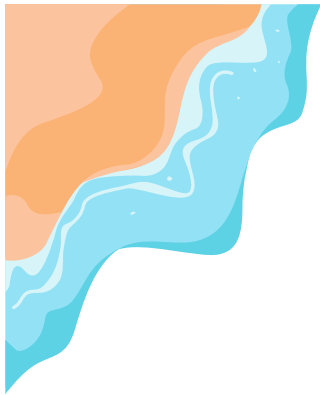




HELL[☀] Summer



With the summer season and Heart of the West upon us – the year is flying by! As we reflect on the first half of the year, we imagine all the things still ahead in the months to come. We are so grateful for our team of incredibly hard working staff and as always, are proud of the work being done in our programs. This season, we celebrate not only the achievements of our students, but also the compassionate community that makes our mission possible. Thank you for being part of the Carousel Ranch family. We are excited to share updates, stories, and moments from this meaningful season with you.

**OUR STUDENTS ARE WHY WE DO WHAT
WE DO, BUT YOU ARE THE HOW.**



EQUESTRIAN THERAPY

"THERE IS
NO SECRET
SO CLOSE
AS THAT
BETWEEN
A RIDER
AND HIS
HORSE."
- UNKNOWN



Whether you've been here for years or you're new to the Ranch... together we have created a place where students and families find hope. A place where we never stop believing in what these students can and will do.

Carousel Ranch's program design is unique, working to create individualized programs for every student while continuously adapting to their specific needs as they change over time. To an individual with a disability, therapeutic riding takes them into a new, unexplored world, providing a sense of independence and freedom that challenges riders in ways they have seldom been challenged before. Carousel Ranch's program design is unique. The program utilizes the sport of vaulting (gymnastics on a moving horse), English, and Western riding disciplines.

Each child is served through individual lessons, with up to four people working with each student. The movement of the horse causes an inherent response, relaxing muscles that are tight, increasing tone in muscles that are weak, building

balance, coordination and control, increasing motor skills, improving behavior and sensory processing while building confidence, self-esteem and social interaction.

While the goals and benefits are different for every child, we strive to help each achieve objectives, discover capabilities and reach new levels. Our instructors focus on the same concepts targeted in traditional forms of therapy, taking it out of a clinical setting and creating an atmosphere where therapy is disguised as fun. An individual program is created - combining all available methods - with exercises tailored for each child's specific needs.



"Being part of the Carousel Ranch community is one of the most valuable and beautiful things in my Vicky's life. I have nothing but words of gratitude and positivity for the entire team that makes this possible; the therapists are incredible—possessing absolute patience and always offering a

smile as they provide their services. Vicky has experienced tremendous growth thanks to this fabulous team—in her behavior, her tolerance and her posture—along with a truly remarkable improvement in her hypotonia.

The clarity with which she now follows instructions is something I once thought unimaginable and it makes me feel incredibly proud of every single achievement. Infinite thanks for every session, every contribution and every "horse ride"—each one makes her life happier. That is my life's greatest mission, and with you by our side, you are helping me fulfill it."

With love, Galy & Vicky

READY TO WORK!

At age 22, students with disabilities “age out” of the educational system. This can be a disorienting event that alters their routine, isolates them and leaves them without a daily purpose. We strive to meet each student where they are, meeting their needs while challenging them to try new things, set goals and achieve them - building on their interests and skills helping each student discover their passions and potential.

RTW has served over 125 participants, working with them from the beginning in our 15 week Level 1 course, to continued 1:1 work within our Level 2 program and participation in our Ready to Work Academy courses in conjunction with College of the Canyons. From there, we assist in reaching their employment goals through Paid Internships, supported employment or volunteer opportunities.

We are so grateful for our community business partners. Carousel Ranch partners with dozens of local businesses to provide work experiences, internships and employment, including Children’s Hunger Fund, DrinkPAK, Holiday Inn, Embassy Suites, LA Police Gear, Neotech Products, Santa Clarita Concrete, Six Flags, Starbucks, Vasquez Rocks and even Disneyland (to name just a few).



