



NOVEMBER 2024 - News from the Ranch



Thanksgiving

We would like to share some of the things we are grateful for this year:

- 450+ attendees to our Annual Western Hoedown last month
- 965 clients supported by three services in 10 different programs
- 1,030 volunteers that gave approximately 23,235 hours of service
- 36 volunteers that worked at 26 concerts and helped raise \$36K for horse feed
- 87 staff members
- 29 horses
- Keeping expenses and overhead down so that 96¢ of every dollar is invested directly into programs
- Donor and volunteer photographer, Andrew Thoresen, who has captured the most terrific pictures of our Sponsors, Clients, and Programs
- All but four of our horses having full sponsorships (**Big Boy, Eeda, Little Bit, and Tia are still looking for an additional Co-Sponsor**)
- The City of Oceanside that allows us to operate our programs from this site for the past 43 years!



Are you interested in joining our team?

We are hiring In-Home Care Providers - individuals that work 1 to 1 with children and adults with disabilities in their home. Learn more about this terrific opportunity by clicking below.

[Employment at Ivey Ranch](#)



Thank you Las Patronas

Thanks to our friends at Las Patronas we have been chosen as a Major Beneficiary for the 2025 Jewel Ball. This means that we will be purchasing a 12 Passenger Wheelchair shuttlebus for our Adult Day Program. Las Patronas has helped us on several big projects over the years. In 2008 they assisted with funding for the first arena of our North Barn expansion and then again in 2012 when we installed the rubber bricks for the entire North Barn. Please check out the great work Las Patronas does for non-profit organizations throughout San Diego County.

[Check out Las Patronas](#)



Ho-Ho-Horse Photos

Ready to send your holiday letter out to friends and family? Make it fun and something to keep forever - come out and take your photo with one of our horses in Santa or Elf tack! Next Sunday, 12/8/24 from 2-4PM we will be facilitating this great opportunity - click [here](#) to sign up for one of the last few slots available!



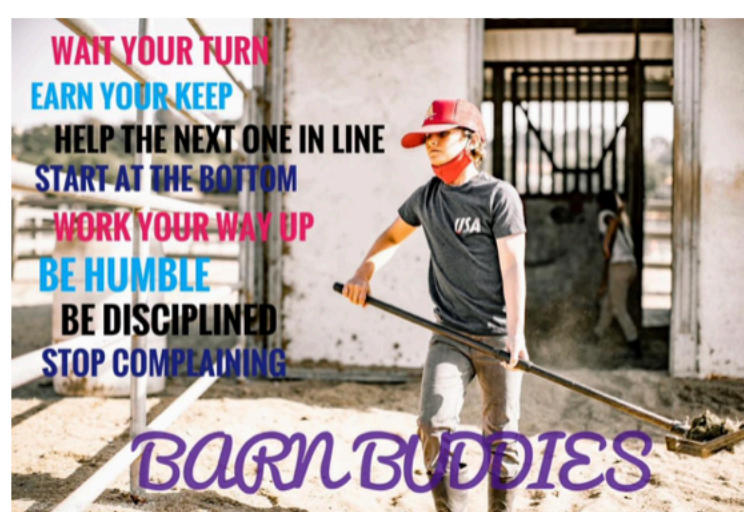
Our Friend, Board Member, and Sponsor - Luis Rodriguez

Earlier this month, Board Member Luis Rodriguez, along with his dog, Luna, were killed in a car accident. His wife Nancy, also in the vehicle hit by the suspected DUI driver, sustained major non-life threatening injuries. The tragedy was senseless and has left us bereft.

Luis came to know Ivey Ranch through volunteering on site with several "Rotary at Work" projects. He then came forward noting his support of our organization, the horses, and the programs, and submitted his application for the Board of Directors in February of 2023. He made several significant contributions during his tenure including helping with the north barn drainage project last Winter, sponsorships and contributions to the 2023 and 2024 Western Hoedown, and assisting with the current Hay Barn and Care Center expansions. His most enjoyable contribution (for him and the horses) was the weekly carrot delivery he made every Wednesday to his sponsored horse, Ardmore - and Ardmore's 28 friends.

Luis was a man of action and his absence will sadly ripple through many of our projects and fundraisers. More than that, our friend and Ivey Ranch Champion, has been tragically taken.

Barn Buddy SOS



THIS IS AN APPEAL TO EXISTING VOLUNTEERS

We need help from 6-8AM and again from 4-5:30PM every day to do chores and feed our 29 horses. Get added to our text list to receive an SOS message when we need immediate help. **Text "Barn Buddy SOS" to (760) 437-1213 to join the list.**

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

[Sign up to Volunteer!](#)

DATES TO KNOW

December 8	Ho-Ho-Horse Photos 2-4PM
December 11	Staff and 100+ Hours Volunteer Christmas Party
December 14	Teaching Techniques - Curriculum Session 3:30-5PM - \$15
December 18	Review Buzz Children's Christmas Party
December 21, 2024 - January 3, 2025	THR on break for Christmas
January 11	S1 THR Begins AND Volunteer Orientation 1-2:30PM
January 18	Continuing Education Workshop Free for current volunteers
January 25	Curriculum Session 3:30-5PM - \$15