

# THE LEAD LINE

Welcome to The Lead Line, the new e-Newsletter from  
Stable Hands Equine Therapy Center!  
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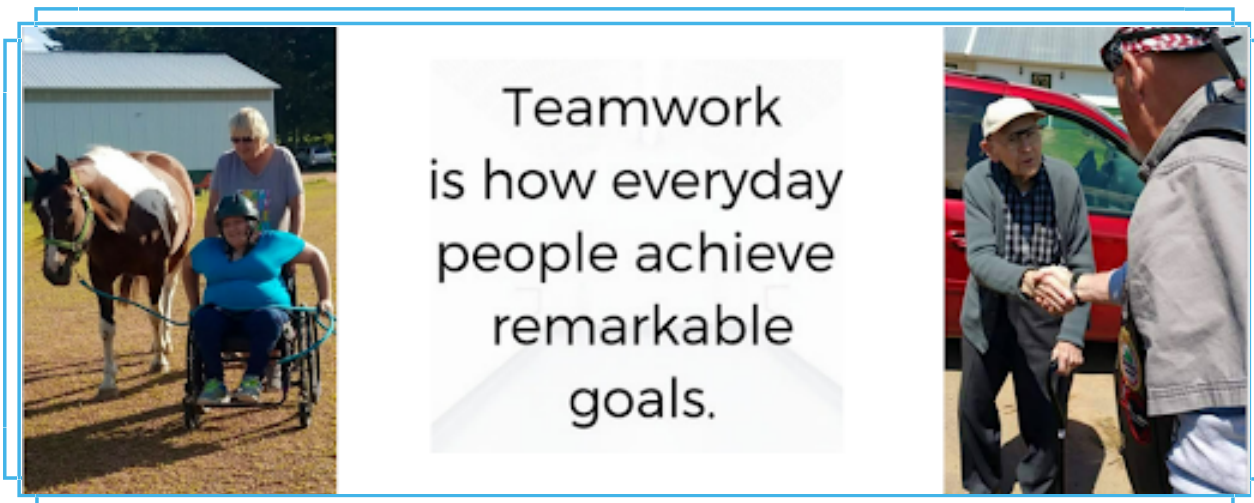
## 2022 GOALS FOR STABLE HANDS: FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In 2022 the Board of Directors plan to continue the strategic planning efforts throughout the organization, which the board agreed upon in February 2021. We voted to focus on the following areas:

- **People Policies:** Revolves around creating & evangelizing Stable Hands culture, making sure we have an Employee Handbook and policies to help the organization run smoothly.
- **Animal Policies:** Includes topics such as implementing exercise programs for the therapy horses, maintaining farm efficiencies, overseeing barn/arena maintenance, and assessing/improving horsemanship skills used in daily operations.
- **Accounting & Billing:** Includes work around accounting procedures and documentation, billing, and the financial infrastructure necessary to support the organization.
- **Role Structure:** Includes assessing roles & responsibilities of farm staff, educational programs, organization structure, and communication in day to day operations.
- **EAGALA:** Includes reviewing the Stable Hands Code of Ethics, safety parameters, HIPAA concerns, record keeping, and partnering with agencies to provide top notch therapeutic support to clients in our local and surrounding communities.
- **Capital Campaign:** With a 501(c)3 organization, there is a significant need for fundraising, community awareness and outreach. These continuing efforts as well as the 30th Anniversary campaign to celebrate this significant milestone for the program. Learn more about the Capital Campaign [here](#).



We are excited about the 30th Anniversary of Stable Hands, and the bright future ahead!



## 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President:** Leslie Brown

**Vice President/Secretary:** Jennifer Schwede

**Treasurer:** Linsa Wischmeyer

**Members:** Mary Zaglifa (*Director of Development*), Angela Frederickson (*Program Liaison*), Carolyn Stahlecker (*Farm Operations*), Laura Wojchik (*Animal Care*)

**Executive & Program Director:** Diane Abitz (*Founder of Stable Hands, Inc.*)

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## CHRISTMAS AT STABLE HANDS (2021)

Many volunteers and staff gathered the weekend before Christmas to groom the horses and dress them up for the holidays!! They took festive photos to capture what a fun day it was! Thank you to all who came (the horses sure loved the attention)!



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## 2021 COMPLETION OF THE FOREST LOOP TRAIL

