



**2020 Annual Report**  
**Equine-Assisted Therapies**  
of South Florida, Inc.  
*Creating a path to unbridled moments. Witness the magic.*

# Letters from Leadership



2019-2020 required us to be nimble, it required us to be focused. It requires us to be as vigilant as ever over what our participants, families, guardians, volunteers, supporters, and staff need in this everchanging environment.

The goal of leadership was to protect our humans and our horse herd during the uncertain times brought on

by the COVID-19 pandemic. The board and organizational leadership met weekly to discuss program changes, financial projections, and ideas to seat deep into our saddle and ride through it. As an organization, we made sure to learn all that we could about available relief funds and received our Payment Protection Plan (PPP) loan within the second phase of distribution. Leadership attended multiple professional webinars to learn about loan forgiveness and other community programs to strengthen our mission. As Board Chair, I recognize that times like these change the way we live, the way we prioritize, and the way we plan.

We remain forever grateful to our supporters in-arms who recognize our work and the value of our mission. We know that each day is bringing significant challenges and pressures on our community, especially on families of individuals with special needs. We also know that EATSF will continue to rise to challenges every day with compassion, resilience, fortitude, and integrity.

Our deepest thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Marchesani".

Keith Marchesani, *Board Chair*

Throughout this year, the EATSF team became battle-tested, while keeping the mission of Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida (EATSF) in focus. The COVID-19 pandemic challenged and continues to challenge how we deliver our services to our community, who us now more than ever.

After being mandated to close at the end of March by Broward County, EATSF worked to provide PPE to essential staff, develop sanitization protocols, new marketing materials and fundraising strategies to keep our friends and families involved, and safe at home. From virtual volunteer projects, to sourcing cleaning supplies, to learning Zoom Meeting tips and tricks – the EATSF team kept our herd safe and healthy while adapting to new regulations, and business requirements.

What the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted, was our need to continue to innovate and provide programming in different ways to expand our reach and availability. In a changing climate, EATSF remains steadfast in providing a sense of normalcy and belonging. We continue to offer programming in a reduced capacity and with stringent sanitization protocols in place. The work that we do is buttressed by the love that we have received over these challenging times. We move forward by welcoming new team members, reviewing strategic objectives and always maintaining an eye on the horizon. At EATSF, we stand strong – with our heels down and eyes forward.



With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Molly Murphy".

Molly Murphy, *Executive Director*

**Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida is dedicated to providing therapeutic riding and equine activities to children and adults with special needs, so that they may improve physically, mentally and emotionally.**

**We envision a place where abilities are strengthened, where activities lead to self-confidence, and each person can experience life without limits.**

# RESPONSIVE LEADERSHIP

## How Operations were Affected

**TOTAL  
Participants  
115**

**Therapeutic Riding  
80**

**Hippotherapy  
3**

**Equine-Facilitated  
Psychotherapy  
9**

**Equine-Facilitated  
Learning  
12**

**Summer Programs  
21**

**New Participants  
27**



### Top Three Diagnoses

**Autism Spectrum  
Disorder  
42%**

**Cerebral Palsy  
16%**

**Down Syndrome  
6%**

As incidence of the COVID-19 virus became more prevalent in South Florida, Tradewinds Park—our home—was closed to all activities other than for passive use (joggers, cyclists, etc.). This resulted in the cancellation of our Spring session after the second week. Participants who had paid their session fees were given the option of reallocating their payments to the care and feeding of our horse herd or receive credit of a pro-rated portion for the Fall 2020 session.

Staff began working remotely with only essential barn staff still coming on campus to care for the horses. Volunteers and visitors were not allowed on campus due to our efforts to keep everyone at EATSF safe and healthy and gates were kept locked. In June, a limited number of volunteers were welcomed back to campus to help with tasks around the barn and the property.

EATSF presented a phased reopening plan to Broward County for review. Approval was received that would allow for limited Summer programs.



## How We Managed the Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic and corresponding mandated program closure by Broward County Parks and Recreation, stalled the progress on many important organizational initiatives at EATSF. Due to the high touch/physical nature of the program, the organization struggled to offer virtual programming, but maintained communication with all participants through social media and personal outreach.

