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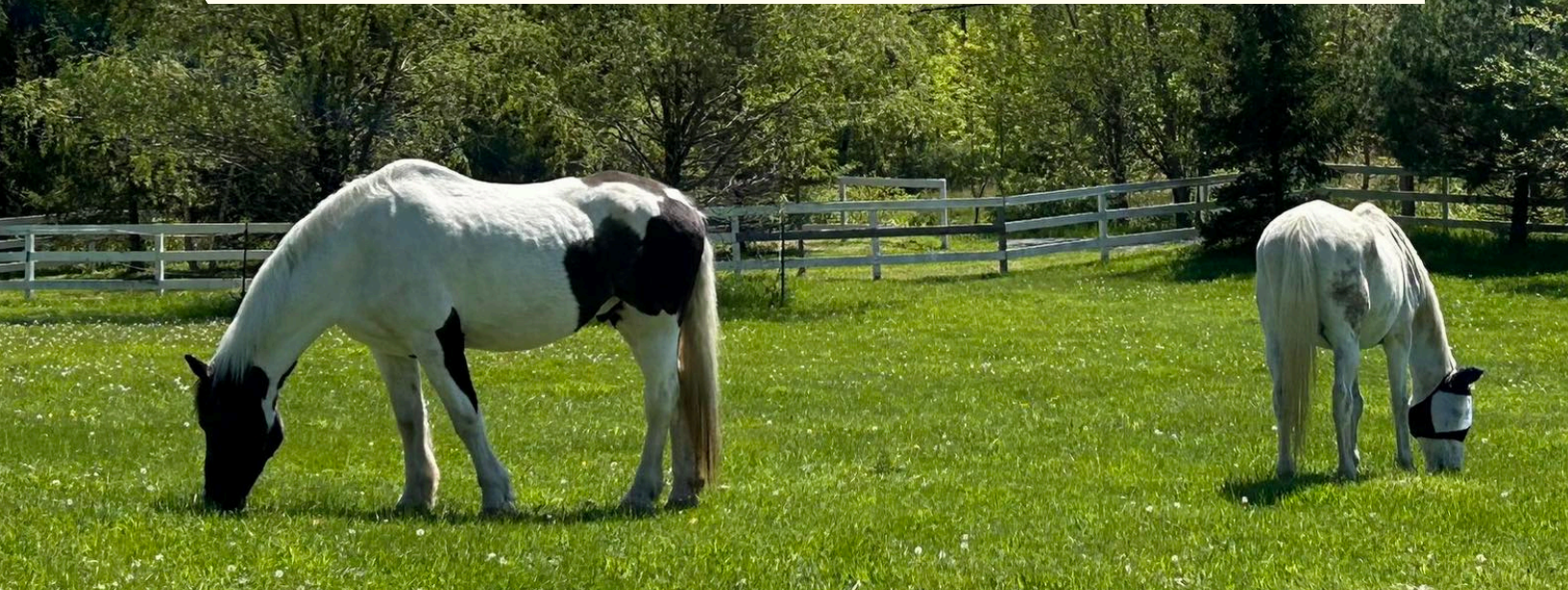
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OUR MISSION

The mission of High & Mighty Therapeutic Riding and Driving Center is to engage the power of the horse-human connection to provide physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being to those of all abilities.



OUR VISION

High & Mighty envisions an inclusive community where the horse-human connection fosters growth, dignity, and well-being of the body, mind, and spirit for all who seek our services.



OUR WORK

Through our wonderful horses and ponies we provide equine-assisted activities which help strengthen, heal, educate, and inspire participants in ways that positively impact their lives.

Physical, Spiritual, and Emotional Well-Being

ABOUT US



In 2009, the Corsun family assumed ownership of the farm. In 2013, they established High & Mighty as a nonprofit therapeutic riding and driving center. Since 2019, the organization has been designated a PATH International Premier Accredited Center—the highest level of accreditation. We proudly follow PATH International standards to ensure safe, high-quality, and impactful experiences for every participant.