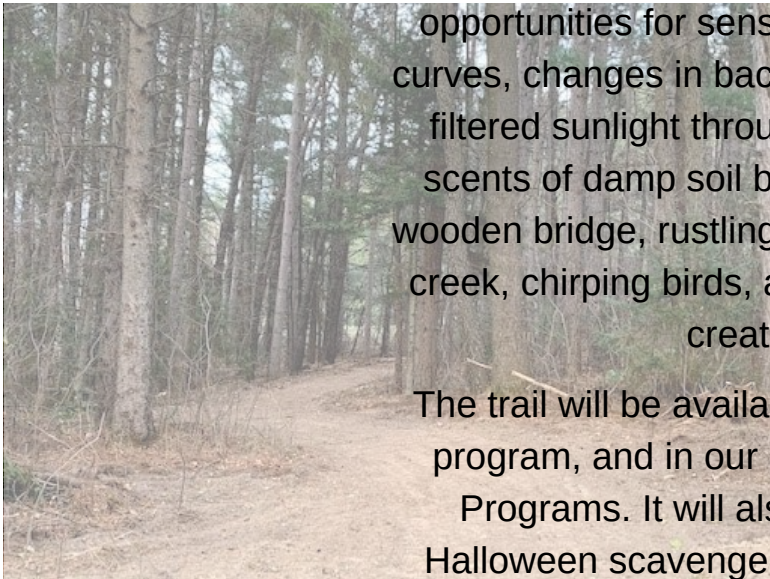
We want to thank Mike Riter from Trail Design Specialists, LLC (Danielsville, Georgia) who built our forest trail the week of October 27th. He and his fiancé, Brigit, did such beautiful work!

The Forest Loop of the sensory trail was designed and constructed by Mike. The Forest Loop Trail is 8 feet wide and approximately 860 feet long. There is a 20 foot long boardwalk bridge with non-skid surface crossing a shallow creek into the wooded forest loop corner.



The peaceful trail turned out better than we imagined and has lots of opportunities for sensory stimulation. There are gentle inclines and curves, changes in background light from bright on the pasture side to filtered sunlight through the pines, scents of pine in the forest and scents of damp soil by the creek, sounds of horses' hooves on the wooden bridge, rustling wind in the tree tops and trickling water by the creek, chirping birds, and deer tracks to search for. The potential for creative use in lessons is endless!

The trail will be available for use by riders in our Therapeutic Riding program, and in our Mental Health and Equine Assisted Learning Programs. It will also be used for fundraiser events, such as a Halloween scavenger hunt and our annual lighted Snowshoe Hike and Wine Flight event.



This is only the first phase of the sensory trail construction. Our future plans include multiple individual sensory stations near the indoor arena and a specially designed trail for cart driving classes.

See our [Facebook page](#) for more information about Mike and the Sensory trail with more photos!

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## SCOTCH DOUBLES BOWLING EVENT SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone that gave raffle basket items, bought raffle tickets, and came out on November 6, 2021 to bowl and support the Annual Scotch Doubles Bowling Fundraiser hosted by Edgar Lanes. With your support the event raised \$4,450 to support Stable Hands program efforts and operations!



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## UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

**Horse Leader workshop:** Tuesday, January 11th  
5:30-7:30pm

**Mock Therapy Class-Training for all Volunteers:**  
Tuesday, January 25th 5:30-7:30pm

**Volunteer Orientation:** March 2022, date to be determined. Submit your application to stay updated!

2022 Therapy classes: Please watch your email and/or our [Volunteer Facebook page](#) for updates, class dates, and official volunteer needs.

### **2022 Educational Series Session 1:**

Friday, January 21st from 2:30-4:30pm

Dr. Ashley of Athens Veterinary Service will be at Stable Hands to speak about common health concerns, taking vital signs, and managing emergency situations when working with horses.

More information to be released via email and Facebook Volunteer page for those interested.





## UPCOMING EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### **Snowshoe Hike & Wine Flight:**

Saturday, February 26th 6:00-8:00pm @ Stable Hands Equine  
Therapy Center-142744 Countryside Drive, Wausau

Come join us for our candlelight snowshoe walk. We will have wine tasting, hot chocolate, coffee, snacks, and a campfire! Make sure you buy your raffle tickets ahead of time (won't be sold at event) to win some cool prizes. The drawing will be at 7:30pm.

See our [Event Page](#) for updates and details





## NOW HIRING

**Therapeutic Riding Instructor:** A Stable Hands Therapeutic Riding Instructor provides a safe and effective mounted and unmounted riding instruction while sustaining therapeutic values for individuals with special needs, in an individual or group setting. Candidates should be PATH Intl. Certified or willing/able to become certified.

**Ranch Hands:** Stable Hands is searching for part time equine ranch hands to help in day-to-day horse feeding and barn chores.

Duties include:

- Feed hay and grain to paddocks and stalls
- Fill feed bags and pans with grain and supplements
- Muck stalls and paddocks
- Fill water tanks and buckets in stalls
- Medicate horses, as needed
- Lift and move small square hay bales and feed bags on a regular basis (at least 50 pounds)

For more information or to apply for either of these positions, contact Diane Abitz at [dabitz@stablehandstherapy.com](mailto:dabitz@stablehandstherapy.com)





## DONATION REQUESTS:

To Purchase, Click on Item Name

Solar light for the barn

Sugar-free Horse Treats

Hay Nets with 2.5-3" Holes

Wall Hanging Hay Nets (easier to refill)

Feeding Pans

Grooming Detangler

Scissors

Towels

Gifts Cards are always appreciated as well, to places like Amazon, Fleet Farm, Menards, Marathon Town and Country, and Marathon Feed.

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