognitive, emotional and physical challenges. Guided by compassion, inclusiveness and trust, we harness the extraordinary bond between horses and humans to provide the highest level of care.

QMA is more than just a service; it's a community. Many of our clients and their families describe QMA as a home – a place filled with connection, belonging, and the warmth of family.

Horses change lives. They give our young people confidence and self-esteem.

They provide peace and tranquility to troubled souls. They give us hope! – Toni Robinson

Our Very Own Veterans



QMA welcomed Mike, an Air Force veteran, in 2024. Mike affectionately refers to his mare, "Tuni," as his 900-pound girlfriend. His face lights up every time he gets to brush her, and it's clear the feeling is mutual—Tuni seems to adore him just as much. Mike leading our favorite mule, Rolex out to the pasture.



QMA also welcomed Steve in 2024. A disabled veteran, Steve spent many years riding and driving horses until a tragic accident—a car hitting his carriage and horse after a parade—brought that chapter of his life to an end. Now, Steve finds joy and healing as a volunteer at QMA. He helps in the barn, assists with classes, prepares horses for lessons, and enjoys trail rides with us. Steve has shared that being part of QMA has been deeply therapeutic for him, and he truly appreciates the warm, supportive barn atmosphere.



QMA's very valuable volunteer ... April Simmons



April wears many hats at Quarter Moon Acres. Whether she's preparing horses for therapy classes, participating in parades to promote QMA, or scheduling weekly lessons, April is always ready to lend a hand. Her creativity and ingenuity in designing classes for our riders are truly extraordinary. Beyond therapy days, April also helps feed the horses several times each week, embodying the dedication and heart that make QMA so special.

Thank you April. We would not have QMA without you!



Coming Soon - Adopt A Therapy Horse

Our therapy horses are the heart and soul of QMA. Many of these incredible animals are seniors, requiring extra care and maintenance to thrive. By adopting a horse, your gift will ensure they remain healthy, happy, and ready to create life-changing moments for those who need them most. Each therapist's expenses cost about \$5,000 each year.

WHY SHOULD I ADOPT A THERAPY HORSE?

Your gift will benefit your horse by covering essential needs such as:

- Grain
- Supplements
- Hay
- Farrier
- Veterinary Costs
- Dental

There are different levels of adoption. And each level comes with different rewards.

Gold - \$100/month or \$1000 year

Silver - \$75/month or \$750

Bronze- \$50/month or \$500

WHAT DO I GET IF I ADOPT A HORSE?

- A QMA hat and/or t-shirt with adoptee's name and horse's name
- Your name on the stall of your adopted horse
- Recognition on our website and Facebook page
- A picture of you and your adopted horse on our website and Facebook page
- A certificate of sponsorship
- Tax deductible donation form
- Adoptee can help groom adopted horse (if desired)
- Adoptee can get riding lessons on your adopted horse (number of rides dependent on adoption level)

Watch the new QMA website
(www.qmaequinetherapy.com)
and Facebook for details about
adopting a horse.

Thank You!

Clydesdale Level - (\$3000 +)

- + Don Johnson
- + Kori Sawyer
- + Norm Osero

Thoroughbred Level (\$1001-\$3000)

- + **Amery Lions**
- + **Congregational Church**
- + Sheryll Clark
- + Ken Dirks
- + Bob/Jean Hansen
- + Scott/Roni Schuler

Quarter Horse Level (\$501-\$1000)

- + Julianne Andersen
- + Christine Byerly
- + Greg Byrne
- + Dennis/Pam Carson
- + Gary/Vicki Ganje
- + Brad/Sue Johnson
- + Terry/Marlene Kirkman
- + Patricia Kolman
- + Deb Kravik
- + **Dr. Jessica Lara**
- + Kathy Teske
- + **Tim's Top Hat**
- + **Dresser Trap Rock**

Arabian Level - (\$100-\$500)

- + Ellie Amans
- + **Amery Chiropractic**
- + **Amery Women's Club**
- + **Auxiliary Post 7929**
- + **Balsam Lake Hardware**
- + LeeAnn Belisle
- + Darlene Bertelsen
- + Jon Buss
- + **Byrnes Law Office**
- + **Cardinal Glass**
- + Joe/Shirley Carnine
- + Carl Clausen
- + Glen Clausen
- + **Carlson SV**
- + **Clear Lake Hardware**
- + Clear Lake VFW
- + MaryAnn Coen
- + Mary Chelberg
- + Rich/Geri Cooke
- + **Chet Johnsons**
- + Steve/Kathy Christenson
- + Fritz Coulter
- + **Complete Automotive**
- + **Core Products**
- + **Cumberland Tire**
- + **Dick's Fresh Market**
- + **Dental Arts**
- + Nancy Dufek
- + Diane Frey
- + Deb Gerhardt
- + **Deronda ELCA Women**
- + **Family Restaurant**
- + **First Lutheran Church**

Arabian Level (\$100-\$500)