“I love the motto for Carousel Ranch: ‘Where hope goes round and round’. And when you have hope, hope takes over all/any negative emotions - worry, stress, frustration and discouragement. Hope keeps you going. When you get on a carousel, you choose your horse and then you hold on tight. When they welcomed me on board at the Ranch, when I got on their carousel, in this case I chose a course - Customer Service, and then I held on till the end. And it’s been a joy ride. And also a hope filled ride. It has been a hope filled ride for me because they help you to get to where you need to be. It has also been a joy ride for me because I truly enjoyed the program, the classroom training, tools, and instructions.

I don’t know where I would be without the Carousel Ranch staff. One day down the road, I know I’ll look back and see how far I’ve come. Carousel Ranch helped me to learn, grow, and get to where I needed to be. They played a part in my life at a time when I really needed it, having had a positive impact that I will always be grateful for.”

-Lisa Douglas

****We are so happy to share that Lisa is now working at Six Flags Magic Mountain in Food Service.**



***If you know of anyone you think would be a good fit for the RTW program, please feel free to contact us!
cgelfo@carouselranch.org | 661-268-8010***

Carousel Wishes & Valentine's Kisses

Thank you for your ongoing support and loving our kids all month long!

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This year's Carousel Wishes & Valentine's Kisses was a great success! We are so incredibly grateful for all of the generosity and participation throughout the month of February. From personal donations and peer to peer fundraising to supporting our restaurant nights and community partners – everything played a role in sharing our mission and raising much needed funds for our programs.

A HUGE thank you to Wayne and Dianne Crawford for continuing the tradition of matching up to \$20,000 in donations! We simply could not do it with you! Together, we reached our goal of \$125,000!!

On behalf of the entire Carousel Ranch family, we thank you for keeping our students in your hearts. Your contributions have made it possible to offer scholarship for every family that needs it, care for our hard-working therapy horses and create an environment for our students to reach their full potential.



How the West was Won Sporting Clay Tournament

We hosted our 17th annual "How the West was Won" charity shooting event at Moore N' Moore Sporting Clays. We expanded our event over a two day period with 38 teams competed for trophies, titles, and prizes. The event was filled with fun, laughter, and team building. Special thanks to Schreiner's Fine Sausages, Wolf Creek Restaurant & Brewing Co. and Starbucks for their contributions to this event.

This unique event was created by board members, Eric Stroh and Wayne Crawford, whose ideas and hard work make it all possible. From its creation over 17 years ago, Wayne and Eric have been the heart behind this event, and it is their efforts that make it a success. Events like these make the programs at Carousel Ranch possible. What better way to spend a Friday morning than at the range with good friends raising money for the kids at Carousel Ranch?



★ ★ ★ Cowgirls & Crystals ★ ★ ★

SAVE THE DATE! GRAB YOUR GALS FOR A FUN NIGHT OUT!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH AT 6PM | THE OAKS CLUB

We're inviting you to step into your boots, bring out the bling, and join us for a night of fun, friendship, and fundraising!

Gather your girlfriends for a night that promises more than just fun. From cocktails and a delicious barbeque dinner to boutique shopping and sparkling raffle items, Cowgirls & Crystals is the perfect excuse to glam up and give back. You'll enjoy a vibrant atmosphere filled with laughter, music, dancing—and most importantly—heartfelt moments that showcase the life-changing work happening at Carousel Ranch.

Let's make this night one to remember—for you, and for our students who inspire us every day.

Tickets Available Soon | www.carouselranch.org/cowgirls-crystals



Heart of the West



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Our 30th Annual Dinner, Auction & Children's Demonstration is on August 29th! Come and share in all that we have planned – a fantastic live and silent auction, a delicious dinner catered by Wolf Creek Restaurant, and of course a live demonstration by our amazing riders. All that we need to make it a perfect evening is YOU!

Other Ways You Can Support Our Kids!

If you can't attend, each and every donation will help make this event a success and ensure that our programs continue operating. Carousel Ranch is always grateful to those who are willing to make the time and effort to support! There are many ways to help.

Do you have an item to donate to our auction? Whatever you are able to do, is so appreciated and absolutely essential this year more than ever. Anything helps, from gift cards (have any sitting in your wallet) to credit card points or items from your own business or a store that you frequent? Contact the office at 661-268-8010 or heartofthewest@carouselranch.org.

We can use the support of our volunteers to create a successful event. If you are interested in helping in the weeks leading up to the event, or on the day of please contact Carousel Ranch at heartofthewest@carouselranch.org.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church in Canyon Country selected Carousel Ranch as one of the beneficiaries of this year's annual Lenten Fish Fry.