During the program shutdown, EATSF lost an estimated \$10,000 in fees for service. To offset the losses, the organization cut expenses month-to-month by 12% by working with our vendors to defer payments or reschedule services to a later date.

EATSF applied for and received a PPP loan through the Small Business Administration to assist with staff salaries. The forgiveness process is still under way. Work continued and EATSF was able to complete key policies during the shutdown to include, herd stewardship policies, a program team member manual and other foundational materials. Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida maintained all outreach activities and participated in a community survey of other nonprofit organizations and their ability to maintain mission-critical functions.

As the campus began to reopen, pandemic protocols were put into action to ensure the health and safety of staff, participants and volunteers. Procedures for sanitizing tack and equipment were developed. Temperature checks, handwashing, masks and sanitizing became the norm.



## OLD AND NEW FACES

### New Activity Launched

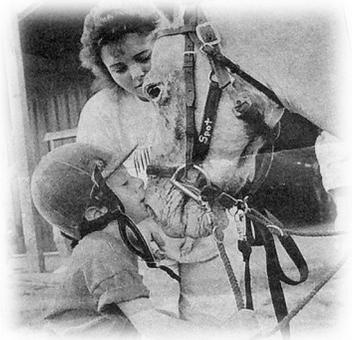
EATSF has long wanted to expand its programming to provide more social opportunities for its participants. This January, we celebrated the



first full moon of the decade in style with Chasing Stars. Spearheaded by instructor Alisha Evelyn, this event was open to people of all abilities and offered a more social setting for many of our participants. The campus looked absolutely magical and more than 60 people enjoyed an evening of yoga, dancing, games, food and fun. Everyone was entertained by magician Angel, music was provided by DJ Matt, and yoga with Brianna.

### Anthony—Veteran Rider Celebrates 30 Years

Anthony McLelland began his journey with EATSF at age 4 in the Hippotherapy program. Through hard work and dedication, he was able to move into the Therapeutic Riding program where he continues improving his horsemanship skills. This year, Anthony marked 30 years of coming to the barn, getting on his horse, now Star—he's had many over the years, including his first horse Spot—and striving to make himself better under the tutelage of his instructor Missy. Anthony says that coming to the barn is like coming to "his second home." Whether he's riding in the arena or heading out on the trails, Anthony has one goal...to continue to improve. He loves to compete in both Horse Shows and in the Special Olympics Equestrian Games, where he has twice represented Broward County in the Florida State Games. He's looking forward to many more years of riding at EATSF building new friendships and learning new skills.



### Teyla Darce—Inspiring Volunteers Daily

EATSF welcomed new volunteer coordinator Teyla Darce in October. Teyla is native Nicaraguan and has spent the last four years of her life in South Florida. Settling down in the Sunshine State, she wanted to give back to the community that would be her new home. That is how she became a volunteer for different organizations—including EATSF—where she rapidly fell in love with the mission. With almost half of her life serving as a volunteer throughout different countries and with different organizations, she finds her passion growing while serving and helping others. Teyla earned her Master's in International Studies and International Development in Taiwan, a country which she admires for the respect and inclusiveness shown toward the special needs population in what she calls "an example of inclusive development."



# CARING for OUR HORSE HEROES

## HORSE CARE & FEEDING

BY THE NUMBERS

**81,120 lbs.**

Hay

**11,600 lbs.**

Grain

**\$15,950**

Horseshoes and Hoof Care

**\$3,500**

Dental Care

**\$15,000**

Veterinary Care

## Dental Care Matters

Proper dental care can positively impact our herd's digestive health. Due to concerns with some of our horses continuing to develop issues, we engaged Dr. Elizabeth Stoner who specializes in "power floats" to see if any underlying issues could be determine. By placing the horses under sedation for this procedure and alleviating their stress, the vet was able to identify a staggering amount of issues that have likely been going unseen without being able to use a speculum to hold open their mouth. Some herd members had teeth fragments removed that had shifted out of the normal bite pattern, and almost all herd members were found to be wearing (chewing) unevenly in their back molars due to uneven growth. In addition, most of the herd members required a reangling of their incisors for proper bite to prevent TMJ pain. Our horses have been doing great following the extensive work that achieved symmetry in their "bite," fostering their ability to chew and digest properly.