The facilities at High & Mighty are second to none with a 66' x 120' indoor arena including two heated viewing rooms, an outdoor ring, a round pen, spacious pastures with run-in sheds, and miles of trails (including interactive sensory elements). These spaces empower us to provide the best for our participants and horses, without whom we could not deliver the transformational programs that are at the heart of our mission.



Equine-Assisted Services

A Message from the President of the High & Mighty Board of Directors

As we reflect on 2025, I am proud of the continued progress High & Mighty has made in advancing our mission. This year brought meaningful growth for our organization, including the addition of a new Development Director who will help strengthen our fundraising efforts and expand the resources that make our programs possible. We also welcomed several new members to our Board of Directors, bringing fresh perspectives, energy, and expertise that will help guide High & Mighty into its next chapter.



Most importantly, we continue to deliver life-changing services to individuals of all abilities through our therapeutic riding and driving programs. Every lesson, volunteer hour, and partnership reflects the deep commitment of our staff, volunteers, donors, and community supporters. Because of this collective effort, we are not only sustaining our impact—we are building momentum for the future. I am grateful for the community that surrounds High & Mighty and optimistic about the opportunities ahead as we continue to expand access to the transformative power of our programs.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D Farrell".

Daniel Farrell
President

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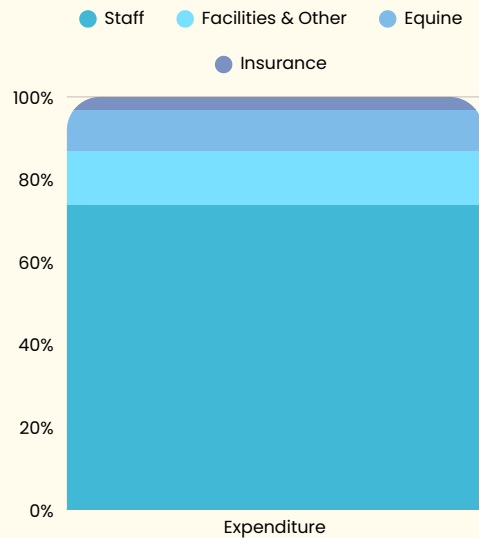
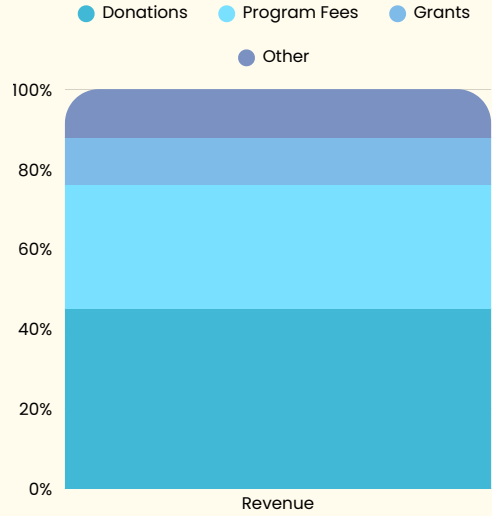


SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS

The past year has been one of resilience and meaningful progress for High & Mighty. Through the generous support of our community, we have served more people while remaining sustainable and committed to our mission.

- **262 participants impacted**
- **5,900 sessions delivered**
- **46 scholarships provided**
- **15,000 volunteer hours contributed**
- **10 unique community partnerships**

In 2025, the operating budget was \$450,750. Generous support from donors and sponsors ensures that we continue to offer inclusive, affordable programming.



NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS



2025 was a year packed with events and activities resulting in improved facilities, more diversified funding, and feel-good community collaborations. Below are examples that illustrate our 2025 successes.

New Arena Footing

Through the Arena Advocate Footing Appeal, you helped us achieve our goal of installing new arena footing, making our facility safer for all. Our equine heroes can now comfortably work to help their human partners develop balance, fine motor skills, focus, memory, and so much more.



