

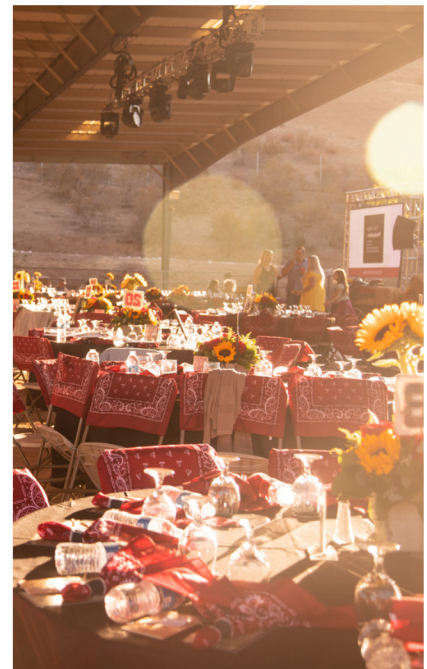


With summer and Heart of the West behind us, it is a season of change at Carousel Ranch. After the past 2+ years of so much unknown... we now look forward with great hope for the future. With the cooler weather upon us, several new staff members and even some upcoming leadership changes - it is a time to celebrate the chapter ahead. We remain grateful for the Carousel Ranch community. Thank you for always keeping our students in your hearts.

Heart of the West

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There are honestly no words to express how we feel about the success of this year's Heart of The West. We have been astounded by the outpouring of love and support. We have much to celebrate - including each of you who came together to make it a great success for the children and adults that we serve. Heart of the West could not have been possible without our amazing sponsors, life long friends, community, staff and students. The Carousel Ranch community is strong and we are so grateful. Thank you for being part of our story.



Whether a monetary donation, an in-kind gift, or the donation of your time, each and every act of kindness, means so very much. Each dollar comes together in ways we cannot even begin to explain. Thank you for embracing Carousel Ranch and the work we do. With your help, the next chapter in our story looks bright, ensuring the next 25 years of changing lives - together.

Gianna, Jonah, Piper & Caiden were truly STARS!



Heart of the West



We hope you will join us again next year!

Save the Date

27th Annual Heart of the West
Saturday, August 26th, 2023

Thank You

TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED TO MAKE OUR EVENT A SUCCESS!

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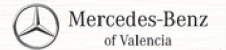


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EQUESTRIAN THERAPY



“Life doesn’t get easier or more forgiving, we get stronger and more resilient.”

– Dr. Steve Maraboli



In thinking about the last 2 ½ years, this quote says it perfectly. Life has certainly not gotten easier – yet from challenge and difficulty we have learned so much, become stronger and certainly more resilient. Today, as we look forward – we must also reflect on where we have been – and the hardships we are still dealing with as we emerge from these times.

The reality is that due to circumstances beyond our control (like so many other businesses) we have lost a number of staff/instructors many of whom has been with us for a very long time. This has left us limited in our capacity to serve as many students as we’d like – but we are also very proud of the work being done.

Over the last 6 months we are very pleased to have taken 16 new students off of our waiting list into the program, even having lost three senior instructors this past year. We are working diligently to hire new staff and get them properly trained in order to build our team back up and allow for the future growth of the program.

During this new chapter with so many new

staff, we are developing new training and instructor certification protocols which will allow us to create a clear path for those who are working to become an instructor. In addition we have added a facilities coordinator, a groom position and are working to add new support staff positions – which in turn will allow the instructors that we have to focus the majority of their time on teaching.

This is an example of the resiliency that we have now embraced. Change is hard, but as we enter this new chapter we know that we will indeed come out stronger than ever.

“Riley is growing up and through the process she has been supported by Carousel Ranch. She no longer needs steps to climb up on her horse, she no longer needs three people with her while she rides. She now independently lifts herself on her horse and has Stefanie walk alongside her while she guides the horse. These milestones may be small to most, but they are huge to us.



Riley now has the strength to lift herself onto the horse, her therapy at Carousel Ranch has been what has gotten her to this point. Just because Riley now has physical strength it does not mean therapy ends there, the team continues to work on building her confidence. When she rides a horse, she is just like all of the other kids. Carousel Ranch is her place to shine!”

– Rianne Pringle, Riley’s Mom



Jared Koss

We have worked with Jared, in Level 2, for a little over 3 years and have seen so much growth during that time. Jared completed our Ready to Work! Academy Customer Service class in November 2019. After that Jared went on to work at Six Flags. Additionally, we have worked with Jared on getting his driver's license and refining his skills. We have enjoyed watching Jared grow in his professionalism and understanding of expectations. It is clear Jared wants to impress people around him and provide a helping hand.

