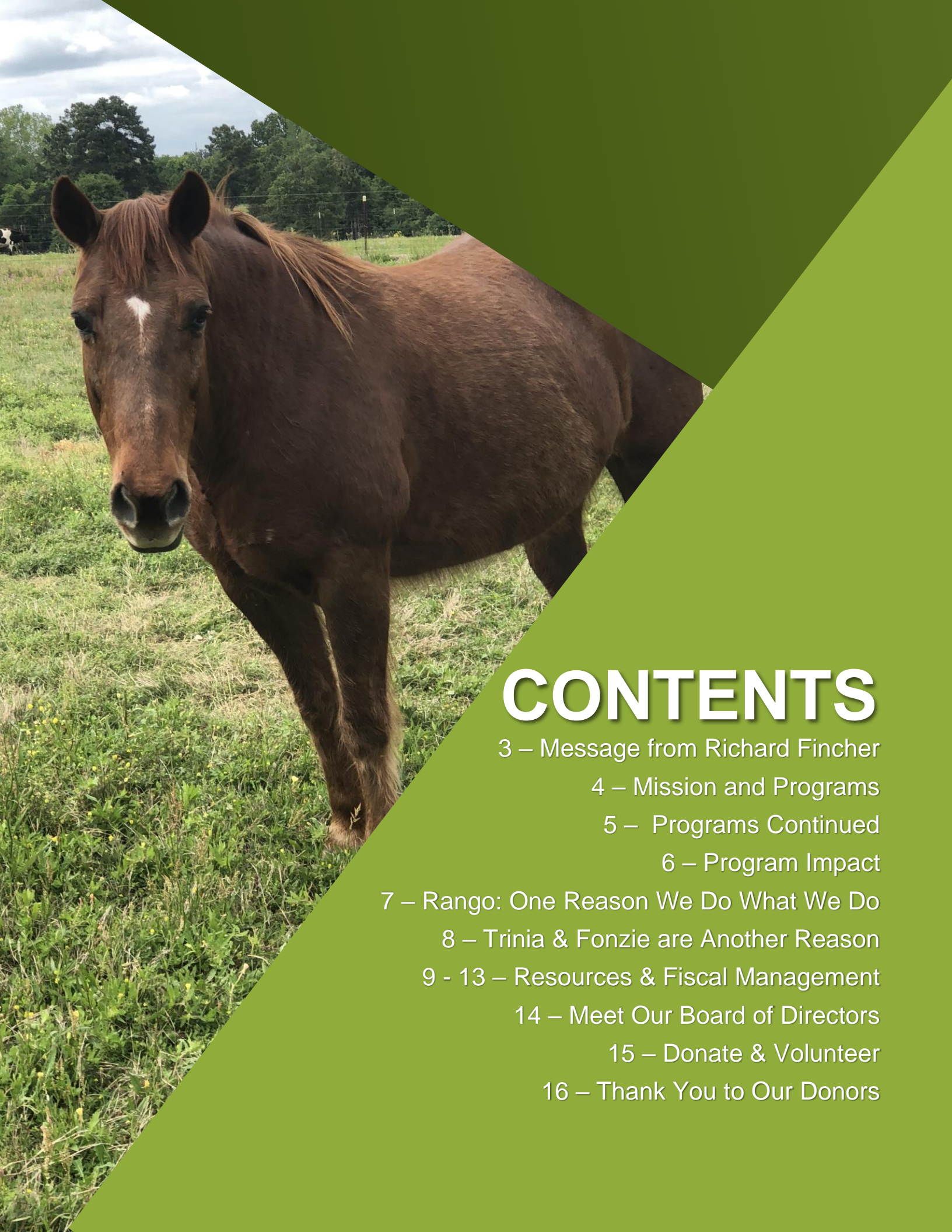




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Message from Richard Fincher

Dear Friends,

Wow what a year 2018 was....

Our dedicated team of volunteers took care of 72 horses last year, helped keep 23 horses with their families through the Keeping Horses at Home program, found new homes for 49 horses, and enjoyed watching 2 horses be born.

The Emergency Response Team also a great year in 2018. We welcomed 3 new members to our team and received a grant from Fire House Subs for \$20,477.96 to purchase much needed equipment. Our team also responded to the call for help after Hurricane Florence hit North Carolina.

