

As for Doug and Lee Ann Marrie, FETC's Horses for Heroes Program Directors it is our desire to help each hero that comes to us to achieve his/her individual goals. Our heart's desire is to see the victories achieved in riding, grooming, etc spill over into their everyday life. So that the veteran who is 100% PTSD, who in the beginning only had an hours peace when he began, can take and eventually over time can maintain that peace even when he's away from the horse.

By changing their atmosphere, hopefully we can change some mind sets and thought patterns and maybe even help to set them free. They fought for freedom before-not for themselves, but unselfishly for us. Now it is time for us to help our heroes fight for their own freedom - the freedom to be healed.



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Take a hero in need of healing, trained people with a heart to help, and combine those with the power of a horse and one has all the basic ingredients of a NARHA (North American Riding for the Handicapped Association) Horses for Heroes Program.

That is exactly what Faith Equestrian Therapeutic Center in Guyton, Georgia has done. Having already been serving the community since 2006 by offering therapeutic riding to children and adults with disabilities, FETC decided in 2009 that it was time to expand. We have started a NARHA Horses for Heroes Program in addition to those we already serve.



Our Mission

Horses for Heroes is a program dedicated to helping our wounded heroes find healing. Wounds are not always visible nor are they always physical. This program uses the power of the horse to help our heroes find healing physically, mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually.

Benefits of Therapeutic Riding

The Horses for Heroes Program was designed by NARHA and dedicated to those that have been wounded, physically, psychologically, and/or emotionally. This program uses the power of a horse to help those who have given so much to find healing.

For the person in a wheelchair, it may be the sense of freedom and mobility while being atop a horse. It may be the use of the muscles that can once again be stimulated because the horse's stride mimics ours, therefore stimulating muscles that could otherwise never be used.

For the person that has suffered a traumatic brain injury (TBI) even making it to a riding lesson on time can be a challenge. However, goals are set and even the smallest improvement is celebrated as a victory.

For the one (which we know to be many) who suffers from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), being able to come out and simply groom a horse, spending time with people who care and take an interest, being able to form a bond with such an awesome creature as a horse, gives the individual the capability to turn off those things in his/her mind that may hold them captive.



Volunteers

Our program could not run without the faithfulness of our volunteers. Horse experience is welcomed but not necessary as we train all of our volunteers. A willing heart and time to give our heroes is what we are looking for.



We encourage retired veterans as well as active-duty personnel to become a volunteer. Words cannot explain how blessed you will be for doing so.

Sponsors

Horses for Heroes offers our services to our heroes at no cost to them. We believe our heroes have given sacrificially for the freedoms we enjoy today and it is our desire to give back to them. Therefore, we operate from fundraising efforts, and donations made to our program. If you, your business or your church would like to become a Horses for Heroes sponsor, your generosity would be greatly appreciated and would help keep our program available for our heroes.

