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Nonprofit Overview

Causes: [Children & Youth](#), [Equestrian](#), [Human Services](#), [Sports](#), [Sports Associations & Training Facilities](#), [Youth Development Programs](#)

Mission: Our Mission is: to provide a place in perpetuity where individuals with disabilities can be successful, equal, and capable; growing to their maximum life's potential through interaction with horses in a positive environment. We accomplish our mission by providing educational, recreational, and sport programming, including vocational/prevocational opportunities, to youth at risk and youth and adults with disabilities. Individuals are accepted without regard to race, religion, ethnicity, or socioeconomic background. Our funding comes from individuals, corporations, and foundations.

Results: In the past 18 years 259 riders with disabilities achieved 168 first, 176 second, 159 third, 136 fourth, 118 fifth, 92 sixth, 17 seventh, 13 eighth, and 82 participation awards. Adjudicated youth (183) completed 2744 hours of court ordered community service with approximately 95% of them returning to a positive life pathway. High school students (164) worked 740 hours in facility and equipment maintenance to recoup credit for poor school attendance. The organization ran using 912 volunteers giving 47,352 volunteer hours providing 3,801 lessons in an outdoor setting.

Target demographics: people with disabilities ages 5 and older

Direct beneficiaries per year: 54 riders received 522 lessons, won 55 awards including 8 firsts.

Geographic areas served: the greater Houston area

Programs: Currently teaching youth and adults with disabilities and youth-at-risk to ride and care for horses. Our riders compete in the Top Hands Horse Show annually and as often as possible in an open show too. The adjudicated youth community service program continues to demonstrate a 95% success rate.

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Rating: 5

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[Karen McCabe S.](#) Client Served 10/31/2019

Rating: 5

I have been riding with this organization for going on 6 years. Sanna is very encouraging, and my skills have improved greatly over the years. I have several physical challenges such as a below the knee amputation, an artificial hip, and have arthrogryposis. I will always support this awesome program.

[IHaveADream](#) Client Served 10/30/2019

Rating: 5

I joined Dream Catchers when I was around 10 years old. From the minute I got there they treated with respect and care. I'm 13 and still enjoy going to ride even if I'm only there for a few minute. If your thinking of joining for volunteering or riding then I recommend it



[Billie Jean H.](#) Client Served 10/30/2019

Rating: 5

I have grandchildren that I am raising with ASD. I called many horsemanship programs and this is the only program that even bothered to call back. After visiting and participating with the program, I found the experience offered to children and adults with disabilities is exceptional.

Insert Diego's picture with lady



[Patricia A.1](#) Client Served 10/30/2019

Rating: 5

My grandson is on the Spectrum and been riding with Dream Catchers since 2015. He benefits from the riding lowering his anxiety levels, but most importantly he has learned to be part of a team understanding the meaning of commitment, reliability and pride not only for his own achievements but for those of others. I thank Sana and everyone else for the great work they do!

Rating: 5

Insert picture of Dakota with Stormy

[Daddy2007](#) Board Member 10/30/2019

Rating: 5

So since 2016 I've been going to and taking my two daughters to Dream Catchers. The stables are more than just a place for you to go ride a horse. It is a place where you are part of something so much bigger. Why your there is not what matters you being there being part of this family. The horses want you to let them take on everything thing that is holding you back they want you to have their freedom. I have all ways said the outside of a horse is so good for the inside of a human. Then you get to Miss Sanna she has a heart of gold the size of Texas. Everything she does she does it with her heart. She does her best to help everyone. In ending I don't reckon I'd rather find myself anywhere other than Dream Catchers.

Board Member 04/30/2018

Rating: 5

Life without labels pretty much sums up Dream Catcher Stables. When I'm out at the stables with my daughters we are part of a family. I myself find it very therapeutic being at the stables the horses the other volunteers the athletes. There truly is something about Dream Catchers that you won't find any where else the since of belonging to a family that looks beyond the disability a family that loves you.

Insert picture of Diego and horse at barn Lacey?

[Paola Abreu A.](#) Client Served 10/30/2019

Rating: 5

My son who is on the spectrum, has been riding with Dream catcher stables for 4 years now, it has helped Diego gained confidence and his anxiety level decreased. He is very happy when we go. The president Sanna is an amazing human being that really cares for her riders and volunteers. We love being part of this community.

[texrigger](#) Volunteer 10/29/2019

Rating: 5

I am a volunteer at Dream Catcher Stables. I feed our nine beautiful horses two days a week. On weekends I help with the riding and horsemanship programs we offer to disabled and handicapped young folks and adults. I am retired and now have time to do more things that I enjoy but my time is not limitless. I am grateful for my situation in life and feel that I want to include some amount of community service in my activities. This is not a perfect world and there are many people, animals, and organizations that need help. The Government can't meet everyone's needs though it might try. I know I am only one person but I want to do my part. Volunteering takes time, energy, and sometimes money and it can mean a lot of hard work. I am happy that I became acquainted with Dream Catcher Stables several years ago and have made volunteering there a meaningful part of my life. Over the years I have met many wonderful people through the program including generous volunteers and serious athletes who want to do their best regardless of their limitations. It is truly amazing to see how the interaction of the athletes and our horses has such positive results. In many of our athletes, I have witnessed improved confidence, self-esteem, and physical strength. Their family members often tell us how the experiences at our barn have positively affected their lives at home, and school, or work. We are a small organization but we are providing services to an ever growing number of athletes. We have aspirations of growing our facilities to better serve our athletes and meet the future demands. It is rewarding to be a part of an organization that manages its limited assets well and offers so much with very little.

