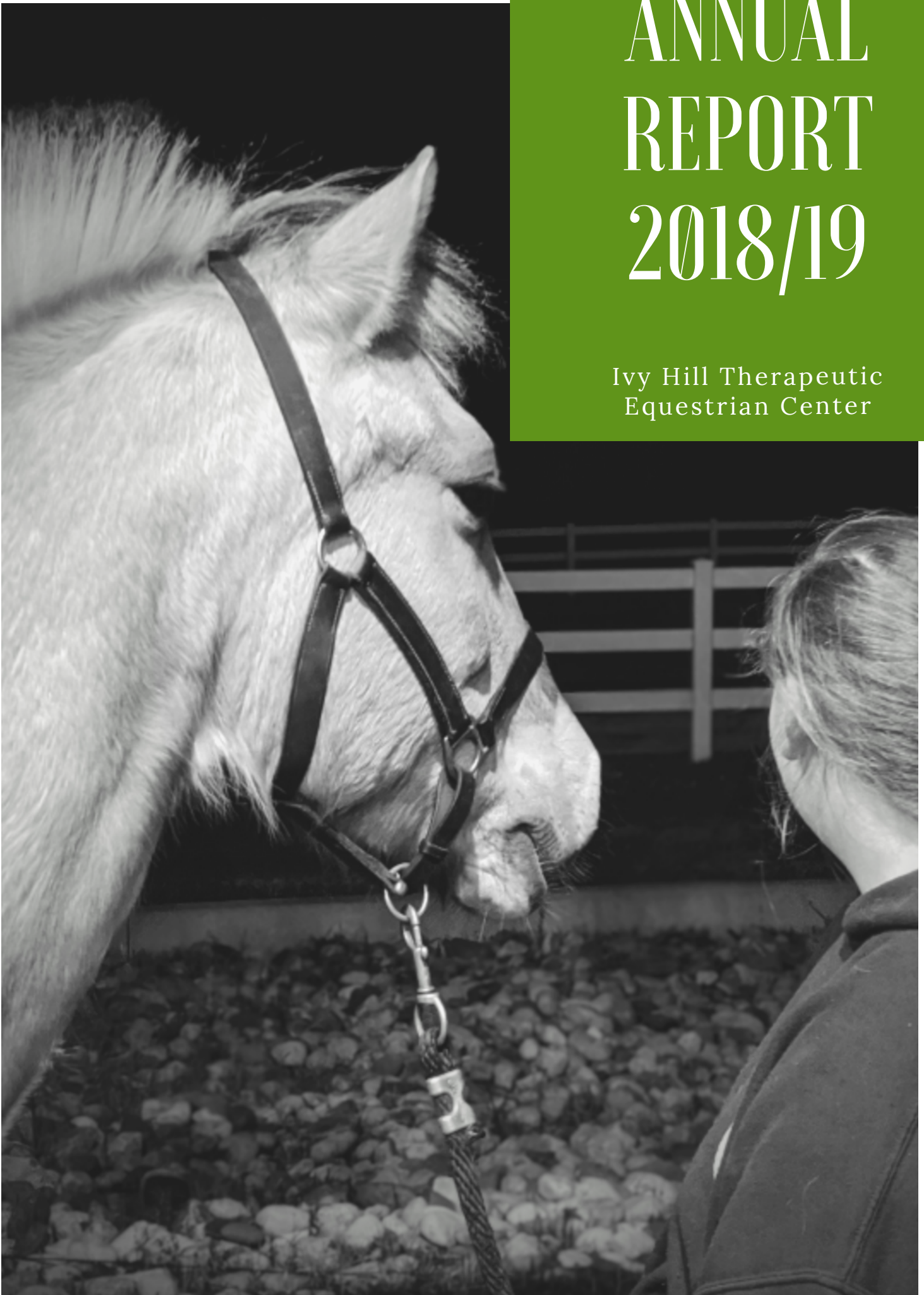


ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

Ivy Hill Therapeutic
Equestrian Center



ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

We've made it! After a year of celebrating our 20th anniversary, we have come through on the other side with just as much hope for our future as we have respect for our past.