Volunteers are the backbone of Safe Haven Equine Rescue and without them our organization could not grow and rescue these majestic animals. On the other side of that same coin are our supporters, without their selfless donations our volunteers wouldn't have the resources to provide top of the line care to the horses here at Safe Haven Equine Rescue.

With all that said, I would like to send out a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all the volunteers that gave their time, sweat and labor and to all the supporter that gave their money to make 2018 such an amazing year.

Sincerely,

Richard Fincher

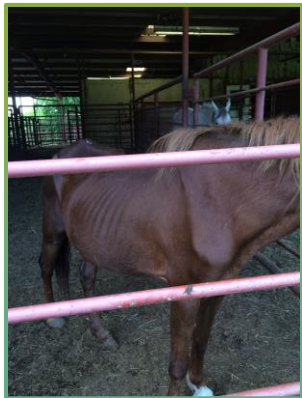


**Richard Fincher, Executive Director
Safe Haven Equine Rescue and
Retirement Home, Inc.**

Mission

Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home, Inc. is a volunteer based, non-profit organization accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries that is dedicated to the welfare of horses. Our goal is to rescue abused, neglected, or distressed horses, bring these rescued horses back to optimal health and to find them loving homes. In some cases, due to age or disability, a horse will not be able to be adopted. For these horses, Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home, Inc. will provide a home where they can peacefully live out the rest of their life with love and dignity.

Programs



Law Enforcement Seizures / Strays

We investigate calls of neglect, collect evidence, assist in the pick up during a seizure, and testify in court when needed. These steps allow us to work closely with law enforcement officers to help save horses from neglect. Since our founding in 1999 we have rescued over 700 horses from neglectful owners and helped prosecutors convict many of them. These are the horses that we rehabilitate and find new loving families for. If these horses cannot be adopted out due to health problems, they are moved into our sanctuary program to live out the rest of their lives here at Safe Haven with

love and dignity. Safe Haven also picks up stray horses for Law Enforcement agencies. Safe Haven acts as the holding facility while the owners are located. If unable to locate the owners, Safe Haven then moves these horses into our adoption program.

Rehabilitation of Horses / Adoption



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This program is a process of love and good care for the horses that have come to Safe Haven. Some horses have been starved and neglected meaning they just need some weight on them but no major medical issues. Others have been abused and need to learn to trust again. This program has steps in it to allow that to happen. This program also allows us to take in horses that have medical problems that the previous owners were ignoring. After horses are

rehabilitated they become available for adoption, where a loving forever family is found for them.



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Emergency Rescue Team

Safe Haven has a trained emergency rescue team that can respond to a number of different situations.



Here are just some of the situations we can respond to:

- Natural disasters (flooding, tornadoes, hurricanes, fires, etc.)
- Searching for animals in these disaster areas
- Motor vehicle accidents involving a horse and/or trailer
- Veterinarian or Owner needing help lifting a horse that is down
- Rescuing a trapped horse that has fallen into a confined space
- Transportation of an injured horse

In 2017, Safe Haven Equine Rescue responded to Hurricane Harvey in Texas and in 2018, our team responded to Hurricane Florence in North Carolina along with other partnering organizations under the direction of Code 3 Associates.

Education

One of the goals that Safe Haven sets for itself every year is to educate future owners in the proper care of horses. Through these programs we spread the word about what Safe Haven does and how people can help or get involved. We also set goals to continue our education so that we can provide the best services possible.



Community Outreach

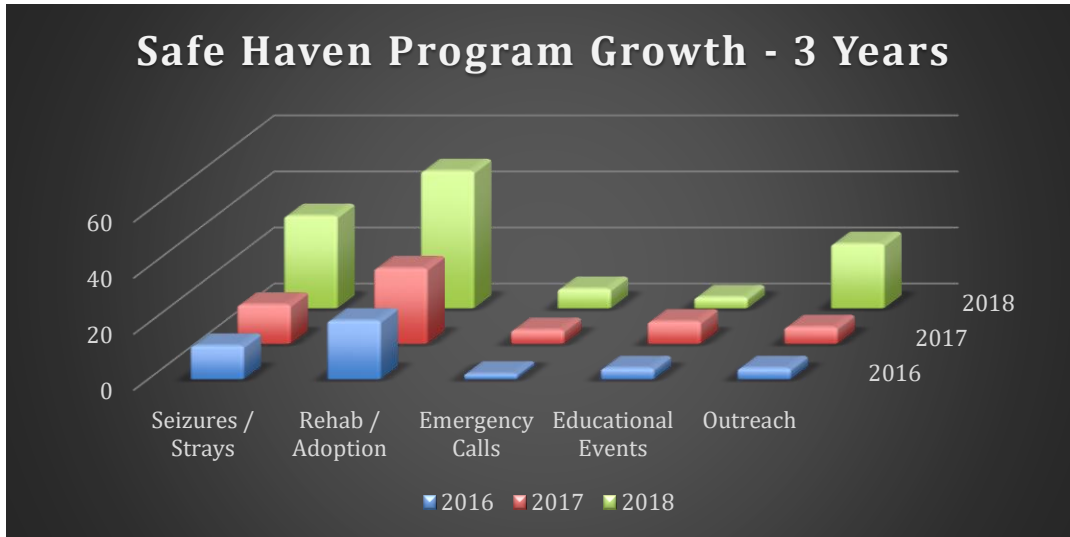
Supporting our community is very important to all the Board Members at Safe Haven. Not just because we rely on the community for their support but because it is the RIGHT thing to do.