## Workhorse of the Year

**FIRE**

**203 Hours**



# DEDICATION OF SERVICE

**TOTAL  
VOLUNTEERS**

**356**

**Lesson Volunteers**

**180**

**Total Hours Donated**

**8,865 in  
8 months**



**Volunteers Serving  
5 Years or More**

**30**

**Volunteers  
by Gender**

**Male 31.3%**

**Female 68.7%**

**Volunteers by Age**

**14-21 37.9%**

**22-35 17.5%**

**36-55 20.4%**

**55+ 24.1%**

**Cost Savings**

**\$225,437**

## Volunteer of the Year—Santiago Rikeros

Santiago Rikeros, a junior at Olympic Heights Community High School, began volunteering in July 2019. Since then, he has logged 184 hours of service while working around the barn and in the program. He started volunteering at EATSF because he was interested in learning how to take care of horses and knowing more about equine therapy. He plans on going to college with an eye toward becoming a biologist or veterinarian.

Working in the Therapeutic Riding program as a sidewalker and horse leader, Santiago has built strong bonds with some of the participants. "I always enjoy spending time with them and talking to them before and after the lessons." He has also become good friends with other volunteers.

His most memorable experience is when the children learned how to groom the horse and afterwards painted on them during summer camp. "I enjoyed that very much," he says, "and even had a lot of fun afterwards when I had to get all the paint out of Beauty's hair." He tells others interested in volunteering, he explained that "it is a very fulfilling experience, getting to work with the participants and the horses is enough to make anybody's day, and the cardio workout is a bonus."



## Teen Energizes Local Community With Eagle Scout Project

EATSF has brand new compost bins thanks to the efforts Connor, who chose us for his Eagle Scout project. He raised the funds, created the design, and organized help from the community to replace our weathered compost, manure and shavings bins. Through his efforts, enough money was raised to cover the costs for all building materials. Over the course of several weekends, his Scout troop, their families and friends demolished the old bins and did a wonderful job of leveling the area, setting the new posts, and building the new construction. They increased the size of the shavings bin so that a dump truck is now able to back in to drop our loads completely in the bin.



# THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

## Horseshoe Hoedown

**\$119,455**

raised

## A Day at the Races

**\$15,273**

raised



Herd Stewardship Fund grows thanks to grant from the Vegso Family Foundation



Anonymous grant supports the replacement of fencing around the campus



Endowment Oversight Committee has been created to review investment policies for the Rider Scholarship and Herd Stewardship funds

This report recognizes cumulative donations received from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020\*

\*We apologize for any omissions or misspellings. Please contact our development office at (954) 974-2007 with any corrections.

## STABLE SOCIETY

### Herd Steward \$2,500+

Abbot Downing-Center  
Allied Doors Foundation  
Anonymous Family Foundation  
Anonymous Private Foundation  
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Children's Aid Club  
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Scaife Family Foundation  
South Florida Hunter and Jumper Assn.  
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The Gary & Linda Pope Family Foundation  
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The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation  
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Starkey DeSoto  
Carolyn Dorn  
Amy Evans  
Dave & Cindy Gravelle  
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Cindy Hudson  
Renee Johnson  
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Janet Ruffolo  
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# 2019-2020 FINANCIALS

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Chair*

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Stephanie Scheinman

\*new to Board

## Advisory Board as of 6/30/2020

Anne Vegso

Chris Davell

Stanley Zeitchick

## EATSF Staff as of 6/30/2020

Molly Murphy  
*Executive Director*

David Plath  
*Development Director*

Cliffette Nicholls  
*Office Manager*

Jessie Alvarez  
*Barn Manager*

Teyla Darce  
*Volunteer Coordinator*

## Statement of Financial Position

*year ending June 30, 2020*

*Audit figures as of June 30, 2020*

*Audit conducted by Scott Halperin, Lanzaro & Halperin PA*

### Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 609,374
Investments	\$ 291,993
Promises to give	\$ 200,000
Prepays and other assets	\$ 7,041
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 1,153,860</u>

