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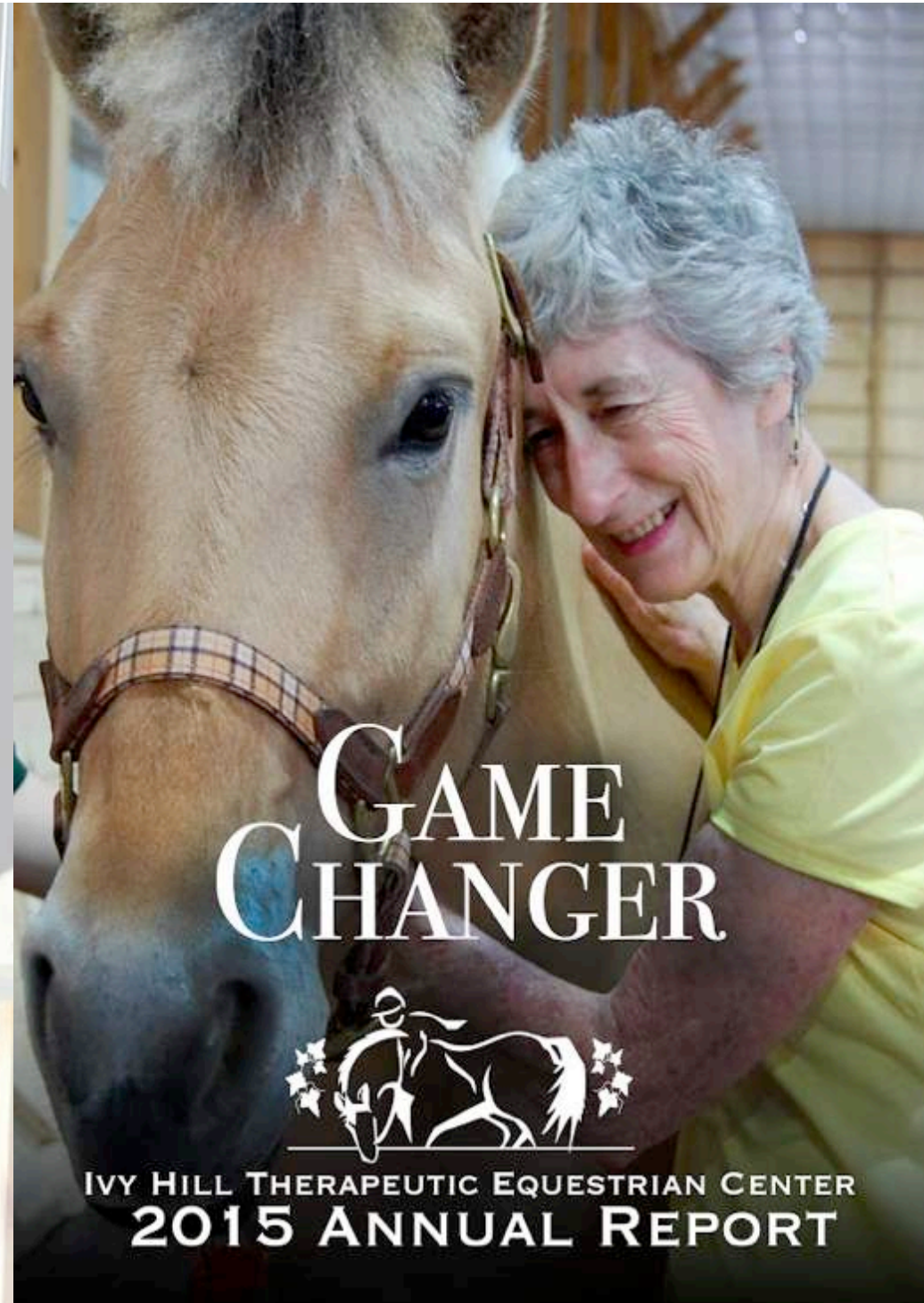
**2015**  
**at Ivy Hill**

**180**  
**Riders Served**

**7,180**  
**Lessons**

**\$54,300**  
**In Rider  
Scholarships**

**5800**  
**Volunteer  
Hours  
Donated**



**GAME  
CHANGER**



**IVY HILL THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRIAN CENTER  
2015 ANNUAL REPORT**



# OUR MISSION

Ivy Hill Therapeutic Equestrian Center  
creates therapeutic programs for individuals  
with cognitive, physical, emotional, behavioral, and  
psychological needs utilizing the equine experience.

# OUR VISION

To be the recognized standard bearer for professionalism,  
excellence, advocacy, and sportsmanship  
in equine-assisted activities &  
therapies.