Each year Safe Haven takes our mascot, Rescue, to the hospital to visit kids. These visits are some of the most humbling experiences our Board Members and Volunteers face. Most the kids we visit with have never seen a horse and some do not speak any English. All of them have their own special needs, some are in wheelchairs, others are in portable beds, while a few are able to walk and run on their own or with the aid of a walker. No matter the struggles they face or needs they have - whether it is their first time or the hundredth time petting a horse - their eyes light up when they see our gentle giant Rescue come around the corner.

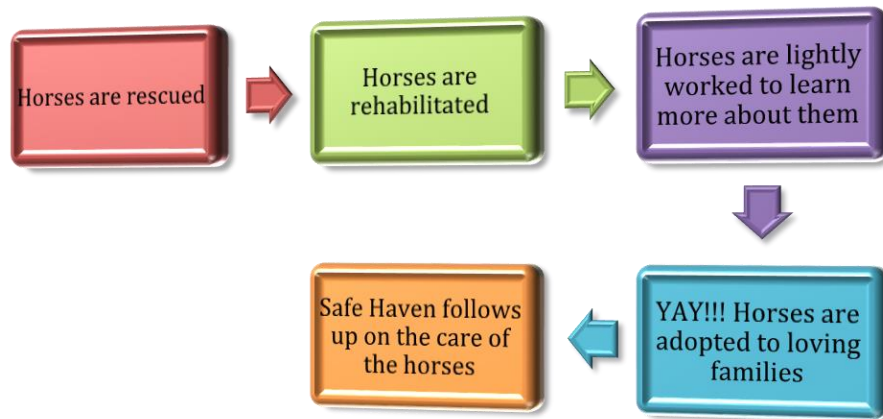


Program Impact

Below is a graph to show both the growth and impact of the different programs that Safe Haven Equine Rescue provides.



The chart (above) shows the change from Programs 1-5 between 2016 and 2018.



The illustration (above) shows the process for a horse moving through Safe Haven.

Rango – One Reason We Do What We Do...



Sunshine the day she was rescued.

Sunshine was rescued from, he mother or killed by the stallion also

The vet came to the rescue with IVs Rango. Rango started to bounce was standing and nursing all by huge smiles as we watched him days old. By the time he was 1 nosey and loving a life he wouldn't not for Safe Haven Equine Rescue.

Now at 2 years old, Rango has a loving family who will cherish him forever and Sunshine has found a forever home of her own.



Sunshine 6 months after being rescued.

Sunshine was rescued mid-February 2015. She was starved, neglected, and pregnant. On March 31, 2015, she gave birth to a small, weak colt, named Rango. Rango was under developed due to his mother being starved and could not nurse. He could only stand a few minutes at a time. Safe Haven volunteers spent the day with Rango while waiting for the vet to arrive. Volunteers tried holding him and even tried bottle feeding him, but he was too weak to eat. One volunteer was holding Rango when he stopped breathing. His will and a lot of rubbing from a volunteer got him breathing again. That afternoon for all the volunteers at Safe Haven. Had Rango been born in the field would have been abandon by his mother kept in that field



and bags of plasma for back that night and by the next day himself. Everyone at Safe Haven had play in the water for the first time at 2 month old, he was filling out, a little have if



Rango – 2 years old

Trinia and Fonzie are another reason

Art and Michelle looked for over a year. They searched and called around looking for that special horse that would mean the world to their 31-year-old daughter, Trina. Trina has special both mental and physical disabilities meaning she needed a very special horse. By luck, one of the people they contacted told them about Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home in Gilmer, Texas.