Carousel Ranch was honored to be chosen to receive proceeds from this wonderful community tradition. Thanks to the generosity of everyone who attended, volunteered, and supported the event, Carousel Ranch received an incredible \$5,000 donation. Thank you for including Carousel Ranch in this meaningful tradition and for helping change lives, one student at a time.



Embrace Your Smile

We are incredibly grateful to Dr. Megan LeCornu and the team at Embrace Your Smile Orthodontics for selecting Carousel Ranch as the beneficiary of their recent one-day Invisalign charity event. Thanks to an amazing response from the community, more than 60 appointments were scheduled, with 48 patients beginning treatment—resulting in an incredible \$4,800 donation to Carousel Ranch!

"We were honored to partner with Carousel Ranch for this special event supporting the incredible work they do in our community," shared Dr. LeCornu. "The response from our community was truly overwhelming, and we are proud to see so many families come together to support such an inspiring organization."

Thank you, Dr. LeCornu and everyone at Embrace Your Smile Orthodontics, for helping create brighter smiles while making a lasting difference for our students and families.



Mercedes-Benz of Valencia

Thank you to Mercedes-Benz of Valencia for their generous \$4,600 donation in support of Carousel Ranch! This gift was made possible through the dealership's community giving program, which donates \$100 for every new vehicle sold to a Santa Clarita resident.

"We are honored to support the incredible work Carousel Ranch does for children and families in our community," shared General Manager Shawn Khan.

We are so thankful to the entire team at Mercedes-Benz of Valencia for investing in our mission and believing in the students and families we serve.



Connect with Us



Thank you to Renee Berlin for her generous donation in Memory of Allen Hohnroth for our new draft horse stock.

And to Eagle Scout, Michael Nobili, for providing the labor and materials needed to assemble our draft stock.

Using a horse stock for shoeing greatly improves safety, precision and efficiency for both our therapy horses and farrier - especially for our larger and older horses. Having a stock on-site allows more horses to be worked safely at the ranch, reducing the need for transport and making care more cost effective!



On Friday, March 13th we had the honor of having Congressman Whitesides along with two of his staff – Shannon Hurst, Field Representative and Max Langenbacher, District Scheduler/Staff Assistant visit the Ranch. It was our honor to host the Congressman and his team with a tour and the opportunity to observe both our Equestrian Therapy program and Ready To Work (RTW) vocational training programs in action. We are so grateful for their time and interest in the work that we do.

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VOLUNTEER AT CAROUSEL RANCH!

Carousel Ranch is always looking for volunteers to assist in the work that we do in the equestrian program, in the office and for events. In addition, we welcome businesses, organizations and clubs who are looking for opportunities to volunteer as a group. If you are interested in volunteering, please call (661) 268-8010 to schedule a time to visit, email us at hello@carouselranch.org or check out our website at www.carouselranch.org/volunteers



Partnership with CBD College and Occupational Therapy Students:

Carousel Ranch was so grateful to have 3 CBD College Masters of Occupational Therapy students; Shauna Taylor, Chay Tang, and Darwin Loaiza who all provided 40 fieldwork hours each, and Game Altamirano who is an Occupational Therapy Assistant student who provided 80 fieldwork hours.

In total all four CBD College OT students provided 200 fieldwork hours with a professional level of assistance when working alongside our instructors in our Equestrian Therapy clients individualized sessions. The MOT and OTA students helped to support our students fine motor skills, coordination, sensory processing, balance, and emotional regulation using hippotherapy, where the horse's movement is a powerful treatment tool for each of our clients. When not working in our clients sessions they all helped with meaningful hands-on work with horse care and ranch work. Shauna Taylor MOT also spent two days in our Ready to Work program assisting with our adult students in the classroom and in their outside work experiences, helping them build the skills needed for greater independence in their daily lives.

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We invite you to join our monthly donor program and become a part of our Carousel Club.

Your monthly gift enables us to continue to be a place of horses, healing and hope...

today and every day.

*The work that we do is only possible with the help of others -
Carousel Ranch is proud of its partnerships with individuals, foundations, corporations and
organizations who are committed to supporting our mission, enabling us to improve the lives
of children and adults with special needs.*

*Through financial gifts, event and horse sponsorships, and volunteer opportunities, Carousel Ranch's
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Thank you to our partners!

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