We are so proud of Jared for his newest accomplishment! Earlier this month, he began working at Chevron as a Station Service Representative. Jared worked together with his Level 2 coach on the application and interview process, while exhibiting the skills he learned over the years. He was hesitant at first to get started but knew with a little pushing he could do it. After just a few weeks, Jared finishes his days feeling accomplished and proud of his hard work. Some of his duties involve keeping the station clean and maintaining a friendly environment for customers. He is excited to continue working at Chevron and getting more comfortable with his tasks. We are eager to continue watching him grow in this role!

READY TO WORK!

The RTW is short staffed and hiring as we speak. Together three current instructors make up the small but mighty RTW team which has served 43 students so far this year within all levels of the program (Level 1, Level 2, RTW Academy at COC and our RTW Cooking Club). 16 RTW students are currently working and many others are volunteering, working toward their driver's license and personal goals.

We are in the process of amending our Regional Center contract to include their Paid Internship Program (PIP) where students will be able to be placed into paid internships with no financial investment from the employer (wages paid through the Regional Center). We look forward to this being finalized, which we anticipate will open the door to more employment opportunities for our students.

Finally...we are proud to have entered a new partnership with Chevron through their Neurodiverse Hiring Program, enabling us to place RTW students into jobs as Station Support Representatives. We are excited to share Jared's success story as he began working at the Valencia Chevron station.



If you know of any one you think would be a good fit for the RTW program, please feel free to contact us!

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DENISE REDMOND TO STEP DOWN AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Denise Redmond, Executive Director of Carousel Ranch has announced that she will step down from the position as of January 1, 2023. Though not retiring, Denise will continue her work with the Ranch, with a focus on fundraising, grants, donor relations and program development. Taylor Adachi, current Associate Executive Director, will step into the position, providing a seamless transition which has been in the works for the past three years. She will become Executive Director as she begins her 10th year with the organization.

“It has been my honor to serve in this role for nearly 26 years and today, I couldn’t be happier to see Taylor lead us into the next chapter. The role that I will continue to play is truly a combination of my strengths and the things that bring me joy. I look forward to contributing to the success of Carousel Ranch in this way for many years to come,” said Denise.



Denise Redmond (left) and Becky Graham (right) with student Ayla.

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Carousel Ranch is fortunate to have Taylor Adachi stepping into the position of Executive Director ensuring continuity and stability for the Ranch’s future. Adachi shares, “I am proud and honored to be part of the Carousel Ranch team. When I started with Carousel Ranch as a volunteer and intern, I never imagined I would be stepping into the Executive Director role ten years later. I appreciate the board and staff’s confidence in me to lead this beloved organization. I’m so grateful to Denise for her guidance throughout the years. I look forward to continuing to build on this incredible legacy which has already contributed so much to our community.”

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Carousel Ranch is always looking for volunteers to assist in the work that we do in the equestrian program, for events and even in the office. As a volunteer, you will become a very important part of the Carousel Ranch team.

If you are interested in working with us, please call (661) 268-8010 to schedule a time to visit or check out our website at www.carouselranch.org/volunteers



BAILEY GRYER

Bailey began volunteering in August as part of 400 work experience hours needed as a Recreation Therapy major at California State University, Long Beach. Since the day she walked in, it has been a perfect fit for her (and us). Bailey's 12 year old son Wesley is diagnosed with Down syndrome, which is how she learned about the Ranch (through a Facebook group). We are grateful to have Bailey's help every Wednesday and Friday during lessons. Bailey shares "I love it so much. It is fun to see the kids just light up. When you give back, it always makes you feel so good - I feel like I am getting far more than I give." In just a short time, Bailey has quickly become part of the Carousel Ranch family and we are thankful that she will be with us through December.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Agua Dulce Winery's Annual Hayride Through the Vineyard

Hayrides every Saturday and Sunday in October. Be sure to stop by and say "hi" to our scarecrow Dunkin the Carousel Ranch Pumpkin in Scarecrow Alley. For more information, visit the winery's website at aguadulcewinery.com



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Decorate your home for the holidays & make a difference in the life of a student at Carousel Ranch!

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Ride with us on **Saturday, November 19th at 9am** at Motivate Valencia. The cost per ride is \$35 and you can raise additional money for the Ranch by pledging \$\$ each mile you ride. Limited spots available. Go to www.motivateclub.com to sign up today!



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