Michelle called Safe Haven and spoke with Richard Fincher, the Executive Director. Richard told her that there were several horses here at Safe Haven. He invited them to come visit the horses to see if Trina clicked with any of them. Trina saw Fonzie and fell in love; the love turned out to be mutual.

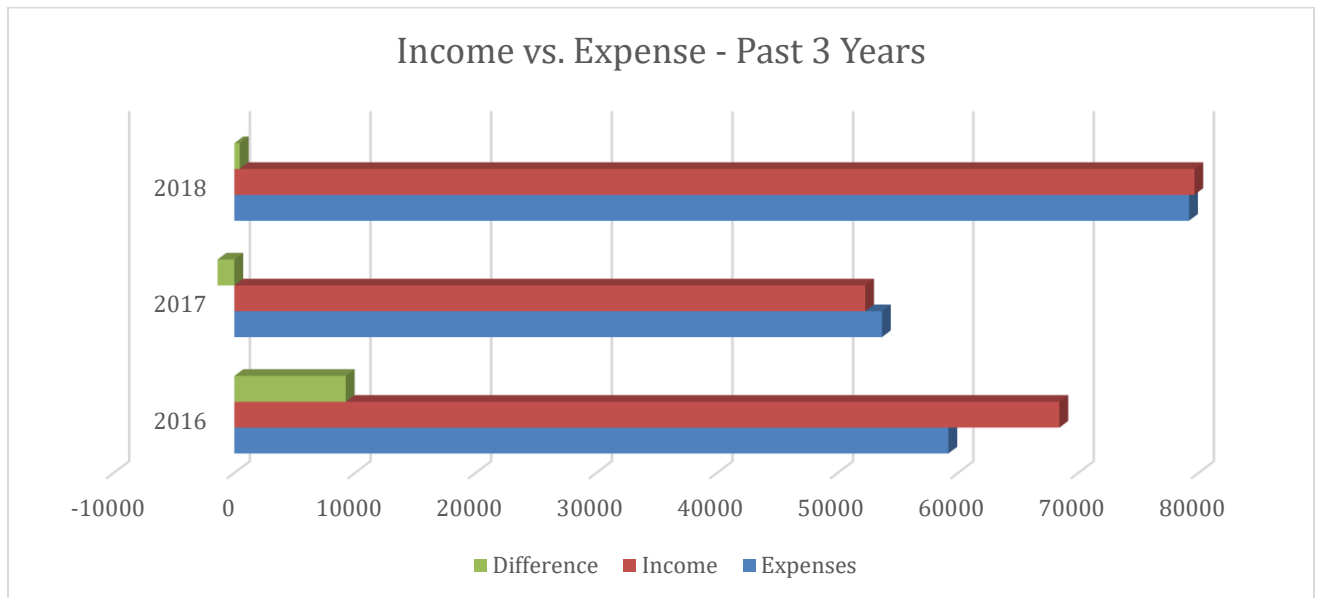
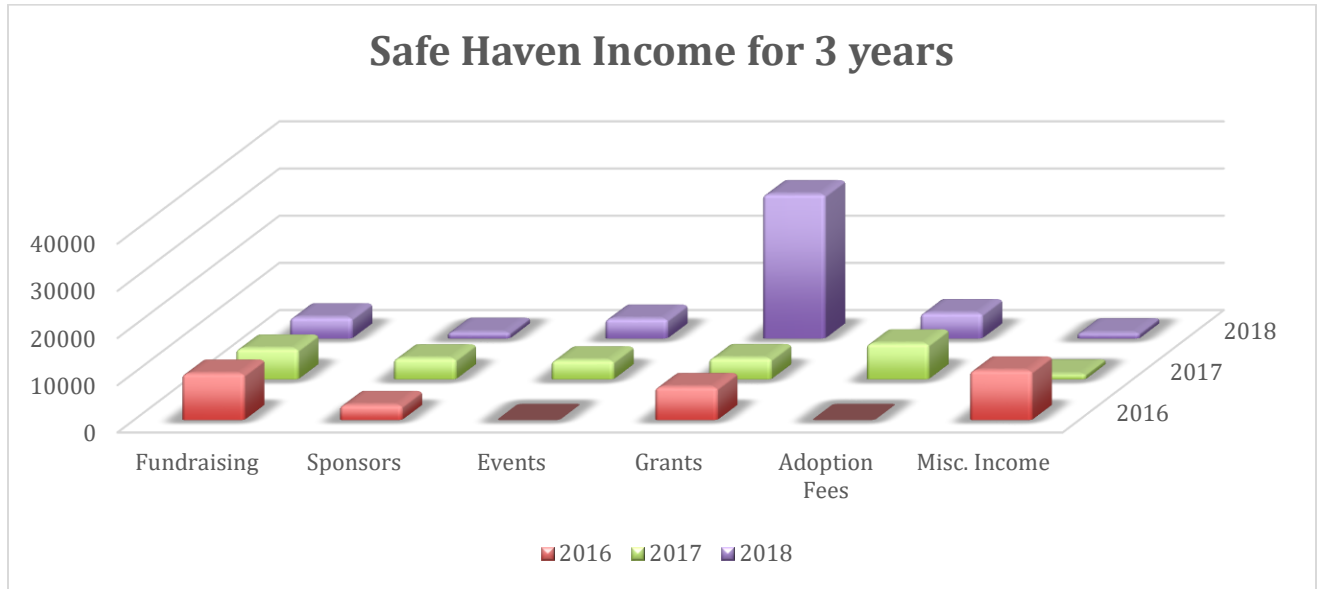
Fonzie now has an amazing life with a loving momma thanks to Michelle adopting him for her daughter Trina. Life for Fonzie hasn't always been full of love and kindness though. Before he was rescued Fonzie was kept in a small field with 8 other horses. They had no hay, no clean water, and owners who didn't feed or care for them.

