Healing Horses, Kauai

a stride in time

Aloha to all of Healing Horses, Kauai family and friends.
Here is our Winter Newsletter, letting everybody know what we have been up to lately.
Even with the pandemic going on we have had a busy summer/fall and a lot of great horse things have been happening at the HHK Ranch.

**Facilities Update:** You can really see the progress now. Even though the plumbing is starting to show its age, thanks to our tireless and alert volunteers, friends and neighbors we were able to spot and repair a 2" water main leak before it got out of hand (and numerous other leaks) along the run. All eight stall-ports are up and a new load of gravel has been spread in their stalls. The original acre cleared for the obstacle course has been hot taped and utilized as new pasture space during horse rest days. And Lollipop and Jellybean have their own hot taped run(s) which will convert into carriage trails when those come. We are continuing to clear and fence more acreage along the highway (to increase pasture, riding trails and develop more obstacle course space) with the addition of some new tools. Please come to our Community Clean Up day January 2nd from 9 am to 1pm. We need to pick up any refuse that might hurt horses and riders in the new area.
Jim has started to transplant his Loulu Palms along the pond now that it has been hot tared off. The compost pile section walls have been completed and three giant piles are cooking as we speak. We also acquired some important tools to help with all the growth. We welcomed 4010 Kawasaki Mule into the herd in early November. And we are still working on securing funding for even more fencing, roof and solar system for the shipping container(s), a covered arena, and pond aerators. Please consider donating to our GoFundMe:

https://gofund.me/59163ac1

**Staff Update:** A volunteer and staff training/refresher was held September 26. The next training will be held January 9th, 2022 at 2:30 pm.
The new 2022 policy manual has been released on our website under the volunteer tab. If you are interested in volunteering to help us with any of these projects, please go to our website and sign up.

https://www.healinghorseskauai.org

**Horse Update:** Yahoo, Chip and Rowdy, arrived after a COVID related shipping delay; and a 70 day quarantine. They got to join the herd Oct. 15th. They are currently being integrated into the program, and desensitized to the equipment required of a therapeutic horsemanship center.
Thanks to the generosity of volunteers, staff, and community donors, our hard working Hina had been purchased by Healing Horses Kauai.

Cross our fingers for us as we apply for grants to acquire a wheelchair accessible carriage & hoist mount. *We are still looking for a craftsman to build a wheelchair accessible cart for the mini’s to pull. Please email hhkwebsite@gmail.com if you have the know-how and machines – we will work with you to create the perfect design that fits Lollipop & Jellybean.*

We are looking for someone who can make a 2 wheeled cart and a 4 wheeled wagon that our mini horses can pull solo or in tandem. 2 wheeled carts will have fixed shafts. 4 wheeled wagon can have axle with either a U shaped bars for pulling solo, or a T or I shaped for pulling in tandem. Lightweight as possible (no more than 140-200 pounds) - the mini is between 32 and 36 inches tall (8 hh - 8.3 hh) and 285-310 pounds - in proper condition (depending if 2 wheeled or 4 wheeled minis can pull their own weight and up to 2 times their weight on flat easy surfaces). Cart needs to have low frame (as our mini horses are short - line of pull should be in a line parallel to ground), roll up ramp with shallow enough angle to allow loading wheelchair, lockable quick release wheelchair channels with seat belt and harness of quick release type for single wheelchair, removable bench seats (for able bodied whip/driver), wheels that are covered or small or set under - so no fingers or jackets get snagged, must have “dashboard”, and appropriate suspension and balance for the participant, must have ability for an able bodied whip/driver to sit either beside or behind wheelchair, ability to use second set of reins, preferred to have rein bar to ensure reins in correct alignment. Prefered to have axle quick release option and wheel brake(where if horse bolts 4 wheeled carriage base can be released from horse shafts/twigs/trees/bars) - 2 wheeled cart shaft bars could have quick release pins, again allowing horse to run off while cart just plows to ground - so small hidden leg/wheel in front to keep the seated riders from launching forward during the release.

Speaking of Lollipop and Jellybean, we are expecting a foal from Jellybean at the end of March/beginning of April.
Fall Camp Update: Fall camp was as successful as all the pandemic restrictions allowed. Two groups of 15 campers enjoyed a camp based on mythical horse-like creatures.
Please come join us for any of the camps. We can always use volunteers.
It’s an enjoyable time for all. (Especially if you’re a horse lover!)