- + **Forest Inn**
- + Ilona Fouks
- + Arvid/Colleen Helin
- + Jim/Judy Haupt
- + Ben/Nicole Hanke
- + Tiffany Hove
- + Marge Hover
- + Carol Hovey
- + Dennis/Diane Hoag
- + Peggy Jensen
- + Tim/Diane Johnson
- + **Gille Trucking/Excavating**
- + Terra Pawkiuk Giffin
- + Joyce Gullickson
- + Charlotte Gundmunsen
- + Dianne Koser
- + Matt Johnson
- + Tim Lange
- + Lisa Lundeen-Brooks
- + Dale/Robin Mattson
- + Naomi Mattson
- + Leslie/Eileen Markee
- + Robert Meintz II
- + Rosalee Kittleson
- + **Jarcow Law Office**
- + **Joe's Heating & Air**
- + **Kemis Carpet**
- + **Luck Saddlery**
- + Diane Lauritsen
- + Diane Morel
- + Sandy Morris
- + Linda Millerman
- + Gae Magnafici
- + Ashley Nagel
- + Rick Nelson
- + Colleen Noonan
- + Wayne Olson
- + Angel Olson
- + **Osceola Vet Service**
- + Dori Peters
- + Sally Pickard
- + Patricia Pietrus
- + James Quenan
- + Julie Riemenschneider
- + **Sunrise Land Surveying**
- + John Sauer
- + Bruce/Kristine Siltberg
- + Joe/Anne Soltau
- + **Stage Farrier Svs.**
- + **Stems from the Heart**
- + Gerald Tessman
- + Debbie Tieg
- + Carla Townsend
- + **Travis Teigen Farrier**
- + **Trulsen Chiropractic**
- + Anjanette Osero
- + **Walmart**
- + Mike/Liz Waltzer
- + **Williams & Davis Law Office**
- + **Williamson & White**

Pony Level - (\$99 or less)

- + **Apple River TV**
- + **Amery Meat Market**
- + Tim/Pat Anderson
- + **Bergman's Greenhouse**
- + Peggy Audley
- + Audrey Aune



Pony Level (\$99 or less)

- + Peggy Berglund
- + Sue Bjelland
- + Tim Bjorge
- + Deena Black
- + Mary Borek
- + Tom Carlsgaard
- + Kay Erickson
- + Colleen Foxwell
- + Cathy Frandsen
- + Barb Gilland
- + Stanley Heavner
- + Nancy Hoffman
- + Linda Kuckenmeister
- + Cheryl Kruse
- + Cheryl Hustad
- + Marissa Johnson
- + Lee/Bev Gorres
- + Terry Guanella
- + Patricia Kolman
- + Patrick Kothbauer
- + Karen Krupa
- + Ardith Kukowski
- + Ann Ludwig
- + Carol Mattson
- + Aundrayer Meyer
- + **Lamperts, Amery**
- + **Menards, SCF**
- + Patrick/Nancy O'Brien
- + Lenore Olson
- + Scott/Jolene Olson
- + Ken Oman
- + Paul Oman
- + Greg Orton
- + Judy Park
- + **ProNails**
- + Chery Peterson
- + Michelle Peterson
- + Carolyn Peterson
- + Parson Family
- + R. H. Rasmussen
- + Nancy Reeves
- + Keith Ruehlow
- + **UW Wanderoos**
- + Patricia Robbins
- + Shirley Rossing
- + Colleen Schmidt
- + Holly Sprester
- + Barb Tanner
- + Luke Wittkop
- + **Village Pizzeria, Amery**
- + Becky Wietecha
- + Peter Whitcomb
- + Luke/Jessica Wittkop
- + **Z Orchard**
- + Matt Ziegler

We are very sorry if we have inadvertently missed anyone on the 'giving sheet' or maybe not in the correct 'giving area'. Please let us know if something is not correct.

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Tentative QMA 2025 Calendar

April 26 – Hands on Volunteer Training at QMA

April 30 – GIVE Big (*for those that do not want to use mail services, we would appreciate your thoughtfulness during the GIVEBIG campaign*)

May 3 – Alternative date for Hands on Volunteer Training at QMA

May 13 – Lessons begin at QMA

August 9 – Open Game and Fun Show

October 4 – Barn Bash (tentative)

Quarter Moon Acres is looking for volunteers who want to make a difference by helping “Turn Disabilities into Abilities.”

Make a difference with QMA Equine therapy center!

Volunteering at QMA is more than just giving your time- it's about changing lives. By Working alongside our amazing therapy horses, you'll bring joy, healing, and excitement to those who need it most.

No Experience with horses? No problem! We'll guide you every step of the way. Whether you're leading a horse, assisting riders, or helping behind the scenes, your time and energy will directly impact lives in a meaningful way.

Please join us April 26th for hands-on training opportunity to see just what we do at Quarter Moon.



At the end of our therapy classes each year, QMA hosts an appreciation pizza party at the Village Pizzeria to celebrate our amazing volunteers. This event is filled with fun, gratitude and give aways, culminating in the grand prize – a beautiful quilt, hand made by our very own Karole Lee. It is our way of showing how much we value and appreciate the dedication and heart our volunteers bring to Quarter Moon Acres.

We love
OUR
Volunteers

A message from QMA

Founders:

Happy 10th Anniversary to QMA! As we reflect on the past decade, we are deeply grateful to everyone who has contributed to making QMA a success. Ten years ago, we had a dream – to create a place where the healing bond between horses and humans could thrive. Thanks to your support, that dream has become a reality.

Quarter Moon Acres is a Christ-centered facility that connects people with horses in a therapeutic environment empowering individuals to turn disabilities into abilities