SO MANY SMILES AT THE BEAMING BARN!

We have experienced tremendous growth at BEAMING over the last year, providing a record number of life-changing equine experiences, launching new programs, hiring new staff and welcoming many new program participants.

We continue this momentum in 2023, and are excited to share with you the many activities, events and programs we have planned. Our Saddle Up for Success and Dragons in Flight programs for children and adults with diverse abilities and our Horses, Hearts & Heroes veterans program kicked off in January. Our RideStrong, Riding in the Moment and LAUNCH support programs began in February. In March we kicked off our Partners in Riding program, a collaboration with local schools and UW-Oshkosh School of Nursing. We’ve also held four Equine-Assisted Memory Cafés, and plan to hold them monthly for the rest of the year.

We are also very happy to share our new “Everyone’s Welcome” graphic with you. At BEAMING, we embrace diversity, promote inclusion and celebrate those with diverse abilities. The BEAMING Barn is a safe, nonjudgmental community gathering space where all are welcome.

Everything we do contributes to our ultimate goal of Changing Lives, One Ride at a Time. Here is an uplifting testimonial of one life we changed: as part of our RideStrong program, we offer one-time horse experiences for children with cancer.

Rayne, who is six, and her mother visited us. Rayne got to walk and ride Annie. Rayne’s mom shares:

“My daughter was invited to BEAMING for a visit while being treated for a form of leukemia. The ability to interact with the horses (and other animals) gave her more joy than we had been able to provide for her in a very long time. Rayne talks about the horses all the time months later, and Annie and Sparkles are high on her “best friends” list! We are so appreciative to BEAMING for the opportunity and for what they do.”

We love bringing this joy to clients!

> RideStrong: See the joy in Rayne’s eyes as she walks Annie at bit.ly/4OTayUY
NEW PROGRAMS FOR 2023

We are excited to share that we have added two new programs to help bring the benefits of equine-assisted services to even more people in our community.

STEADY STRIDES FOR PARKINSON’S
FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PARKINSON’S & THEIR CAREGIVERS

The Steady Strides for Parkinson’s Equine Support Program is designed to improve quality of life, reduce social isolation and encourage physical activity for those living with Parkinson’s disease (PD) and their caregivers.

Studies have shown that equine-assisted services as a support to traditional PD treatment are effective for improving mobility, cognitive abilities and emotional well-being. The movement of the horse may improve balance, strength, tone, timing, coordination, and postural control, which can all lead to improved functional ability of the person with PD (MI Parkinson Foundation).

The Steady Strides for Parkinson’s program was developed using similar curriculum as BEAMING’s evidence-based Riding in the Moment Dementia Support Equine Program, which we have offered since 2019. Participants groom, walk and may ride horses; engage in mind-body emotions exercises; enjoy educational activities, musical performances and guest presentations; and participate in hands-on projects. Caregivers are able to spend quality time with their loved ones while meeting a support network of others going through similar challenges.

The Steady Strides for Parkinson’s program will begin on May 8, 2023. Additional sessions will be held on June 12, 2023 and July 10, 2023, with more sessions planned for later this year. To enroll in this no-cost program, please call or text Katie Samuelson, Center Director, at 920-851-6160 or email incbeaming@gmail.com.

PONY POWER ACADEMY
EQUINE-ASSISTED LEARNING (EAL) CHILDREN’S LITERACY PROGRAM

We are excited to announce that we will soon be launching our new Pony Power Academy Program!

Pony Power Academy is an Equine-Assisted Learning (EAL) Program that offers a unique approach to helping children with early childhood learning disabilities or who have struggled learning to read and write. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, 4 million children younger than 18 have learning disabilities in the U.S.; they account for 47% of children receiving special education. These kids have a 31% greater chance of being bullied, and over 18% of them drop out of school.

BEAMING developed curriculum for this program based on Wisconsin Literacy Standards. Our PATH-certified instructors guide children through interactive activities and adventures that make reading fun. These skills help children build their confidence and enhance their learning aptitude, which will help them excel on their academic journey. Stay tuned for more updates!

WELCOME TO THE BARN, BLAZE!

