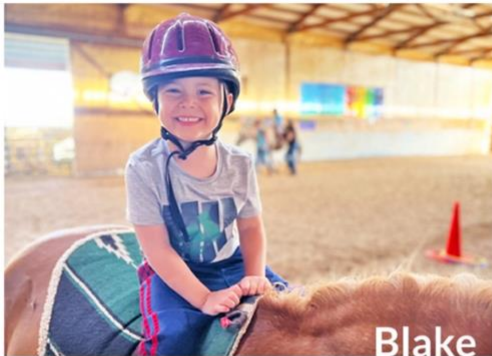


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Enriching quality of life through connections with equine partners.

BEAMING's equine support programs help improve the physical health and emotional wellness of children and adults with diverse abilities, troubled and hurting teens, veterans, seniors with dementia and Parkinson's and their caregivers, and children and families affected by trauma.



"As a parent of a child with brain cancer, finding the right support and therapy has been so important. Beyond the physical benefits, the emotional support our son receives from the horses and instructors has been truly remarkable. The connection he has formed with the horses provides him with a sense of comfort and understanding that goes beyond what we could have ever imagined. The nurturing environment at BEAMING, along with the compassionate staff and volunteers, has created a safe and special space for our son.

We are immensely grateful to BEAMING for the care, love and support they provide to our son and everyone that enters their doors. **It is an experience that not only fosters physical improvement but also nurtures the spirit and fills the heart with hope and joy.** Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making such a profound difference in our son's life." *--Megan B, mother of Blake*

"Our son started attending BEAMING after we started to notice a decline in his grades and poor attendance at school. He lacked all motivation, seemed distant and would play video games all night. After a few sessions at BEAMING, we started noticing a positive change. He was waking up early, excited to start his day with the horses. It brought him to be more aware of his actions and he became increasingly less disrespectful. He has so much respect for all of the staff at BEAMING. He was welcomed with open arms from day one.

Our son feels that he has gained more confidence, self-esteem and self-worth since starting BEAMING. He has something to look forward to, and this motivates him. The horses give him a sense of peace and truly make him smile. He smiles more now than he ever has. He enjoys being a part of the team and making a difference in the lives of others. He also feels that he has a newfound respect for people with disabilities." *--Ashley J, mother of Parker*



Dorothy, who has dementia, began participating in our Riding in the Moment™ program in 2023. One of her greatest wishes in all her life was to ride a horse. At 96 years young, her wish came true. "I just feel something exhilarating, I don't know how to explain it," she says.

Dorothy continues, "Riding makes me feel young again! Anything that does that is good. It's so uplifting. It makes me feel good all over." Dorothy's daughter, Linda, also enjoys participating in the program with her mother. Says Linda, "We can be together and make memories, and I've met other caregivers. **I've told a lot of people about what a difference it's made in Mom's outlook on life.**"



Amanda has been riding at BEAMING since 2022. When she was 3 years old, she was diagnosed with hearing loss. She loved participating in many activities, but if instructors were not patient and accommodating, it could be a challenge. She loves all animals, especially horses, which is why her mother Linda was so excited to find BEAMING. Her instructors use a special hearing device and sign language with Amanda. "She loves to make connections with the horses," says Linda. **"Her lessons have helped her become healthier both physically and emotionally, and improved her confidence."**

Read more testimonials and see testimonial videos at beaminginc.org/testimonials

