

Grand Valley Equine Assisted Learning Center

December 2023



Happy holidays from our family to yours!

As we come towards the end of 2023, we would like to personally thank everyone for your support towards our organization this year.

Whether you spent time at the farm volunteering, attended an event, hung a flyer in your business, or donated we thank you. We are still working towards bringing the equine therapy to Moon Farm and integrating the two together to help service family members. During this time, we have seen so much support from our amazing community.

Thank you. Thank you for your support, your donations and for believing in our mission to serve our community.

Upcoming Events

- Christmas At the Farm
December 6th-9th from 6pm-9pm

Playhouse Adoption Program

Those who have been to the farm before know how big of a staple our playhouses are to the farm. As a team we have been working hard to preserve these beloved playhouses. This includes cosmetic and foundation work to keep them safe for families to enjoy. We have started an adoption program to help with the workload of these houses. Your adoption sponsorship would also give you the house of your choice to be decorated for Halloween and our Christmas Lights event. Your money will go towards purchasing the needed materials for your sponsored playhouse.

For more information or to adopt your favorite playhouse please contact Lewis Martin at **970-712-9648** or lmartin@gvealc.com.



A LOOK BACK ON OUR 2023 YEAR

3 of our horses got to be a part of the Special Olympics opening ceremony.



Rebuilding our barnyard.



Q-tip and his favorite rider.



Learning about farrier care.



Signing on our therapist.



Who Is GVEALC

We are an equine-assisted therapy center that is built on a three-pronged approach of 1) providing equine-assisted therapies such as physical and occupational therapy done on horseback, and equine-assisted counseling providing social and emotional support utilizing interactions with horses, 2) being an educational facility utilizing experiential learning with horses as a modality, in addition to teaching others who want to do this line of work to be able to get certified and licensed to do so, and 3) we are a research facility that demonstrates the validity of the first two. We have been operating since 2015, at Moon Farm since July 2021, which is providing us with the growth opportunity we have been looking for.

End of year tax write-offs

As business owners we understand the importance of getting as many tax write-offs as you can before the end of the year. We would like you to consider us as one of your donations before the year is over.

When you donate to GVEALC your money goes towards our mission of providing equine assisted therapy to individuals and families within our community. One of our largest donation programs is designed to support the restoration and preservation of Moon Farm through our Playhouse Adoption Program. As a donor you have the option to choose what your donation goes towards within the organization. Funds can go directly towards our therapy program including our horses and facilities, one of our events, or our homeschool enrichment program. If you would like to make a “general donation” where your funds are not directly allocated but instead can be used as needed throughout the organization, that option is available for you as well.

If you would like to make a donation towards our organization, please see the “Get Involved” section on our website. When you make an online donation, you are able to select at that time where you would like to see your funds used. GVEALC is a 501C3, number 46-4083419, you will receive a receipt for your donation to be used on your tax return.

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Construction on our indoor arena



Our new outdoor arena

