

# ***M.A.R.E. Therapeutic Riding Center 2008 Annual Report***



**Where Miracles Happen One Stride at a Time**

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## From Our President

Dear Patrons and Friends of M.A.R.E. ,

The fiscal year of 2007-2008 proved to be somewhat challenging as our economy struggles to stabilize. Exorbitant gas and energy prices, a failing housing market and higher costs for food and clothing have left many with less discretionary income to invest in philanthropic organizations. Although it was a challenging year fiscally, M.A.R.E. was successful in providing 2,547 hours of equine assisted activities and raised \$237,390 through program activities, fundraising events and charitable contributions from a generous and supportive community.

However difficult it seems to be, endlessly fundraising, event planning, and organizing committees to raise more money, the stress and worry of all that responsibility seems to magically wash away as I side walk with Kenny on his first day back to M.A.R.E. after a three-year absence.



Kenny was born with multiple birth defects of the heart, respiratory and gastrointestinal systems. The first two years of Kenny's life were spent recovering from cardiopulmonary arrest, respiratory arrest, septic shock, grand mal seizures and pneumonia. He has had numerous surgeries in an effort to repair his heart, lungs and stomach. Kenny breathes through a trach tube and is nourished through a feeding tube. The last few years Kenny has been unable to ride because he had to be on a respirator to sustain his life. He has now gained some respiratory strength and is able to sustain his breathing away from the respirator for about an hour.

Kenny is almost 11-years-old. He started riding in the Hippotherapy program at three and was able to continue therapy on horseback for the next few years. He left the program three years ago as you can not carry a respirator around with you when you ride. Wednesday, July 9, 2008, Kenny returned to M.A.R.E. for his first horseback ride in three years. It was so wonderful to see him again as he has an infectious smile and engaging personality. The joy on his face as he got back on his horse was a gift to all. Kenny's mother said that as soon as they received the doctor's ok she called because all Kenny really wanted to do was ride again. Kenny and his mom both had the biggest smiles and our hearts were filled by the awesome light that exuded from them. It truly is awe inspiring to be in Kenny's presence and experience firsthand his enthusiasm for life and the strength of his will to survive and thrive. I think we all can learn something from him and I am thankful that I have been blessed by the chance to work with Kenny and others like him.

So I thank each and every one of you who help make Kenny's dreams come true and mine too.

Sincerely,

**DIANE HOPKINS**

Diane Hopkins  
President

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## Program Overview

### Students

There are four riding sessions that run approximately 12 weeks per session: Winter (*Jan-Mar*), Spring (*Apr-Jun*), Summer (*Jul*), and Fall (*Sept-Dec*)

#### Sport Riding

	Participants	Attended	Absent	Total
Jul	8	330	0	330
Aug	0	0	0	0
Sept	29	80	28	108
Oct	32	96	25	121
Nov	32	75	33	108
Dec	35	59	31	90
Jan	36	72	29	101
Feb	43	119	61	180
Mar	45	107	42	149
April	48	143	42	185
May	45	132	60	192
June	42	127	50	177
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1340</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>1741</b>
		<b>77%</b>		

#### Vaulting

	Participants	Attended	Absent	Total
Jul	15	33	14	47
Aug	0	0	0	0
Sept	31	80	15	95
Oct	32	102	39	141
Nov	32	86	29	115
Dec	31	75	27	102
Jan	26	65	28	93
Feb	27	77	31	108
Mar	27	74	18	92
Apr	26	89	24	113
May	23	64	16	80
Jun	20	78	10	88
<b>Totals</b>		<b>823</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>1074</b>
		<b>77%</b>		

#### Hippotherapy

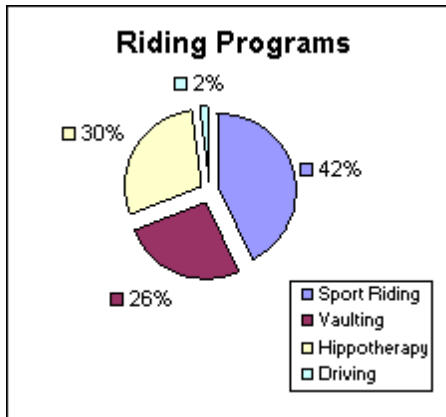
	Participants	Attended	Absent	Total
Jul	8	23	10	33
Aug	0	0	0	0
Sept	10	29	11	40
Oct	12	41	17	58
Nov	12	30	18	48
Dec	12	25	10	35
Jan	11	28	15	43
Feb	11	31	13	44
Mar	11	21	12	33
April	13	34	14	48
May	12	40	5	45
June	12	50	14	64
<b>Totals</b>		<b>352</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>491</b>
		<b>72%</b>		