Pony Party

Pony Party brought our community to us. It provided a chance for us to showcase what we do while providing a free family-friendly afternoon filled with fun activities including hay rides, hands-on grooming, demonstrations, games, food, and more.



Horse Show and Demo Day

On one of the most heartwarming days of the year, we saw our participants of all abilities come together to showcase their skills. With a mixture of friendly competition and demonstrations, everyone received the acclaim they deserved in recognition of their hard work and progress through the year.



The Golden Apple Gala

In September, our indoor arena came alive as we gathered to celebrate and support the work of High & Mighty. This event was a huge social success. Thanks to the extensive generosity of sponsors, donors, attendees, and volunteers who contributed hours of hard work, the event raised in excess of \$52,000!





PERSONAL IMPACT STORIES

Below are just three of the many success stories we have to share.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Why has Dr. Woody Baxt, a renowned surgeon (retired), chosen to volunteer at H&M since 2023? The short answer: He finds it immensely rewarding. A rider for 30+ years, Woody brings a passion for horses plus great people skills to his role, which centers on assisting riders with exercises and games. Recognizing that each horse has its own personality, Woody strives to create a partnership and bring out the best in both rider and horse. The goal: Each session will have the maximum possible impact as well as being thoroughly enjoyable. Walking up to two miles per session provides him with fitness benefits too!

When Madison first visited High & Mighty, she immediately lit up around the horses. Her global dyspraxia severely impaired all of her motor functions, but it was clear that interacting with the horses could hold her interest and attention while addressing her needs. She is empowered every time she interacts with her horse. Thanks to the talented & compassionate staff, Madison has grown in confidence due to their ongoing positive reinforcement. Her biggest challenge – the ability to focus – has increased exponentially through her motivation to relate to the horses. These skills help her in all aspects of her life.

BEING MY BEST SELF



EDUCATION FOR LIFE



Educator Lisa Schmidt reveals how students with intellectual disabilities from Hudson High School Life Skills Program – The Kindness Club – have developed real employability skills in an authentic work environment: “They build independence, confidence, and accountability; they experience the power of service and community connection Watching students grow, taking pride in their work, and forming relationships confirms that when students are given meaningful opportunities, they rise to the occasion. High & Mighty consistently recognizes students for their abilities, not their disabilities.”

The Impact Is Positive and Significant



OUR TEAM



Every Board Member brings something valuable to the table. Together, they guide our success and strategic planning. Our qualified, experienced, and dedicated staff ensure the safe and effective operation of the organization.

2025 High & Mighty Board of Directors

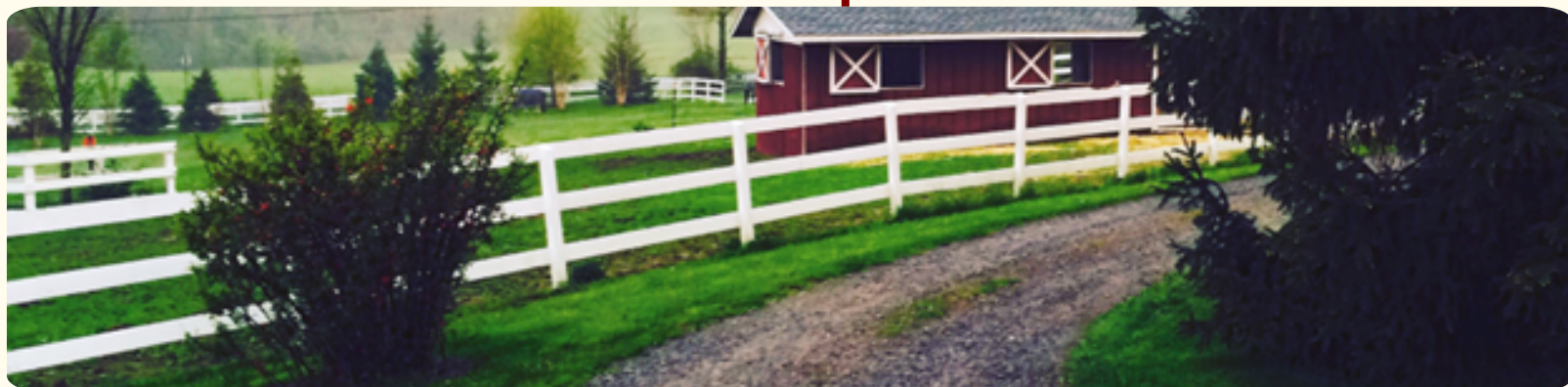
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2025 High & Mighty Staff