# OUR VALUES

Respect  
Hope  
Family  
Professionalism  
Compassion

For reasons that are unique to each of us, some years are more **game-changing** than others. For the Ivy Hill families, 2015 will likely be most remembered for its many changes, starting with the move to the new facility in January and the new Session scheduling. For the Ivy Hill Foundation, 2015 represented a year of considerable investment as the Board and Staff enthusiastically tackled making the Strategic Plan a reality. Many of these efforts are reflected in the pages and numbers that follow this letter, but a few that are not, would include:

- A wonderful new website that not only showcases our various programs but also provides our families with information on resources, financial and otherwise; available to assist them with the care of their family member.
- Conversion to a new accounting system to help us with our goals of providing care to the greatest number of participants for the lowest cost while, at the same time, demonstrating "best in class" stewardship of the funds entrusted to us.
- The continuing professional development of our staff who received additional PATH certifications in 2015.
- Huge leaps forward in our community outreach and collaboration efforts with other non-profits to jointly bring their benefits and our equine-assisted activities to populations like seniors, kids in cancer treatment, youth-at-risk, and young adults struggling with chronic mental illness.
- A fundraising effort that now covers the 60% of each lesson's cost that isn't covered by the therapy riding lesson fees paid by the Ivy Hill families.
- A more robust volunteer training and recruitment effort that is vital to controlling the Foundation's operating costs, especially given the growth in ridership.

Looking forward, we are challenging ourselves to improve the quality of everything we manage, like parent/instructor interactions, care for the horses, rewarding our volunteers, and making the new facility more accommodating for everyone. All of this, while making sure every decision's impact takes into account the sustainability of the Foundation.

All of the above would not have been possible without the support of our many sponsors, donors, and grantors; which we have gratefully acknowledged in this report. We hope that all of them believe as we do, that the assistance that our ~~parents~~ and faculty provide, gives us all ~~reasons~~ for a better tomorrow.

With utmost gratitude,

Allen Steere — Chairman  
Chris Brockett — President, CEO





We first learned of Ivy Hill and therapeutic horse riding when our twins, John and Elizabeth, were three years old. A cerebral hemorrhage at birth left John with cerebral palsy affecting his ability to walk and limiting general coordination. Horse riding was recommended by a counselor at Easter Seals as a way to strengthen his core muscles. There are very few activities that John can participate in and fewer than provide a therapeutic benefit, so we were delighted to hear of this opportunity.

Although the twins have been close since birth, John's limited mobility prevents him from participating in some activities that typical children, like his sister, enjoy. Thanks to Ivy Hill's practice of allowing family members to participate, both John and Elizabeth were able to take riding lessons and participate in activities at Ivy Hill. John was able to do the same exercises as his sister and this kept them together for a common activity.

Over time, the benefits of therapeutic horse riding became noticeable. John steadily improved his balance, which helped to enable him to walk unaided at times.

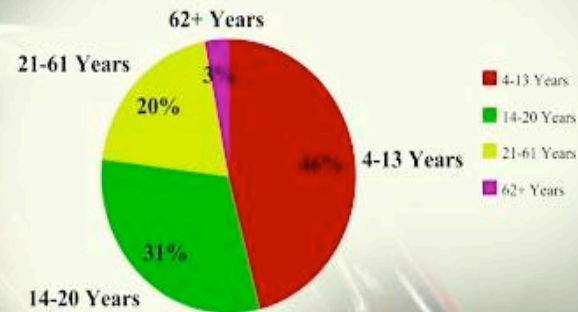
In addition to the medical benefits, we also noticed that John developed more confidence in speech as he was instructed to command his horse. His confidence was also bolstered by his increased mobility astride a horse. John's elation at winning his first ribbon during a horse show was a great experience for him as well as for us - the joy of his accomplishment just radiated from him.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the Ivy Hill staff. All have been extremely caring, attentive and dedicated to bringing the benefits of therapeutic riding to our children. It has become a regular and necessary part of our lives. John and Elizabeth are now 11 years old, so therapeutic horse riding has been a part of their lives for over eight years. Ivy Hill does and will always hold a special place in our hearts.

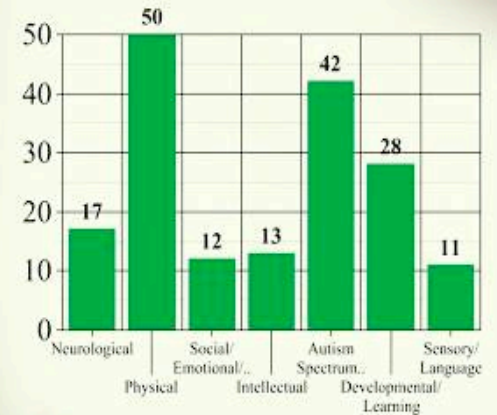
—Carl & Margaret Burke



## Ages of our Riders



## Primary Diagnosis of Riders





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We gratefully acknowledge our Sponsors and Donors who make our programs possible.