In February of 2016, local law enforcement officers stepped in to seize these 9 horses. Safe Haven was contacted to pick up all 9 horses. Fonzie, known then as GW8, was a 9-year-old gelding, per the vet, and at least 250 lbs. underweight. The vet also said he was anemic, dehydrated, malnourished, had severe internal parasites, had a fungus called rain rot along his spine, and that he needed his teeth and feet taken care of. Volunteers at Safe Haven went to work spending hours caring for and feeding Fonzie and the other rescued horses. They treated the rain rot and parasites. The farrier came on a regular basis until his feet were healed from the abscesses and thrush caused by lack of care. The Equine Dentist also came out to Safe Haven to take care of his teeth. Fonzie had several sores in his mouth and along his cheeks from the sharp points on his teeth. After having the points filed down by a process called floating, Fonzie's mouth healed.

Fonzie was ready to be delivered to his new home 4 months after being rescued. Trina was there with loving, open arms to welcome him home. With the help of a riding instructor, Trina and Fonzie are now competing in the Special Olympic Rodeos. As you watch them work as a team you can see and feel the love and respect they have for each other. The latest accomplishments for this team has been at the Houston Rodeo. Together they received 4th place in barrels, 7th place in showmanship, and honorable mention in trails. However, the greatest accomplishment for them has been finding each other and sharing a love and admiration for each other that is as unique and wonderful as they are.

Resources & Financial Management

Below is information about the resources and the financial standings of Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home, Inc. If you have any questions in reference to this information please contact our treasurer, Kerri Downs, at kerri@safehavenequinerescue.com



Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home, Inc.
2018 Income Breakdown

Category	Amount	Percentage of Total Income
Income		
Adoption Fees	5,400.00	7%
Corporate Donation	1,350.00	2%
Court	6,042.01	8%
General Donation	26,295.74	33%
Events		
2019 Expo	297.50	
Bear Fest	126.58	
Dalton Days	140.00	
Dog Days Of Summer	86.15	
Dogtoberfest	159.36	
East Texas Giving Day	2,581.53	
Garage Sale	0.00	
Girl Scout Day	0.00	
Gladewater Rodeo		
Longview Rodeo	0.00	
Longview Trades Day	301.00	
Music Festival	0.00	
Open House/HAHD	768.49	
Poker Run	312.25	
Syrup Fest.	43.73	
Water Rescue Class	20.49	
Total Events	4,242.08	5%
Fundraising Inc.		
Brouchures	2,500.00	
Mass Mailing	0.00	
Restaruant Night Inc.	1,241.54	
Rifle Raffle	612.69	
Total Fundraising Inc.	4,505.57	6%
Grant		
ASPCA Case Grant	2,622.00	
Firehouse Subs	20,477.96	
Hanson	5,000.00	
Equus Foundation	2,500.00	
Total Grants	30,599.96	38%