Total Assets \$ 2,262,268

### Liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,613
Refundable advances and deferred revenues	\$ 9,068
Note payable	<u>\$ 64,341</u>

Total Liabilities \$ 75,022

### Net Assets:

Without donor restrictions:	
Undesignated	<u>\$ 1,302,136</u>

Total without donor restrictions \$ 1,302,136

With donor restrictions:	
Purpose and time restrictions	\$ 500,000
Perpetual in nature	<u>\$ 385,110</u>

Total with donor restrictions \$ 885,110

Total Net Assets \$ 2,187,246

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$ 2,262,268

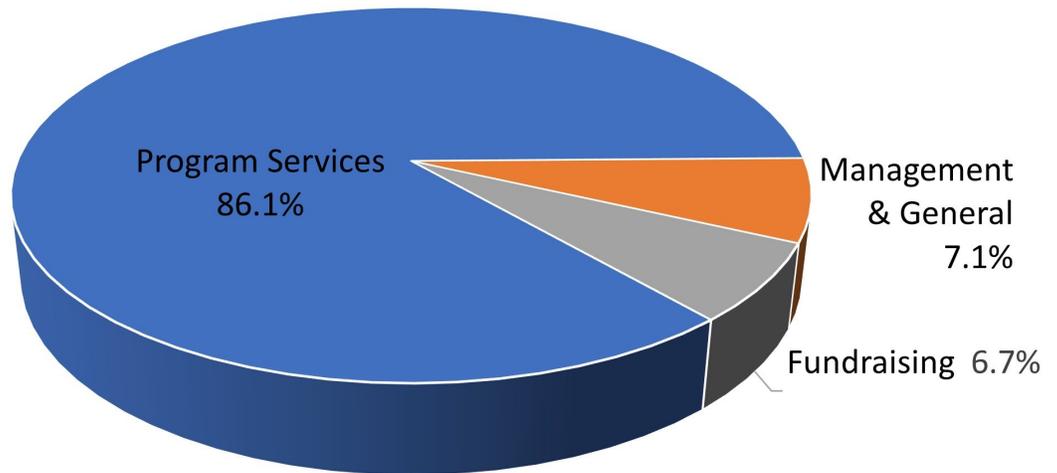
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## Statement of Functional Expenses

*year ending June 30, 2020*

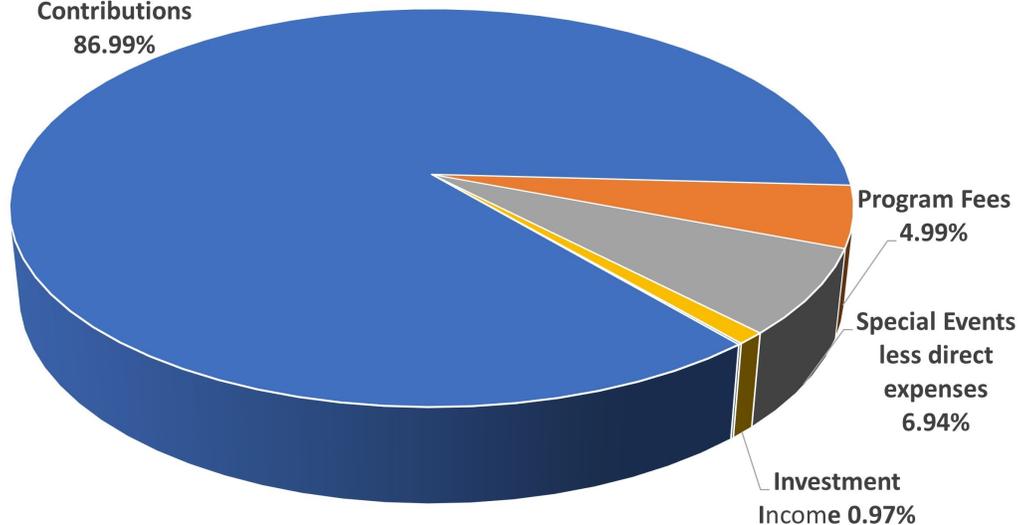
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## 2019-2020 Public Support & Revenues

Grants & Contributions  
86.99%



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