You help us change lives, everyday.

Thank you for being part of the Ivy Hill Family

Our Horses + Your Love = Their Hope

To make a donation and become part of this Equation, visit [www.ivyhillequestrian.org](http://www.ivyhillequestrian.org).



# PROGRAMS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Here at Ivy Hill, our people, our programs and our horses are the catalysts for change. We impact the lives and futures of our clients by enabling them to overcome stigma, limitations, and barriers - whether they're physical, emotional, social or psychological. Horses heal and empower, teach patience and persistence, and expand hopes and dreams. Our ability as an organization to focus on providing the best service in equine therapies shines through the accomplishments of 2015.

Through our Therapeutic Riding Program, our PATH-certified instructors motivate our participants utilizing the joy of the horse/human connection, which inspires confidence, encourages independence, and builds trust. The Hippotherapy Program provides physical, occupational or speech therapy that utilizes the three dimensional movement and body warmth of the horse to deliver integrated treatment.

Programs:

## • *The David Program*

A life skills, mentoring, and job training program for disabled youth and young adults, designed to promote self-esteem, independence, teamwork, and accountability.

## • *Silver Reins and Golden Saddles*

Focuses on the senior adult (55+) population that is designed to increase physical strength, stamina, dexterity, balance, and coordination through the physical act of interacting with a horse.

## • *Open Hearts Endless Hope*

Provides the therapeutic experience of horsemanship and riding to cancer patients and their families, refocusing them on the connection with the horse, and away from the devastating illness they are fighting.

## Accomplishments:

- 2015 - Sean O'Brien, Grand Champion, Handicap Rider's Division of the Devon Horse Show
- 2015 - Kourtney Stradling - Reserve Champion, Handicap Rider's Division of the Devon Horse Show
- 2015 - Lisa Berlin, Gold and Silver Medalist, Special Olympic World Games
- 2015 - Best of Chalfont Award



KOURTNEY STRADLING  
RESERVE CHAMPION DEVON HRD



SEAN O'BRIEN  
GRAND CHAMPION DEVON HRD



SILVER REINS AND  
GOLDEN SADDLES SENIORS



LISA BERLIN  
SPECIAL OLYMPIC WORLD  
GAMES MEDALIST



# REVENUES AND EXPENSES 2015

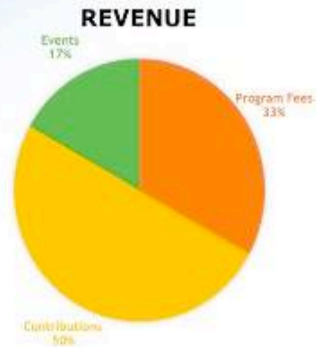


Figure 1: Program: \$134,641, Contributions: \$204,656.77, Events: \$69,078

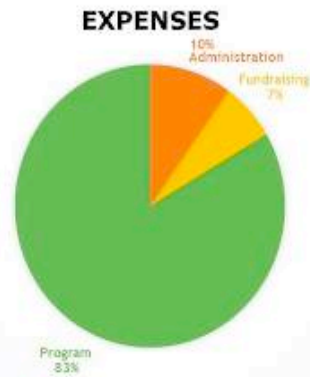


Figure 2: Administration: \$25,348, Fundraising: \$23,834, Program: \$298,864

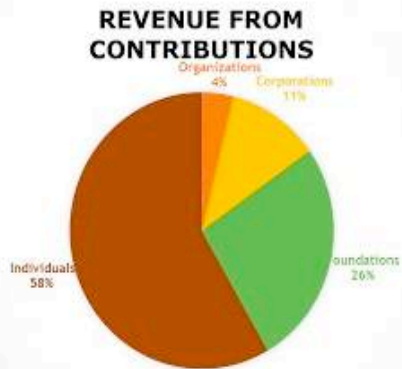


Figure 3: Organizations: \$7,823, Corporations: \$23,201.97, Foundations: \$54,148.60, Individuals: \$719,387.00

**IVY HILL FOUNDATION, INC.**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2015**  
**WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	2015	2014
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 3,081	\$ 40,272
Cash Limited as to Use	36,400	32,011
Total Current Assets	<u>39,481</u>	<u>72,283</u>
Property and Equipment:		
Horses	2,000	-
Equipment	20,053	23,853
Vehicle	-	18,390
	<u>22,053</u>	<u>42,243</u>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(20,053)	(41,803)
Net Property and Equipment	<u>2,000</u>	<u>440</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 41,481</b>	<b>\$ 72,723</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Credit Card Payable	\$ 1,346	\$ -
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted	3,735	40,712
Temporarily Restricted	36,400	32,011
Permanently Restricted	-	-
Total Net Assets	<u>40,135</u>	<u>72,723</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$41,481</b>	<b>\$72,723</b>