Interest Inc.	27.82	0%
Sales - Fundraising	146.12	
Online Store	321.57	
Sales - Restaruant Night	727.36	
Total Sales - Fundraising	1,195.05	2%
Total Income	79,658.23	100%

**Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home, Inc.
2018 Expense Breakdown**

Category	2018 Actuals	Percentage of Total Expenses
Auto & Trasport		
Registration	139.25	
Tolls		
Total Auto & Trasport	139.25	0%
Board Expense	567.30	1%
Cash	0.00	0%
Code 3 Call Out	0.00	0%
Conference	0.00	0%
Donation to Other 501c3	150.00	0%
Education		
Classroom	0.00	
Programing	0.00	
Scholarship	0.00	
Total Education	0.00	0%
Equine Dentist	0.00	0%
Equipment	325.00	0%
Farrier	2,220.00	3%
Feed		
Feed	10,258.52	
Hay	4,950.00	
Total Feed	15,208.52	19%
Fees & Charges		
Bank Fees	15.00	
Service Fees	0.00	

Total Fees	15.00	0%
Food & Dining	0.00	0%
Fuel	7,797.00	10%
Fundraising Exp.	417.05	
Restaruant Night Exp.	270.00	
Total Fundraising Exp.	687.05	1%
Grants		
ASPCA Case Grant	2,622.00	
Firehouse Subs	20,477.96	
Hanson	5,000.00	
Equus Foundation	2,500.00	
Total Grants	30,599.96	39%
Insurance		
D&O	342.00	
Liability	1,545.00	
Rescue Trailer	1,177.00	
Total Insurance	3,064.00	4%
Interest Exp.	6.77	0%
Lease	1,500.00	2%
Maintance		
4-Wheeler	117.37	
Barn	812.53	
Fencing	1,014.61	
General	1,246.66	
Hay Barn	0.00	
Mower	48.75	
Mule	471.86	
Office	104.82	
Tractor	194.74	
Trailer	360.06	
Trailer Shed	236.53	
Truck	2,435.32	
Total Maintance	7,043.25	9%
Membership Fees	150.00	0%
Office Equipment	409.12	1%

Office Expenses	848.19	1%
Other Services	110.00	0%
Professional Fees	0.00	0%
Rescue Calls	0.00	0%
Rescue Equipment	1,224.31	2%
Shavings	1,156.43	1%
State Registrations	71.57	0%
Tax		
Sales Tax	21.19	
Total Tax	21.19	0%
Training		
Training	0.00	
Travel		
Travel	0.00	
Hotel		
Total Travel	0.00	0%
Utilities		
Electric	2,352.66	
Internet	599.60	
Telephone	422.46	
Water		
Total Utilities	3,374.72	4%
Veterinary		
Veterinary	2,157.15	3%
Website		
Website	367.55	0%
Total Expenses	79,213.33	100%

Looking Forward

As Safe Haven Equine Rescue starts another year, we look forward to saving horses and continuing to grow our programs as we have over the last several years.

Executive Leadership

Our Board of Directors is a committed group of animal lovers.



Richard Fincher
Executive Director



Cheryl Grant
President



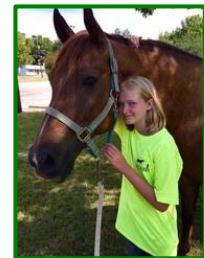
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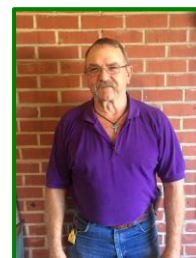
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Safe Haven Equine Rescue
4994 FM 2088
Gilmer, Texas 75644

Volunteer and Help Make a Difference

Not everyone can make a financial contribution and that is okay. Your time is just as valuable to us. Please consider volunteering, it helps us, it helps the horses and it will help you as you watch these rescued horses come back to life. Volunteering is a WIN, WIN here at Safe Haven.

- Volunteer at the barn
- Volunteer with the Emergency Rescue Team
- Volunteer in a different way: _____

Please visit our website <http://www.safehavenequinerescue.com> to learn more, or call us at 903.762.1432. Send this form by mail to our office at 4994 FM 2088, Gilmer, Texas 75644

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

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Thank You to All of Our Donors

Safe Haven cannot say **THANK YOU** enough to our donors. Thanks to the wonderful donations from these individuals and others like them we have been able to do so much for the horses in our care.

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