



Three Gaits, Inc.

Dear Friends,

When you watch Three Gaits riders in a group lesson or clients in an individual hippotherapy session, it's easy to think that you're witnessing magic. Perhaps that's how Sam's mother felt when she saw the changes in her daughter after just a few lessons.

As a young girl, Sam was diagnosed with developmental delays, substantial depression, and impaired hearing and sight resulting in motor delays. In a note to Three Gaits, Sam's mother said, "When people ask me about Three Gaits I say, 'they saved us.' I will never forget her first few lessons— she sat up tall, she was confident, and she smiled for the first time in a long time! As I watched her, tears ran down my cheeks. I couldn't believe the transformation before my eyes."

Although the work we do may appear magical, behind the scenes there's much more than magic happening. The accomplishments of our riders are based in scientific research that has proven, over and over again, the benefits of equine-assisted activities and therapies. Our instructors and therapists undergo rigorous training, earning certification and then participating in continuing education to stay-up-to-date on industry best practices.

Among our peers, Three Gaits is recognized for our professionalism and high standards. As a result, we've been asked to host national seminars and workshops about equine-assisted activities and therapies, attracting faculty and participants from all over the United States.

While there is science behind the magic, there is also hard work. Three Gaits maintains a working farm, with a herd of horses who require top-notch care and facilities that must be safe for horses and humans. At the same time, we're operating a non-profit organization that serves 250-300 riders per year and coordinates the training and activities of more than 400 volunteers. Three Gaits is a complex organization, and it requires time, commitment, and a solid financial foundation to make it all come together.

You can help us improve the lives of children, youth, and adults with disabilities through the magic and the science of equine-assisted activities and therapy. Please consider supporting Three Gaits with a financial donation this holiday season. Your gift may be used to improve our facilities, extend continuing education opportunities to our staff, provide veterinary care for our horses, or offer scholarships to riders who demonstrate need.

Gifts of all sizes help Three Gaits to continue this important work. Giving is easy— you can use the enclosed form, or make a donation online at <http://www.3gaits.org/donate.htm>. I hope you will give as generously as you can, so that we can continue to make great things happen for Sam and many others in our community.

Thank you for all you do for Three Gaits. We're grateful for your support.

Dena Duncan
Executive Director

"It gives me such joy to work with all of you, spend time with the horses and get to know the clients. The work you do to improve the quality of their lives is really inspiring...I am grateful to all the two- and four-legged creatures at Three Gaits for making that possible."
– Volunteer



"The environment at Three Gaits is inclusive. The horses are devoted, the volunteers are dedicated and the staff is remarkable."

– Parent of a rider



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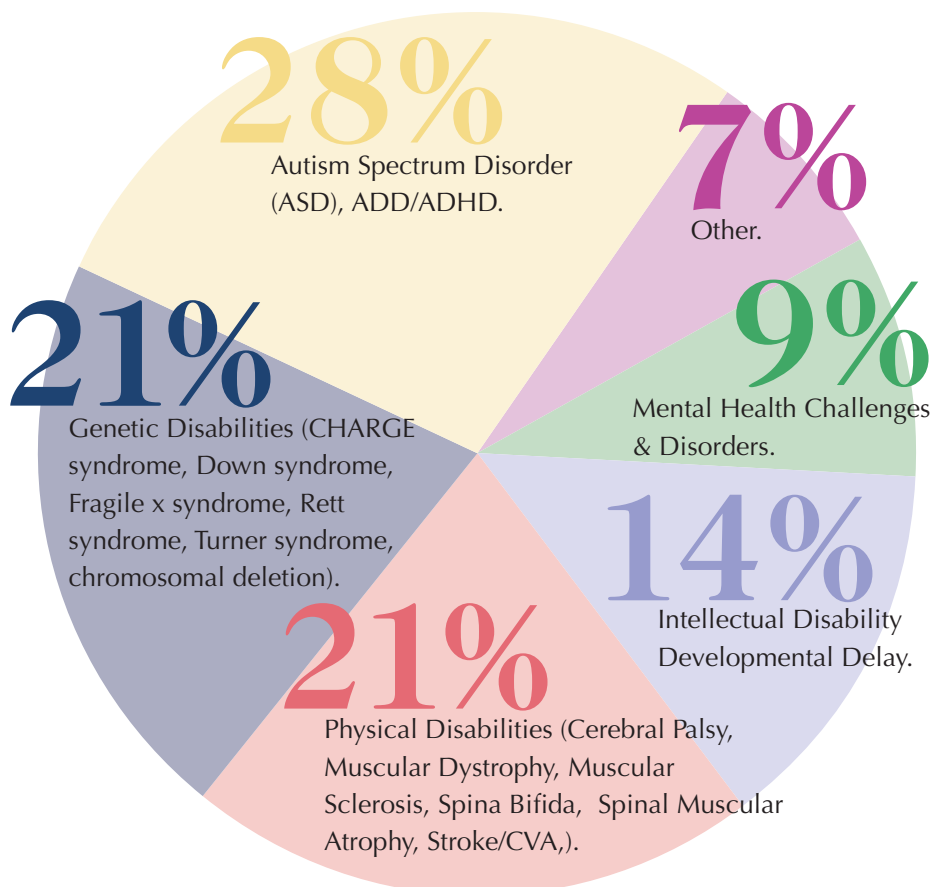
This Year at Three Gaits

266 participants were served over three 12-week sessions.

13% of participants received a scholarship.

80% of the cost of every rider's participation was subsidized by Three Gaits in order to keep our program prices low and accessible to more people.

32% of riders at Three Gaits are under 10 years old.



13% of our annual budget or **\$41,790** is spent caring for our horses. These costs include; farrier, veterinary, hay, grain and supplements.

Did you know..

Each week it costs \$435.46 to feed the program horses at Three Gaits.

While there are more than 30 equine-assisted activity and therapy programs in Wisconsin, Three Gaits is one of only five that have achieved the Premier Accredited Center status with PATH International.

Three Gaits has eight PATH-Certified Registered Instructors, and four PATH-Certified Advanced Instructors – the only four from the state of Wisconsin.

Three Gaits is celebrating its 35th anniversary in 2018. Make sure to mark your calendars for Friday, October 5th to join us in celebrating 35 years!



I would like my gift to be recurring:

- Monthly
- Bimonthly
- Semiannually
- Annually
- My employer will match this gift (include your company's matching gift form)

This gift is in honor or memory of:

If desired, include honorees' contact information so that we may inform them of your gift:

Remember to check with your employer regarding a possible matching gift; many local and national companies have matching gift programs that can double the impact of your gift.