Ivy Hill Therapeutic Equestrian Center is stronger than ever - consider how far we have come since 1999!

From a small backyard barn with 2 horses and 3 riders to 17 horses and 175 riders today! Our highly personalized quality, yet deeply felt care for each and every individual we serve have made Ivy Hill one of the premier programs of its type in the country.

What an evolution! Now we look forward to the next 20 years. Our promise is to keep our mission, vision and core values as the guide for moving forward.

In this annual report, you will read more about our accomplishments, see the faces of our extraordinary participants, staff, volunteers and equine partners.

We especially want to thank everyone who continue to contribute your time, talent and treasure on behalf of the Foundation. Our next 20 years look very bright because of your passion and commitment!

MISSION, VISION & CORE VALUES

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

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

Respect: We respect the dignity of every rider

Hope: We believe in the value of hope

Family: We support the importance of family

Professionalism: We are committed to professionalism

Compassion: We believe in compassionate service

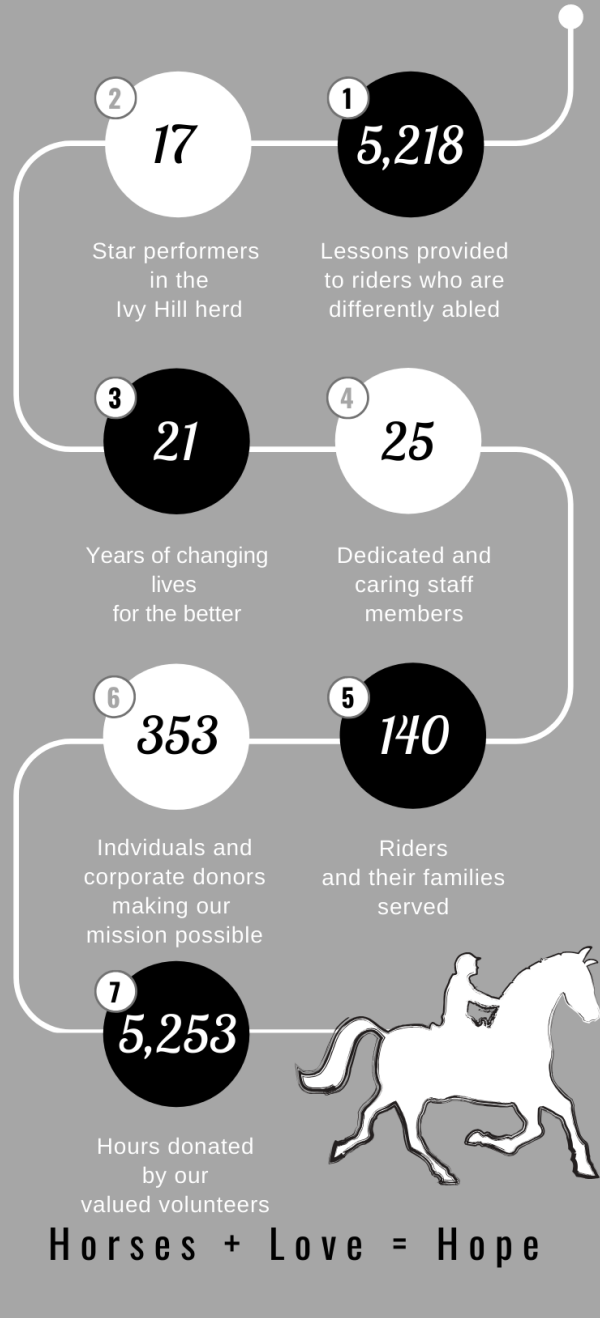


FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Ivy Hill closed the 2019 fiscal year having raised \$134,398 in total gifts received from 353 donors. Another \$11,000 for our Bonnie Sames Financial Assistance program was raised to help our riders who could not otherwise afford their necessary therapy. Providing essential care is a cornerstone of Ivy Hill and shapes the entire Ivy Hill experience for everyone involved. It places our participants at the center of everything we do and with continued support, it is a promise we will keep.



