



Hacienda de los Milagros

HOME OF MIRACLES

An IRS 501(c)(3) teaching & healing animal sanctuary

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From time to time, I need to share with you what HDLM is all about, and why. You have an absolute right to know what you support. We provide the best care we can, with unconditional love and let the residents make as many choices as possible. That is always part of what we are and do. We speak with them, actually speak, and listen. I also believe that if this is all we did, we would be a failure. If we don't do what we can to change the world, and yes I said that and mean it, all we would do was make sure we had to do this over and over and over. We don't believe in attack ads, or in your face stuff. That does not help. And I have to keep some deeply held beliefs about BLM to myself, because that would not help, either. We offer, through the residents, healing and teaching for humans. If humans do not become of part of and **within** all that is, and know that we are one with everything, not above or apart, the rest of life will always suffer. We do our part by sharing ideas, thoughts, and encouraging humans to become aware of what they really are. That is how we will do our part to change the world, so all other life will benefit from human participation, not human attempts to dominate, control or destroy.

My best friend asked me to put in one short line what best describes who and what we are. My response is that, a very important part of what we do is to provide the best home we can, either during recovery, or lifetime (resident's choice), and that is not the most important thing we do. We know that, unless humans change, we will always have to do rescue and recovery, and how does that change things for the future? How does that change things for the rest of life besides humans? How does that help humans learn that we are part of the all, not outside, or worse yet, above. If all we do is provide the best home, temporary or permanent, for the ones who come here, it is my opinion that we have failed. Of course we will continue to do that to the best of our abilities, and if I had to say in one short line who and what we are, **we are here to change the world**. Change the world so the world changes for all living beings.

HDLM welcomes a new group of friends who is doing some mailings to help us raise funds, donors and expand the knowledge of our presence. They wonder if our name keeps people from remembering us. They will be doing mailings under an English translation of the name "Home of Miracles" and add "Horse and Burro Sanctuary" as the name Home of Miracles is not available They will be sending 10,000 copies of Miracle Times, including one which is included in the mailing of our traditional newsletter at their expense. Donations from the 8300 copies will be used for future mailings. They will also be doing some 30 second TV spots for us. It is a wonderful gift!

We always welcome comments from you about our name. Is it too hard? Does it not tell who and what we are to you? Please share your thoughts, pro or con. Some feel our newsletter is not light and happy enough. Comments about that are encouraged as well. Our board had some intense discussion about our name, and a change, if it seems like we should, is a long and expensive process, not one to be done lightly. Again, comments are always welcome. Feel free to e-mail me at milagro@commspeed.net.

Please let us know what you think about our name, Miracle Times, our regular newsletter, and what you think about who and what we are. Feedback is always helpful to us! All comments, positive or otherwise are encouraged and welcome.

Every issue we tell you about the book being almost ready, and it seems there is always a last minute hitch or delay. Let's just say that, when it is actually ready to purchase, we will announce it on the website. Having it actually in print will fulfill a solemn promise to the residents, which is very important to me.

Sunday March 27, 2011, fund raising buffet brunch at the Hassayampa Inn, 11:30 AM to 2 PM, silent auction items, meet and greet, Q&A with Wynne, see Miracle Times insert.

Thank you to **All Around Septic Service** for donated services. Wonderful people and a huge help. Heartfelt recommendation for pumping, inspection, repairs, system installs, trenching, footings and utilities. Donald, Melio and Duane, (928) 308-7660.

**THINGS THAT WOULD MAKE OUR WORK
EASIER**

- ◆ 4 horse, preferable goose neck, TB/draft height (8' would be perfect, or at least 7'6") trailer. Many of our current residents would not fit in our trailer!
- ◆ funds for operations and building projects
- ◆ cutting torch and tank for metal work
- ◆ good quality bermuda grass hay
- ◆ 3 portable mikes and a speaker for future clinics
- ◆ hot walker, preferably 6 horse
- ◆ 24' gooseneck flatbed trailer
- ◆ funds for purchase of land
- ◆ dump trailer (for manure)
- ◆ digital video camera
- ◆ second vehicle so there is transportation available during truck repairs and/or maintenance
- ◆ a 500-800 gal dark colored water tank so we can let the sun pre-heat water to wash horses

If you can help in any of these ways, *Please* call 928-636-5348 or email milagro@commspeed.net

Volunteer Opportunities:

Dedicated volunteers are very important to any non-profit. HDLM can surely use more volunteers to clean stalls and pens, help with events, and do fund raising. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Wynne at (928) 533-0684.

Do you have skills in fund raising and increasing donor base?