We have a new equine partner at the BEAMING Barn - meet Blaze! This big handsome gelding is a 12-year-old paint Tennessee Walker. He is very smooth gaited and loves everyone he meets, especially little kids!

We are happy to have this wonderful horse as part of our equine support team!

CHANGING LIVES, ONE RIDE AT A TIME
UPCOMING EVENTS
We are hosting two exciting events, Day at the Derby and Pasta & Punchlines, both coming up on May 6th! All proceeds from these fundraising events go to support our equine support programs for children and adults with diverse abilities, veterans, troubled and hurting youth, children and families affected by trauma, and seniors living with dementia and Parkinson’s and their caregivers.

Day at the Derby

SATURDAY
MAY 6, 2023, 4-6PM

BAGO BAR & GRILL
6392 County Rd A, Neenah

Wear your Derby attire!
~ Raffles & prizes!
~ Homemade soups
~ Hors d’oeuvres
~ Photo booth
~ Wine, beer & mint juleps
~ Everyone gets a chance to WIN a big-screen TV!

This year’s Day at the Derby will be better than ever! We have exciting raffle baskets, prizes, a 50/50 raffle, delicious food, drinks, friends and FUN!

Each general admission ticket ($40) gets you 4 free beverages (wine or specialty/domestic beer), 2 free homemade soups, unlimited hors d’oeuvres and a chance to win a 55” TV! VIP tickets ($65) get everything above PLUS a free mint julep or specialty drink, souvenir glass, T-shirt, Polaroid in our photo booth, and 10 extra entries to win the TV!

Tickets can be purchased in advance at givebutter.com/dayattherderby2023. Seating is limited, so get your tickets soon! If you prefer to mail a check, please send it to us at PO Box 524, Neenah, WI 54957-0524. See more event details at beaminginc.org/dayattherderby2023.

THANK YOU to everyone who has already donated items or become a sponsor, including:

Lead Sponsor: Tia and David Duppler

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Conquer Your Clutter Organizing - PDQ - Custom Offsets - Butterfly Gypsies
Wisconsin Timber Rattlers - Wisconsin Herd - Moon River Coffee

EVERY TICKET GETS:
- 4 Beverages
- 2 Soups
- Unlimited hors d’oeuvres
- Chance to WIN a 55” TV!

GET TICKETS
After Day at the Derby, be sure to stay for our Pasta & Punchlines Dinner & Comedy Show fundraiser! Enjoy a delicious spaghetti and salad dinner, followed by a hilarious comedy show featuring Wisconsin Comedians Rob Brackenridge and Jack Haessly! Doors open at 6:30pm; dinner served at 7pm; show begins at 8pm. Must be 21. Tickets are $25 and can be purchased at givebutter.com/pastaandpunchlines or you can mail a check to us at PO Box 524, Neenah, WI 54957-0524. Seating is limited, so get your tickets soon!

PASTA & PUNCHLINES!

SATURDAY
MAY 6TH
6:30pm

Join us for a spaghetti dinner & comedy show featuring Rob Brackenridge & Jack Haessly!

BEAMING NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Please help us raise funds to ensure we can continue to offer our programs at no-cost or low-cost! Here are 8 Easy Ways to Help:

1) Donate an item or gift card for our Day at the Derby raffle baskets
2) Donate an item from our Amazon Wish List at amzn.to/3KhQ5q
3) Like, comment, and share our posts on Facebook, Instagram & YouTube
4) Become a Sponsor of Day at the Derby: see opportunities at beaminginc.org/dayatthederby2023
5) Make a monetary donation at beaminginc.org/donate or by mailing this form to us at PO Box 524, Neenah, WI 54957-0524

YES! I would like to support BEAMING’s life-changing equine support programs in the following way:

☐ We pledge $________ or an item of ________________________________ to support BEAMING’s equine programs.

☐ We would like to become a Sponsor of Day at the Derby. Amount of sponsorship: $________

DONOR/COMPANY NAME: ________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________ CITY: __________ STATE:____ ZIP: __________

CONTACT PERSON: ______________________________________________ PHONE: __________ EMAIL: ________________________________

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US CHANGE LIVES, ONE RIDE AT A TIME!

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