

THE HORSE'S VOICE

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Inspirational Quotes

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single minute before starting to improve the world.

~Anne Frank

Wherever man has left his footprint in the long ascent from barbarism to civilization we will find the hoofprint of the horse beside it.

~John Moore

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

~Margaret Mead

There is nothing so good for the inside of a man as the outside of a horse.

~John Lubbock

To share often and much...to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am only one; but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. I will not refuse to do the something I can do.

~Helen Keller

To affect change, we must first believe that we can. To our loyal donors, you have and continue to do so. The vision is one of hope.

Since 2003, the support of friends like you has saved horses and positively impacted the lives of people. This year alone our donors gave more than 100 horses a new lease on life.

When it comes to the people whose lives have been touched, the list is equally long. Our donors are the underpinning of every child who writes a memoir entitled "Hope" after spending a day at our farm, every intern who earns a veterinary certificate or is accepted to vet school, and every person young or adult, whose life has been changed for the better because of a horse they adopted from us.

Each contribution creates a ripple of kindness, caring, compassion, and hope—and each ripple has the potential to turn a life around.



George was a living skeleton when rescued last Fall. Today, he is happy, healthy & loving his new family—& friends!

In this issue of the *Horse's Voice*, we celebrate our loyal supporters. Representing twenty-seven states and three countries, our donors are the driving force behind every happy new beginning—for horse and human.

Some of those happy new beginnings are featured in the coming pages with words of appreciation from our adoptive parents and photos we hope will make you smile. Also covered in this issue is an update on the 41 horses seized last fall from a neglect situation, photos from two fun events with special thanks to our hosts and the dedicated volunteers who made them possible, and other activities beyond horse care that have kept us busy this winter.

Looking ahead, we are gearing up for our spring and summer education and outreach programs. This year we are hosting another student for the Westport School's job shadowing project, farm tours, volunteer workdays, workshops to teach kindness and compassion, and visits from the ARC and members of the County's mental health association, to name a few.

There are never enough pages to cover every aspect of our work. We hope the words and images in this newsletter convey a sense of accomplishment and appreciation for all those who make our work possible.

Edward Mrozik

WORDS OF APPRECIATION FROM ADOPTIVE PARENTS



George loves his new family.

We are so happy that we found Crane Mountain Valley Horse Rescue and added a wonderful new member to our equine family. Little "George" and his dam were saved from starvation last fall and brought back to life along with 39 others from the same situation. From a living skeleton George bounced back to a smart strong confident colt in the seven months he was being rehabilitated by Nancy and Eddie. The love and caring he had there is evident in his trust of humans and his willingness to cooperate. We are grateful to have found a rescue with such a solid foundation of love and trust to build on. I cannot give them enough praise for their excellent much needed work saving our horses from suffering. They are the BEST!

Sallie, Betsy & George



Deb and Tuffy and their forever bond.

Eddie and Nancy are great people with big hearts! They did so well with the seized horses, Minnie (one of the young fillies that my family adopted) had only been handled for about two months. She is the bravest, loving, and sassy little girl! Thank you CMVHR for giving these beautiful animals a second chance.

Angel & Minnie

John and I had a great experience adopting Zephyr. Nancy and Eddie devote their lives to the animals.

Em & Zephyr



An incredible program run by incredible people. As an adoptive parent to a CMVHR rescue horse, I can't say enough about this organization. A great place, and a great cause.

Tracey & Atticus

Eddie and Nancy saved my Tuffy from slaughter. Eddie outbid a kill buyer for my boy. The first time I went up to CMVHR and met Tuffy, we knew it was a match made in heaven. For the next 4 months on the weekends, Eddie and Nancy helped me lay the groundwork for a beautiful partnership with Tuffy. They were very patient with me and gave me the tools, knowledge, and confidence I needed to continue his training when I got him home. I will always be grateful to them for giving us the best possible start.

Crane Mountain Valley Horse Rescue is an incredible rescue run by a devoted and inspirational team. They are truly dedicated to the welfare of all the animals in their care. Eddie and Nancy are a true asset to their own community and beyond with their education and outreach programs. Their mission statement says it all... and they really do live by those words.

Thank you both for all you have done and will continue to do on behalf of our majestic horses. ♥

Deb & Tuffy

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All of my siblings for Christmas
 Kay Borger and Anita Burke
 Buck (horse)
 CMVHR's 10th anniversary
 Clara's visit
 Emily Cotran
 Frances Eisinger and Pelham Bay
 Fiona Farrell and Monte (horse)
 Deb Feeley
 Friends
 Brenda Hayes
 Izabelle Korman
 Naya (horse adopted from CMVHR)
 Isabel Sternthal
 Nancy Van Wie's birthday

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

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 Doris Fee
 Evelyn Gay
 Andy and Stella Haigh
 Ricky Harper
 Gary Hayes
 David LaFleur
 Katherine "Kit" Perry
 Joseph "Floyd" Sears
 C. Lawrence West

With special thanks to
 BerryDunn in Maine for choosing
 us as your charity of choice for
 "jeans day" and for raising over
 \$500!!!