Insert picture of Parker on Star

[Denise93](#) Client Served 10/24/2019

Rating: 5

Parker Cheplick is 15 years old, and is on the Autism Spectrum. He has been riding horses at Dream Catcher Stables since he was in 3rd grade. He is now in 9th grade. Dream Catcher Stables and Sanna Roling were a lifesaver. Parker was having a very difficult time in school at the beginning of his 3rd grade year and was having a lot of meltdowns and anxiety because of it. He was not wanting to go to school and crying every morning for the 1st time in his life. My husband and I were at our wits end and were losing sleep due to spending a lot of time at the school trying to figure out ways to help him because he was having meltdowns on a daily basis every afternoon. We honestly thought one of us was going to lose our jobs because of the constant phone calls and having to go the school and take Parker home after each meltdown. At that time, he was also not speaking in complete sentences and still didn't comprehend everything that was said to him. That is when Sanna told us about her horseback riding program. Parker immediately loved riding horses and gained new confidence. Parker had something to look forward to each week and he began talking more. Sanna and her volunteers treated him as a person, not as someone with a disability.

Parker has gained so many positive qualities from Dream Catcher Stables that it is hard to remember them all. Some include the following: talking more, being more patient, improvement in his overall behavior, able to listen to instruction better, being part of a team, having more confidence, better eye hand coordination, better balance, (e.g. he learned how to ride a bike and ski as a result of balancing on the horses), meeting new friends, feeling special, and participating in a rodeo. He rarely has meltdowns due to overstimulation anymore since joining Dream Catcher Stables.

I have to admit that when Parker started at Dream Catcher Stables, Sanna kept talking about how Parker would be in the The Top Hands Rodeo and I didn't believe that Parker would actually be able to tolerate or participate in the rodeo, but she had faith in him and he won several trophies that year. He talks about the rodeo throughout the year and cherishes his trophies. Currently, he has participated in 5 rodeos and he is looking forward to the next one.

Dream Catcher Stables has been a blessing not only for Parker, but for our whole family so we are eternally grateful that we found this wonderful organization. We are able to attend 3 rodeos and other events together and have met many wonderful and caring people.

Sanna Roling has an even bigger vision for her athletes, horses, and volunteers so I am hoping that this small synopsis of what she has done for us will help achieve her achieve that goal.

Denise Cheplick

Client Served 05/09/2016

Rating: 5

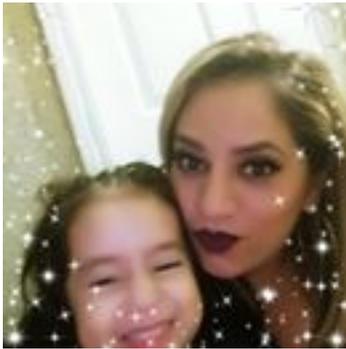
My son Parker is on the Autism Spectrum. We came to Dream Catcher Stables Inc about 3 years ago after Sanna Roling heard about Parker's school situation. He was having a very difficult time in school with anxiety and meltdowns and was actually scared to go to school. My husband and myself found ourselves at the school on a daily and/or weekly basis. It became difficult to do our jobs due to the anxiety and anticipation of phone calls. Parker's self help skills had also regressed at this point. Our family was struggling at this point. Mrs. Roling immediately invited Parker to come to Dream Catcher Stables Inc. Upon Parker's arrival to Dream Catcher Stables Inc, he immediately felt at home and was treated with respect and kindness. This is truly a place where our family doesn't have to apologize for his behavior and acceptance. His confidence and self esteem are continuing to grow. He has become more verbal as well as his balance has improved. He is now able to ride a bicycle without training wheels and is able to focus and not crash into things thanks to the skills Mrs. Roling and her volunteers have taught him. He looks forward to coming every week. Mrs. Roling also believed in him and gave him an opportunity to participate and in

the Top Hands Rodeo two years in a row. He is very proud of his trophies and the memories that he has from each rodeo. We have also witnessed the care and individual attention that is given to every rider. Mrs. Roling doesn't turn any rider away even if they don't have any means to pay. She has tried very hard to raise money to buy some permanent land. However, it is very difficult in today's economy. My hope and wish for her is that she is able to buy the land so that she can make a difference in many more lives for years to come.

Client Served 09/07/2014

Rating: 5

My son has Autism and was having a lot of problems in school. When Sanna Roling, the President, of Dream Catcher's Stables Inc., heard about our sons problems, she informed my husband and I about her program. We are very grateful for her, her vision of Dream Catcher Stables, and the volunteers that come out each week to assist the riders. She services individuals both children and adults with physical and mental disabilities and truly cares about each rider and their families. She doesn't turn anyone away and is very professional. We are so glad that we heard about this program. She puts 100% of the donations into her program and isn't looking for a profit like so many other therapy programs. Our son looks forward to riding the horses and seeing Mrs. Roling. He is learning a lot from being in her program.



[Lupita C.1](#) Advisor 10/15/2019

Rating: 5

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English Translation

An incredible institution with wonderful staff to my daughter Daniela with severe nonverbal Autism having this horse therapy has helped her a lot in her behavior, and they are all great people very kind and gentle. A wonderful experience.

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