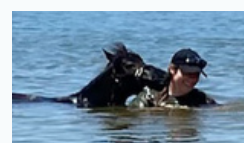
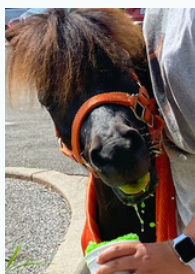


Summer 2022



BAXTER'S
BUSY
SUMMER:

Sour Apple
Sno Cones



Swimming &
Grandparents
University

LINCOLN ACADEMY RIDERS THRIVE & SERVE



Much More than Riding

Lincoln Alternative Academy students brought unique learning styles and a variety of horse knowledge to Turning Point this Spring. When classes ended, they left a lasting impression of teamwork, determination and independence.

"A great new partnership with Turning Point! Our students have loved their experiences working and taking care of horses and they are learning valuable life skills."

Trent Swanson
Lincoln Academy Principal

Every Lincoln student stepped up to volunteer helping first graders at Literacy Day. And they were the BEST at mentoring from reading to roping to book mark making. You guys brought your A game!!

SAVE THE DATES:



Fall Volunteer Orientation
6pm Sept 6,

Homecoming Parade
Oct 20,



Clayshoot Fundraiser
9am Oct 29

**Special Olympics
Equestrian**
Nov 5 at OSU



SPRING EVENTS:

Party with a Purpose



Family Matters

LilyBelle Beckstrom brought her mom, brother and grandparents to the Derby Party to tell how Turning Point has given her confidence & strength.

Literacy Day adds School



Reading and Feeding

First Graders from **Highland Park** AND **Will Rogers** came to the barn in April to read to horses PLUS learn about feeding them, roping and racing stick horses.

SUMMER CLASSES SET HIGH BAR!

Despite the heat, the new arena allowed Summer Classes for the first time at the new location. BUT, few volunteers meant most riders had to be **independant**.

"Confidence! My 12-year old son went from nervous to confident and independent in just one semester. He's already put riding at the top of his Back to School To Do List. And he can roll with change like when "his" horse was on stall rest for a week. So much more than I expected."

Sam's mom, Michal



Riders like **Abby** got support this summer to maintain the strength, stamina, and balance she worked so hard to build on **Larry** all Spring.

Sam and Doc



Abby on Larry with volunteers

INTERN HEADING TO OSU

Matt Sitton began riding at Turning Point as a 3-year old. As a High School grad, he spent the past year as a Pathfinders Transition Job Intern.

He built a portfolio of job skills like time management, goal setting and problem solving with a team of staff members (who also got some supervisory experience for their resumes.)

Now he's off to OSU as a College student in the first class of Opportunity Orange. (one of only 5 selected) Glad to help you build your future Matt!!



THE MAGIC OF A SPECIAL HORSE

Do You Have One to Share?



It's not easy to join the Turning Point herd- months of steps between a call and the 1st class. But growing numbers of riders mean we **NEED** more horses **NOW!** If you have a horse you'd like to loan long term to Turning Point, feed, farrier and vet services are covered. Contact **Rachel Martin:** rachmar@turningpointriding.org

Qualities of Great Therapy Horse:

- Smart, curious and looking for a job
- Between 8 and 18
- Trained & eager to learn new things
- Excellence in a past career i.e. roping, reining, polo
- Likes people

ARE YOU A TURNING POINT HERO?

Here's a Salute to People who Pitched In and Ways You Can Support Futures:



A **Hero Salute** goes to **Central OK Teen & Adult Challenge** for building and dry walling a needed office at the barn.

A growing program with a herd of horses **ALWAYS** needs help! This Spring a \$6000 vet bill from colic surgery hit the budget hard. But we're lucky to have help from folks who know **FUTURES** are riding on their support.

Here's how to help:

- Click **HERE** to check out the Turning Point Wish List on Amazon to shop for needs.
- Click **GIVE** on the Turning Point website for online donations

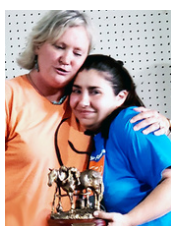
EXAMPLE NEEDS

- \$15.79 for 8 boxes of Kleenex
- \$25 Scholarship for one lesson
- \$47.98 for portable microphone for arena
- \$150 Monthly Feed Bill for horses
- \$300 for Stihl FS70 Heavy Duty weedeater

FRIENDS MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Former Facility Manager **Losco Hunter** made a contact at the Thomas N Berry Company that resulted in the donation of a MUCH needed brush hog.



Senior Instructor and Volunteer Coordinator **Kenzie Oefelein** is moving to Tulsa after 12 years at Turning Point. Her heart & experience will be so missed.



Will Rogers School secretary **Sharla Curtis** got a "present" of books for the school library as part of the school's first year with the **HorseTales Literacy** program.



Longtime Board Member **Larry Sanchez** coached the **OSU Equestrian Team** to a Big XII & National Championship!! Way to GO Cowgirls and Coach!



Rachel and Board President **Tara Depperschmidt** were given a Certificate of Appreciation by the **Stillwater School Board** for the new Lincoln Academy Program. Selfie with Lincoln counselor Clare Wittecombe.

14

Riders still on the waiting list for the Fall semester after DOUBLING classes

703

Friends Baxter made at Grandparents U, Spirit Day, Staff Appreciation Day & the Library since May

10

Hours it takes volunteers Matt & Stacey Reed to mow & weedeat weekly

164

Volunteers who served as sidewalkers, horse handlers or horse care team members this Spring