Two years ago today, a few minutes from one o'clock, a horse named Silverado walked off a trailer and stole my heart. I couldn't let this special day go by without remembering who made this love possible and express by gratitude.

Renee & Silverado

To our generous and loyal donors—
 you made these happy new beginnings possible!

** DONORS SINCE WE OPENED OUR DOORS

* DONORS FOR 3 OR MORE YEARS

41 HORSE SEIZURE UPDATE AND MORE...

Last September, we participated in the largest horse seizure in Essex County history involving 41 horses who were suffering from neglect and starvation. Because the criminal case against the horses' former owners is still active we cannot publish "before" photos in this issue, but we can provide a quick update since our winter newsletter along with some current photos—like the one to the right of Ursula (formerly #37) and Buggy, her foal born Easter Sunday. Buggy is one of four new foals born to date from this herd of horses, with five more mares expecting delivery any day. While we also can't share details yet about the condition of the horses at the time of the seizure because of the ongoing case, we can say definitively and without a doubt that these foals and their mothers would not have survived the brutally cold winter had they not been removed from the situation they were in. So, when you add the number of foals born and yet-to-be born, the number of horses saved from this one situation is near 50.



We are pleased to report that after each of the seized horses was evaluated by a veterinarian, brought up to date on vaccinations and deworming, restored to healthy weight, and the twelve stallions gelded [with great thanks to a grant from One Horse at a Time] we have successfully placed all of them in wonderful new homes, including the pregnant mares. Every day we receive updated photos, e-mails, and notes from adoptive parents with expressions of joy and gratitude. The gratitude from the horses is evident, too, in their expressions, their willingness to give and trust, and their remarkable turn-around in such a short period of time.

CMVHR adopted four of the most fragile cases from the seizure into our program. They needed a little extra time and TLC. We are pleased to report that two of them, Jumper and George—a mere skeleton when he arrived with his mother who had no milk to give due to lack of nutrition—have since been adopted. George (cover photo and page 2) grew an inch a week once his mother's milk returned and they were both getting fed grain and hay. His mother, fittingly called Mommy, is still awaiting her forever home here with us. The fourth horse, Ursula, whose fear of humans was so intense she exhibited aggression toward them is also still here. She is learning to trust, has had a foal (above photo), lets us catch and lead her, and has had no issues with us touching her baby.

In addition to the 41 horse seizure, we've been hard at work finding homes for other rescued horses, rehoming horses for people in need, and this winter we mobilized our network of friends to help a woman who lost her job secure enough donated hay and grain for her 11 horses while we worked together to find homes for as many of them as we could to lighten her load. We admired her courage to ask for help before the situation became dire.

Here are two more success stories made possible by our generous donors. Biscuit (left) was donated by a caring breeder when his racing times proved too slow to be a race horse. He is now a trail buddy for a wonderful young



woman. Spellcaster (right), an older Arabian gelding is now retired on a farm with four other Arabian geldings. His owner passed away and the owner's son asked us to help write the next chapter of Spellcaster's life...

In 2014, the "Year of the Horse", we salute our loyal supporters for making these happy new beginnings possible.



Horses - if God made anything more beautiful, he kept it for himself.
~Author Unknown

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94 cents of every tax-deductible dollar donated goes directly to the care of the animals

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MUSIC, DANCING & TAMING THE WILD HORSE

This winter, Crane Mountain Valley Horse Rescue was honored to benefit from two special events coordinated by dedicated volunteers and amazing friends.

On January 25, our dear friends Sandy and Ed Hayes and family coordinated a benefit concert, spaghetti dinner and raffle featuring The Vintage Country Band at the Schroon Lake Firehouse. The treacherous travel conditions caused by snow only minimally affected attendance. The room was so packed we had to add tables. And though the tables spilled onto the dance floor, it didn't stop the crowd from having fun grooving to the music. What fun!



The Vintage Country Band performs for the crowd.



Bill Dodd, Eddie, Nancy, Julie Robards (Robards Wine & Spirits), Nicky Frechette & Helen Watrous

Teach this triple truth to all: A generous heart, kind speech, and a life of service and compassion are the things which renew humanity.

~ Buddha



On January 31, Terry Robards Wine & Spirits in Lake Placid, NY hosted a wine tasting event—*Taming the Wild Horse*—featuring "Wild Horse" wines. This was a trifecta benefit to raise money for CMVHR, Essex County, and the team of trainers who helped us get the former adult stallions from the 41 horse seizure ready for adoption.

Local businesses provided food, a generous raffle winner donated back a bottle of aged scotch along with an added gift certificate to a local spa to be raffled a second time to increase the event's proceeds, and our host and store owner Julie Robards played guitar and sang.

CMVHR would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the event coordinators and hosts, sponsors, dedicated volunteers, and attendees. *You are our heroes.*



Cowgirls burning up the dance floor.



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