Special Programming Update: This fall HHK was fortunate to secure grant funds to provide several scholarships to eligible Persons-In-Need and Foster youths. We are looking for funding to sponsor other special populations programming.

Birthday Parties: We are hosting great birthday parties and kids LOVE it!
Balloons, horses, cake, horses, presents, horses, games and did I mention HORSES! What better way to celebrate your birthday? Everyone gets to ride. Everybody has a great time! Give us a call to book your next party!!!

Other ways to help:

Arena Volunteer & Instructors
HHK has an ongoing enrollment of new volunteers to feed, sidewalk, horse lead, and be instructors. See our website to complete the volunteer application and read the volunteer manual. And please do come to the volunteer training/staff refresher January 9th.

HHK is also looking for the right person to file a paid instructor position.

Facilities Volunteers
HHK has an ongoing enrollment of new facility volunteers. If you love to clear fence lines, install new fencing, repair pipes, and be a general handyman. Please come on by and share your skills. Call 808-634-3896 and ask for Ginger. See our website to complete the volunteer application.

*Don't forget the Community Clean Up day January 2nd.

Board Members
Looking for a replacement VP & Members at Large

Public Relations
We are looking for the right individuals to get positive, educational weekly posts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, etc.

Medicine Wheel & Trail Reforestation
We are looking for gardener volunteers to help on our Medicine Wheel & Trail: weeding, watering, planting, and propagating (including creating a data fact sheet for each plant on our website & geo-tagging them).
Ways to Donate:
Healing Horses, Kauai is currently raising money for several specific program needs. All donations are greatly appreciated.

RIDER SCHOLARSHIPS  https://www.healinghorseskauai.org/event-details/aged-scholarships
Our website has a new way to donate. While we try to keep our riding sessions as low cost as possible, there are still families that cannot afford to pay for riding sessions. Providing a scholarship for riders allows them to experience the benefits of therapeutic riding. Scholarships can be purchased at the barn or on the website.

FEED THE HORSES Fundraiser  https://www.facebook.com/donate/1242660716157643/
Goal: $18000  Raised so far: $820
It costs $1500+ a month to feed and farrier our 10 horses... Normally we raise these funds with our annual Gala and Silent Auction; but alas, we could not host one in 2020 or 2021. So please consider helping support our horses, so our horses can achieve their important mission to help humans.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DRIVE ~  https://gofund.me/8ea1d479
Three Steps Forward Capital Campaign Drive
Goal: $585,580  Raised so far: $62,290
The HHK Three Steps Forward capital improvement/expansion project has begun. The clearing and fencing of the front 10 acres of land, the construction of a Clearspan building over our arena, and the conversion of a 40 foot shipping container into an off-grid office will enable HHK to increase equine health and happiness while decreasing feed expenses. Thus HHK will be able to obtain additional equines; which will permit an increase of ridership (up to 20%); and promote volunteer and instructor retention and equine longevity due to more comfortable working conditions for HHK equines and staff. The completion of the land clearance and fencing portion of this project also has the additional benefits of beautifying the Kapaa Kuhio Hwy corridor. The invasive plants and piles of concrete waste and abandoned vehicles will be cleared and replaced with new pastures and fencing. A partnership with Kauai Master Gardeners, and NTBG volunteers and local nurseries will also provide replacement planting materials such as Hawaiian native and cano tree/hedge species to be replanted along the perimeter fence lines, hence restoring the native mesic forest trees species and wetland plants. Covering the arena will also make participating more comfortable for our medically sensitive clients (clients with MS, SCI, TBI, post-stroke, heart disease, and those taking certain medications all have difficulty with thermoregulation). Outfitting a shipping container with off-grid solar will permit onsite record keeping and lesson planning, hence increasing job satisfaction, improved instructor retention, and increased quality and continuity of care for our clients.
AMAZON DONATIONS: AMAZON Shopping
AMAZON.COM will donate money from your sales to Healing Horses, Kauai.

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Please select Equine Therapy, Inc. Kauai

Mahalo so much! Every little bit helps.

VOLUNTEERS
Thank you to all of our volunteers for participating, volunteering, and giving over the year. We hope to see more giants strides towards our goals in this upcoming quarter. If you can help in any way, let us know. **Please come to our monthly Volunteer and Staff Meetings** - next one is Jan 9th for more information and training.

Please go to our website for more information on how you can become a member of the HHK volunteer team! [https://www.healinghorseskauai.org](https://www.healinghorseskauai.org)

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