

CHANGING LIVES,
ONE RIDE AT A TIME.



JULIO'S STORY

TEEN SUPPORT

Julio came to the first session of *Hold Your Horses* Teen Camp in June, 2022. He was very reserved on the first day. On day two, he began to talk to the staff and volunteers as they drew him in.



By day three, Julio was actively engaged with the staff, volunteers and other campers. On day four, we acknowledged him with the "Most Improved Camper" award, which he accepted proudly.

We asked Julio if he would like to attend the second session of the Camp as a Youth Advocate, which he happily accepted.

During that session, Julio was instrumental in working with the horses and the other participants.

"I came out of camp with a better attitude than I originally had going into camp," said Julio. "The staff were great, helping people feel welcome and supporting people who needed it. It just was an all-out good time, and I hope next summer's teens like me will have the same experiences as I did."

Julio is now in our *Dragons in Flight* program, and he also volunteers at the barn regularly. At camp, he set a goal of getting a part-time job, which he has achieved. His mother, Diana, shares that BEAMING has made an incredibly significant difference in her son's life.

