



Little Bit of a Newsletter

"Turning Disabilities into Abilities"

February 2026

Quarter Moon Acres Equine Therapy



"QMA Board of Directors, founders, volunteers and riders wish to express their heartfelt appreciation for the generous support from the community. Because of your generosity, QMA has been able to share God's love of enriching the lives of over 26 riders (past and present) since 2015."



We Love Our Riders

"When our two boys first came to Quarter Moon Acres, they were struggling with anxiety and behavioral issues. New

environments were hard for them, and when we first met Patti and the horses, they were understandably standoffish and nervous.

Patti and her team met them exactly where they were. We started slowly, allowing the boys to build trust at their own pace. Over time, something remarkable happened and they became extremely comfortable around the horses. What once felt intimidating turned into a place of calm, safety, and growth.

Over the last two years, my boys, now ages 8 and 10, have made incredible progress. Through caring for the horses, they have learned responsibility, compassion, and patience. They've

grown confident not only in handling the horses, but in believing in themselves. The progress they've made through this therapy has truly been leaps and bounds; emotionally, socially, and behaviorally.

Beyond individual growth, QMA has given them so much more. They've built friendships, learned teamwork, worked through problems, and grown in healthy ways, all while being grounded in a solid Christian foundation. Most telling of all, they truly can't wait each week to see Patti, Micah, Karole, and their beloved horses, Maddie and Katie.

This program has been a tremendous blessing to our family, and we are deeply grateful for the lasting impact it continues to have on our boys' lives." --Grateful and Blessed Parents, Amanda & Brent



QMA's Board of Directors



April has been volunteering with QMA since 2022. She supports QMA through lesson planning and the development of QMA's website. Her dedication and creativity help make each rider's experience meaningful and impactful.



Paula has been Volunteering with QMA since 2021 and has lifelong love for horses. She holds a degree in Equine Studies and owns Maddie, a beloved horse who proudly serves in QMA's therapy programs.



Greta has been volunteering with QMA since 2023, helping in many ways, including photography. She loves capturing the growth and confidence equine therapy brings to our riders.



Jackie has been with QMA since 2016. In addition to her lover for horses, she is a master gardener who helps keep our flower gardens looking beautiful.

Be part of something life-changing - volunteer with Quarter Moon Acres equine therapy team and help transform lives."

Many of our volunteers begin with the intention of helping others, only to discover the experience is deeply therapeutic for themselves as well. Witnessing participants grow physically, emotionally, and socially, and knowing you played a role in that growth, is profoundly rewarding.



As a QMA volunteer, you won't just work with horses; you'll witness powerful transformations. You'll see anxious children find calm while grooming a gentle mare, trauma survivors begin to release years of stored pain, and individuals who once felt disconnected rediscover emotion and hope. Through the steady presence of horses, participants experience unconditional acceptance, develop trust, and learn emotional regulation in ways words alone cannot achieve.

You don't have to love horses to volunteer, just people. Volunteers come from all walks of life and are united by a desire to serve and support others. There are many ways to help, including horse leaders, side walkers who ensure rider safety, groomers who help prepare the horses, and barn buddies who assist with daily barn chores.

Whether you're able to volunteer once, twice, or on a regular basis, every helping hand makes a difference, and every hour you give helps change a life. We couldn't do this without all the wonderful volunteers!



Patti's Story

When I first started Quarter Moon Acres, I never could have imagined what this journey would become. As a high school student, I struggled with ADD and SADD. Unlike today, these challenges went undiagnosed, and my grades suffered during the fall and winter quarters. The warmth and sunshine of spring often made up for it, but getting through the harder months was never easy.

The horse that kept me going during those times was a palomino gelding appropriately named Trigger. My dad bought Trigger for me when I was eight years old. With no money for formal riding lessons, I ate a fair amount of dirt before I finally got the hang of it. Looking back, I realized that Trigger understood what I was going through even when I didn't understand it myself.

It wasn't until I started QMA that I truly grasped the impact that horses had on my life, and why horses can be so powerful for others facing their own challenges.