#### Driving

	Participants	Attended	Absent	Total
Jan	4	3	1	4
Mar	4	3	1	4
Apr	4	12	4	16
May	4	9	5	14
Jun	3	5	3	8
<b>Totals</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>46</b>
		<b>70%</b>		

#### Year End Lesson Report Jul 2007 to Jun 2008

	Participants	Attended	Absent	Total
Jul	46	386	24	410
Aug	0	0	0	0
Sept	70	189	54	243
Oct	76	239	81	320
Nov	76	191	80	271
Dec	78	159	68	227
Jan	77	168	73	241
Feb	81	227	105	332
Mar	87	205	73	278
April	91	278	84	362
May	84	245	86	331
Jun	82	260	77	337
<b>Totals</b>		<b>2547</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>3352</b>
		<b>76%</b>		



Riding Program Income: \$80,064

**Lesson Volunteers**

Volunteers donate many hours of their time as leaders and sidewalkers. We cannot operate without them. They help our special equestrians ride safely.

Number of Lesson Volunteers: 35 (average)

Total Number of Hours: 9,437

**Equine Therapy Partners** – *There are 11 horses used in the program.*

Beezlee – 8 yrs, Percheron/Morgan  
 Charlie Tuck – 20 yrs, American Cream/Draft  
 Duncan – 11 yrs, Warm Blood  
 Elvira – 24 yrs, Quarter Horse  
 Lady Di – 9 yrs, Paint Horse  
 Cinnamon – 8 yrs, Paint Horse

Mouse – 31 yrs, Quarter Pony  
 Penny – 25 yrs, Quarter Horse  
 Sally – 19 yrs, Pony of America  
 Cricket – 8 yrs, Haflinger  
 Lady – 7yrs, Haflinger

**Donations and Fundraising Review****Donations (Monetary)****\$29,643****In-Kind Donations****\$45,860****Student Scholarships****\$11,790****Memorial Donations****\$1,615****Grants****\$26,850****Horse Sponsorships****\$15,663****Fundraisers & Special Events****\$74,556**

Evening at the Races  
 Condors  
 Magical Forest  
 Pennies to Ponies  
 Ride-a-thon

Haberfelde Foundation  
 Castle & Cooke  
 Patricia A. Brown Foundation  
 Bakersfield West Rotary Foundation

**CARROT CLUB MEMBERS****24 Carrot - Program Pals**  
\$5,000 and above

Bakersfield Breakfast Lions  
Diane and Rick Hopkins  
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Patricia A. Brown Foundation

**18 Carrot - Pony Pals**  
\$3,000 - \$4,999

Active 20/30 Club  
Panama Equine Hospital

**14 Carrot - Saddle Pals**  
\$1,500 - \$2,999

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**10 Carrot - Pasture Pals**  
\$500 - \$1,499

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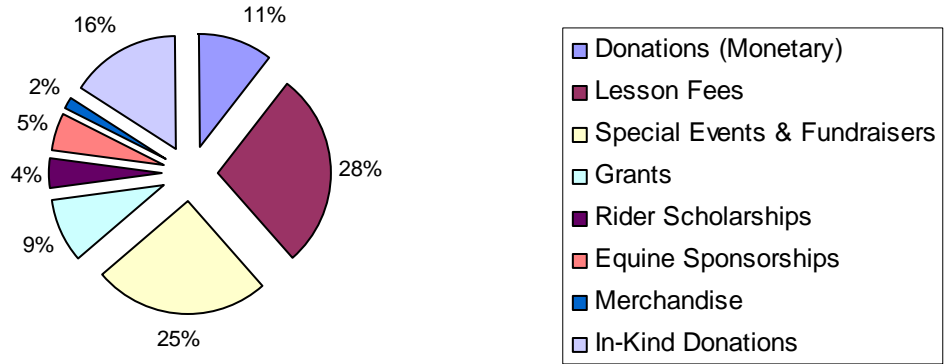
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**2007 / 2008 Income - \$289,618**



**2007 / 2008 Expenses - \$297,914**