Ivy Hill by the Numbers



10%

Only 10% of funding goes toward administration



INVESTING IN PEOPLE

Ivy Hill is proud of its commitment to the people of our community. Building on our standard of quality programming, we strengthen ourselves and those around us. Ivy Hill has become a destination of connection and experience.



Bucks County Intermediate Unit WOW Program: Students from the local Bucks County Intermediate Unit, WOW (We're Outstanding Workers) classroom, located at Perkasio Square on Constitution Ave, have been volunteering at the Ivy Hill facility for three years. The goal of this classroom is to have students out in the local community working or volunteering and enhancing their personal skill set. At Ivy Hill, students have helped with the maintenance of the offices and the barn and have had many new experiences. In May of 2018, Ivy Hill Therapeutic Equestrian Center received the "Caring Community Award" from the Bucks County Intermediate Unit.

Wellspring Clubhouse: The Wellspring Clubhouse, managed by Penn Foundation, provides a Transitional Employment Program for adults with addiction, mental health and cognitive issues that have interfered with employment opportunities. Ivy Hill Therapeutic Equestrian Center started this collaboration almost five years ago. Wellspring staff and transitional employees have become an integral part of the Ivy Hill Family, helping us to carry out our mission and helping them to pay it forward.

North Penn High School Special Education Department Work/Career Study Program: This program is designed to help eligible students explore a career or job interest in a hands-on manner. Through a career experience, students are provided with the opportunity to make a more informed decision about their future plans. The program utilizes supervision by both North Penn Special Education Staff and a community sponsor. Ivy Hill Therapeutic Equestrian Center is starting its third year as a community volunteer sponsor. The program goals help students utilize the knowledge and skills they have gained through work/career-related situations. Students will become involved in and better understand the working community through practical work/career-related experiences to develop a sense of responsibility related to their job or career placement. Students will be better able to contribute to their transition plans as they prepare for adulthood.



MEET A PARTICIPANT

John is in his second year with the Post-12 program at North Penn High School. He is a 20 year old student who is eligible for support in the district for his Autism diagnosis until he is 21 years old. John has made tremendous strides within the program, especially in terms of learning coping skills and strategies that can help him deal with situations in a more socially acceptable manner. John is an avid reader and excellent with technology. He has a great sense of humor and knows an incredible amount of facts about movies both past and present. He shows a particular interest in knowing movie directors, producers and actors. John is a student we will surely miss within the Post-12 program because he makes us smile on a daily basis.

VOLUNTEERS



MEET A KIND INDIVIDUAL

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| Gloria Barnes | Myla Keller | Christy Prekup |
| Lindsey Bell | Jillian Keough | Daniela Quezada |
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| Katie Herring | Beti Munari | Lindsey Thompson |
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| Lynne Hitchcock | Molla Netsky | Logan Vondercrome |
| Fiona Hough | Emma Pecho | Travis Wakefield |
| Carolyn Jagers | Emma Pirollo | Lucas Walters |
| Anna James | Natalie Powell | Devon Wisler |
| Alaina Johnson | Riley Powell | Steve Yerkes |
| Katelyn Keller | | Jasmine Zhang |



MEET A CHAMPION

Crystal is 29 years old and has been riding at Hill since 2003. In her words, "she has been riding FOREVER!" Her favorite thing about Ivy Hill is learning new things. Crystal's favorite horses to ride are Flash and Max, but Blue is great too in her opinion. Last year, Crystal decided to challenge herself to ride some horses she hasn't been able to in a while. She has worked hard physically and emotionally to be able to do so. She is proud of the choices she has made and the young adult she has become.

Crystal loves going to Penn State University for Special Olympics for the equestrian competition where she can see her friends from past years, stay in the dorms and see friends from other sports. She loves doing dressage because it is a challenge to learn and while it is not always perfect, "I try my best." Crystal is not only a rider but she also volunteers at Ivy Hill. She helps care for the horses and assists younger or newer riders with their lessons until they learn to do it by themselves. Crystal loves spending time with EVERYONE at Ivy Hill. Her next goal is to learn how to canter again and we can't wait to see how far she can go! Go Crystal Go!

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2018/19 WHO
DONATED OVER 5253
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