Psalm 107:1: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

My own experience has given me a deep understanding of how powerfully horses can support healing and growth. That understanding is why I am asking for your continued support of Quarter Moon Acres. For safety and temperament reasons, we rely on geriatric horses in our therapy programs. Because these horses are older, they require additional care—including specialized feed additives, increased feed, regular veterinary visits, and arthritis medications—to keep them healthy, comfortable, and able to serve our riders.

Your support helps us care for these incredible horses while continuing our mission to serve individuals with disabilities. With your help, we can keep QMA, and the healing power of these horses, going strong. We at QMA are deeply thankful for every prayer and donation we have received over the years. Without your continued generosity, we would not be able to *Turn Disabilities into Abilities*. You have kept us going since 2015, and we are truly grateful.



RMDs: In 2026, Required Minimum Distributions are minimum amounts that IRA and retirement account owners generally must withdraw annually starting with the year they reach age 73. Retirees can satisfy RMDs by making a tax-free Qualified Charitable Distribution directly from an IRA to a qualified charity. The RMD can be donated but not counted toward the person's income for that year. **Please contact your financial advisor for full information.**

GIVEBIG provides a 24-hour annual giving event to support the work of local nonprofits, but the giving doesn't have to stop after the event! Quarter Moon Acres is once again participating in GIVEBIG St. Croix Valley.



Or use envelope provided.

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Tentative QMA 2026 Calendar

May 2 – Hands on Volunteer Training at Quarter Moon Acres

April 28 – GIVE Big (*for those that do not want to use mail services, we would appreciate your thoughtfulness during the GIVEBIG campaign*)

May 9 – Alternative date for Hands on Volunteer Training at QMA

May 12 – Lessons begin at Quarter Moon Acres

June – Quarter Moon Acres Garage Sale

September 8 – Client open Game and Fun Show at QMA



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

Thank You to the Following Businesses, Churches, Lions and Auxiliaries for Supporting QMA

Clydesdale: Gifts of \$3000 or more



**D&T Truck Transport
Nordahl Insurance**

Thoroughbred: Gifts from \$1001 to \$2500



**Congregational Church
Amery Lions
Tim's Top Hat**

Quarter Horse: Gifts from \$501 - \$1000



**Auxiliary VFW Post 7927
Deronda ELCA Women
Sport Tune
New Growth Psychology
Little Falls Luth. Church**

Arabian: Gifts from \$100 - \$500



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Amery Women's Club
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Bergmans Green House
Byrnes Law Office
Cardinal Glass
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Clear Lake Hardware
Complete Automotive
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Dresser Trap Rock
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Stage Farrier Service
Stems From The Heart
Trulsen Chiropractic
UW Wanderoos
Walmart
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Williamson & White Funeral**

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Kori Sawyer Norm Osero

Thoroughbred: Gifts from \$1001-\$2500

Christine Byerly Bob/Jean Hansen
Sheryl Clark Phil Kluge
Ken Dirks Elizabeth Monson
Gary Ganje Scott/Roni Schuler

Quarter Horse: Gifts from \$501 - \$1000

Julianne Andersen Lynn Keate
Laura Behling Terry/Marlene Kirkman
Greg Byrne Patricia Kolman
Dennis/Pam Carson Deb Kravik
Brad/Sue Johnson Kathy Teske

Arabian: Gifts from \$100 - \$500

Ellie Amans Tiffany Hove
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Sharon Bringewatt Peggy Jensen
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Kelly Cornelius Gae Magnafici
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Arvid/Collen Helin Rick Nelson
Jim/Judy Haupt Colleen Noonan
Dennis/Diane Hoag Wayne/Lenore Olson
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Arabian: Gifts from \$100 - \$500

Anjanette Osero John Sauer
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Glen Clausen Linda O'Donnell
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Susan Kittel Peter Whitcomb
Patrick Kothbauer Becky Wietecha
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Linda Kuckenmeister Matt/Mary Ziegler
Chelsea Kruse



We sincerely apologize if we have inadvertently missed anyone in the Giving Sheets or placed you in the incorrect category. Please let us know if anything needs to be corrected.