Rachel Conaway – Executive Director
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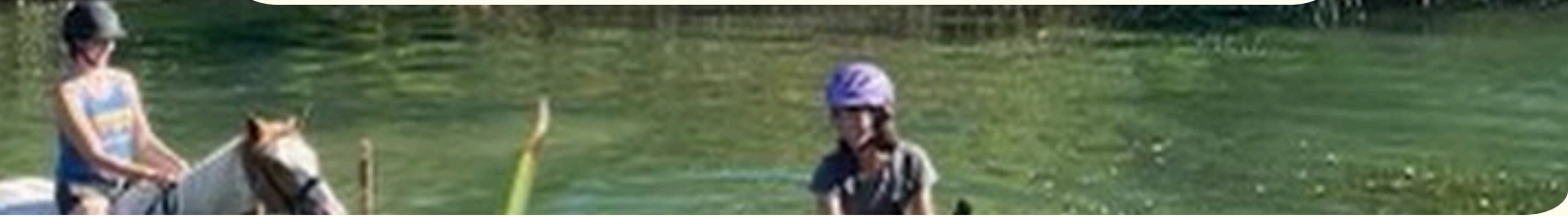
Serving the Needs of Our Community



OUR PROGRAMS



Our program offerings are guided by our ongoing evaluation of the needs within the community we serve.



We are a **PATH Premier Accredited Center** and as such we adhere to strict standards that ensure the safest possible environment. All equine-assisted activities are led by a PATH International professional.

Our programs provide targeted benefits to participants of all abilities, ages four and older.



Elder sessions: Life-enhancing equine interactions

Veteran support: Regular sessions and retreats

Summer programs: Week-long education and fun

Community: Outreach to community groups

Riding: Weekly mounted lessons

Driving: Carriage driving for all levels

Unmounted: Equine groundwork interactions

Barn program: Experiential vocational skills

Generous Donors Are Our Lifeblood

One major donor has contributed to our annual appeal and other events and activities for many years. They became involved when their grandson became a High & Mighty student. They saw how this young man responded to the horses, achieving an undreamt-of level of physical improvement as well as evidencing inexplicable joy. Contributions from this inspirational donor have provided over 750 lessons for others.



Providing Programs with a Growth Mindset



OUR SUPPORTERS



We extend heartfelt appreciation to our donors, sponsors, and volunteers without whom High & Mighty could not impact so many lives. There is not enough space here to document all those who have donated time, money, and/or goods. But please know that every one of you is essential to our mission.

Listed below are our major 2025 supporters.

Awards

Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation
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 Lindy Loo Foundation
 SPARK of Hudson
 Hudson River Bank & Trust Foundation
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 Woody Baxt
 Jack Higbee, Morgan Stanley
 Maureen Massaria
 Marita Kroll
 Claire Ackerman



With Gratitude

The Future Starts Today, Not Tomorrow

Pope John Paul III



MOVING FORWARD

Effective Strategic Planning requires a clear vision, mission, and values, which we are proud to share. In 2026, we will be setting measurable goals based on situational analysis and creating an implemental plan that aligns resources towards maximum impact.

In 2026, the High & Mighty Board of Directors, in consultation with stakeholders, will review and update the organization's Strategic Plan to ensure continued service to all those in our community who can be impacted by our programs.

Work with us to become part of something special!



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