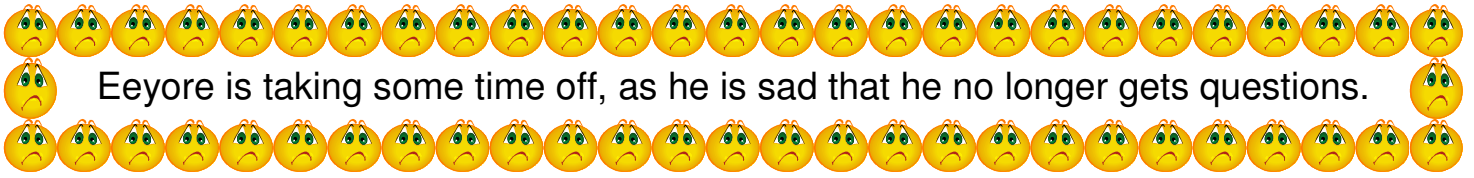
If so, you are invited to join HDLM's newly formed fund raising committee. In this economy, we simply must do more to raise money and attract hundreds or thousands of new donors. Not to suggest this will be easy, and yet it must happen. So please, if you have the time and effort and skills and connections to help us, call Wynne at (928) 533-0684. This committee is separate from the HDLM Board of directors.

Heartfelt thanks to:

The following people (who have given their permission to publish their names) for their financial donations.

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AND TO: NOAH FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT.



Eeyore is taking some time off, as he is sad that he no longer gets questions.

Current Residents

- 88 burros
- 24 horses
- 6 mules & hinnies
- 1 pony
- 5 dogs
- 2 rabbits
- several feral cats

- Some horses and burros are open to new homes

SPONSOR A RESIDENT AT HDLM !!

Bronze Sponsorship: \$150 per year, includes a 4 x 5 photo and known history of the resident of your choice.

Silver Sponsorship: \$250 per year, includes a framed photo and history of the resident of your choice.

Gold Sponsorship: \$500 per year includes a framed photo of the resident of your choice and known history, plus 1 Tommy Tee Shirt.

Platinum Sponsorship: covers the average cost to feed, provide minimal vet care and regular farrier care: Includes large framed photo, known history and 2 Tommy Tee Shirts.

- ◆ **horses, mules, hinnies, & ponies** are \$3,000 per year, \$750 per quarter, or \$250 per month.
- ◆ **burros & mini donkeys** are \$600 per year, \$150 per quarter, or \$50 per month.

Here is a way you can share your opinions about HDLM that could have a big impact.

Go to www.guidestar.org . Enter our name, Hacienda de los Milagros, Inc. When our info comes up, click on "read reviews" to see what others have said, and if you want to add one yourself, go back to the HDLM info page and click on "add a review". Guidestar is an excellent source of information on non-profits, and if you get a solicitation from one you are not familiar with, look at the info on Guide Star. You can find out if they really are an exempt organization, and if they are current on filings with IRS, etc. And if they have reviews, you can read them. Reviews can be done at any time.

A HUGE thank you to **D.E.S. Service, Inc.** for lots of things here, including burials and tractor work. They do burials, acreage mowing, brush & tree removal, post holes, site clean up, hauling, pressure washing, and concrete breakup. Don Eirdosh, thank you, thank you, thank you. Phone is (928) 200-0922. des825@cablone.net.

It may be somewhat difficult to see the wonderful barn and realize we are still dealing with difficulty with operating funds, and we are. To do the newsletter, we have to, every year or so, get more shells (the 11 x 17 sheet with the name heading on which 4 pages are printed), and remittance envelopes. We save money by getting quantities, and when that money is not available, it slows down the newsletter, which slows down getting donations from those of you who rely on snail mail delivery. Just a fact of life here in these times. The new remittance envelopes will give you another place to give us your e-mail address if you are willing to share it. We can still send the paper newsletter if you wish, and e-mail is a much faster way of letting you know things. And e-mail allows us ways to remind you about events, such as the March 27 brunch, without having to spend money to mail reminders.

Barn up-date: stalls and roof are up, electrical and siding and grounds work yet to do. Weather has been unusually difficult, and it will get finished.

Yes, I'd love to help the animals at Hacienda de los Milagros, Inc.

Enclosed is a donation of: _____ \$25 _____ \$500
 _____ \$50 _____ \$
 _____ \$100
 _____ \$250

(Donations to Hacienda de los Milagros, Inc. are tax-deductible under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code)

Name _____
Street _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____

May we recognize your donation in a future newsletter? (name only, not address) _____ Yes _____ No

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Chino Valley, AZ 86323

HDLM Calendar of Events

March
5 – PACC911 / Scottsdale
27 - Benefit Brunch - Hassayampa Inn / Prescott
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

April
3 – PACC911 / Fountain Hills

May
14 – Trail Ride

June
11 – Equifest at Prescott Rodeo Grounds

July
16 – Carrot Toss at HDLM

August
Benefit Dinner at the Winery
in Chino Valley

September
17 – Gymkhana at 5M Ranch

October
8 – Trail Ride

November
4 & 5 – Garage Sale / Chino Valley

December
17 – Stocking Stuffer / Prescott