





# February Newsletter

February is a month of love, and here at Ivey Ranch, we want to pause and truly show our love and gratitude. This community is the reason our work continues to grow and make an impact. When one of our participants first came to Ivey Ranch, they were not looking for inspiration. They were looking for stability.

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## Here's What's Happening With The Ranch

Meet & Greet - Saturday, February 14, 2026 - Time: 12 pm

Continuing Education- Saturday, February 21, 2026 - Time: 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Barn Cleaning - Saturday, February 21, 2026 - Time: 8 to 11 am

Summer Camp Registration - Begins March 1, 2026

Volunteer Orientation- Saturday, March 7, 2026 - Time: 1 to 2:30 pm

Brunch at the Barn - Sunday, March 8, 2026

Super Stem at CSUSM - Saturday, March 14, 2026

Be on the lookout for additional information as we cannot wait to share what is ahead.

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### ♥ Stories that Shine ♥

The inspiring stories we see each day continue to shine brightly and remind us why we do what we do.

This month's story comes from the Ruiz family, who shares how Ivey Ranch has been a meaningful support system in their journey. Their experience reflects the power of community, connection, and care that surrounds this special place.

Stories like theirs fuel our passion and strengthen our commitment to working hard every day to ensure we are providing a welcoming place for so many.

Gio is a participant in the School-Age Program at Ivey Ranch and hopefully equestrian program, if he can conquer his fear of the horses.

Gio was rejected by multiple daycares within Oceanside, not because of his behavior, but the lack of training within the facilities. The directors of the facilities admitted they would do their best but were not confident due to the lack of training.

I appreciated the transparency but had to wait until Gio was of age to attend Ivey Ranch.

As soon as he started at Ivey, his social skills bloomed, he made friendships, and was being invited to social gatherings without being judged by his diagnosis. He has an ASD and non-verbal diagnosis, however, his friends at daycare have reported to me the things he has said to them. They are just as excited to hear him speak as I am.

Ivey Ranch has been a big part of our little family's story. It's just me and Gio running around in this world and the resources provided by Ivey Ranch have been a relief. - Taylor and Gio

# Hearts



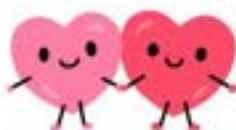
## In the Barn

Ann H.

You can catch Ann over on the North Side, dutifully volunteering Tuesdays and Thursdays during Grooming Gang. A volunteer since 2021, Ann has spent 650 hours taking care of our horses. She loves the relationships she's able to build with the horses and appreciates the therapeutic quality of interacting with the horses in any way. She loves all the horses in the North barn and has a soft spot for Island and Big Boy in particular. Ann doesn't want to leave anyone out, though, and makes a point to visit Teddy in "the Hideout" every time she's here. Being around horses might not be everyone's cup of tea, but it sure is Ann's!

Sasha is a 20-year-old Belgian Draft and Thoroughbred cross. She joined our program in 2014 and has spent the last decade working in our able-bodied and therapeutic lessons, participating in summer camps, demonstrations, and just about every horse show we've hosted or been to! Her size may be intimidating at first, but she has amassed a large following of fans because of her smooth gaits and agreeable nature when ridden.

## Sharing love with our Donors!



February is the month of love, and our hearts are full of gratitude for our incredible donors. Your generosity, kindness, and belief in our mission make everything we do possible. Because of you, lives are touched, goals are reached, and so much good continues to happen.

We are truly thankful for your support and honored to have you as part of our community. This month and always, we are sending our heartfelt appreciation your way!

## Cozy Stall Fundraiser

Make a donation and you can send a Valentine's card to a horse or cat who has captured your heart! We will post it on their stall or around the barn for all to see.



### Option 1: Shavings

Shavings provide dry cushion that is comfortable to lay or sleep on.  
\$10 Donation



### Option 2: Dry Stall

Dry Stall absorbs moisture and water in the stalls and help keep our horses happy and cozy!  
\$20 Donation = a single bag of Dry Stall  
\$40 Donation = a "bouquet" of Dry Stall (two bags)



### Option 3: Wheelbarrow

Wheelbarrows are essential to keeping our stalls clean of manure and old hay. We are looking to replace several of our rusty or broken metal ones for durable plastic (poly) wheelbarrows.

\$180 Donation =  
1 poly wheelbarrow



### Option 4:

#### Contribute to the DG Fund

We use Decomposed Granite (DG) throughout our barns to maintain stalls, paddocks, and walkways. We purchase DG by the truck load several times per year.

\$600 Donation =  
1 truck load of DG



You can also make a donation of any amount toward the DG Fund.

## Donor Opportunities

### Saddle up for Support & The Carrot Fund

Looking for a meaningful way to give? Saddle Up for Support and the Carrot Fund offer simple ways to make a direct impact. Your generosity helps provide essential care for our horses and supports the programs and experiences that make our mission possible. Every gift keeps our riders riding and our horses happy and healthy.

Tap Below to Donate!

## Be Scooter's Valentine!



This Valentine's season, share the love by sponsoring our sweet horse, Scooter. Your support helps provide his feed, daily care, and all the little extras that keep him doing great and feeling good. When you sponsor Scooter, you become part of his story and help surround him with love all year long. Be his Valentine this February and make a difference in his world.

Full Sponsorship - \$3,500

Co-Sponsorship - \$1,750

Supporting Sponsorship - \$1,000

Please visit our website for more information.

## Share the love for Ivey Ranch!



Our community's stories are what make Ivey Ranch so special, and we would be honored if you would share yours. If Ivey Ranch has made a difference in your life or your family's journey, please consider leaving a review on **Great Nonprofits**. Your words help others learn about the impact of our programs and give Ivey Ranch the recognition it truly deserves.

Personal stories, heartfelt experiences, and meaningful moments all help bring attention to the difference being made every day. Tap the link below to leave your review and help us continue spreading the love and the mission.



Support Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner  
and Silent Auction Fundraiser  
Saturday, February 28, 2026

For more information please email [membership@oceansidepacific.org](mailto:membership@oceansidepacific.org)  
or visit their Facebook page @Oceansidepacifickiwanis

♡♡ Thank You! ♡♡

We truly appreciate you being part of our story and are so grateful for the trust and encouragement you share with us all year long. We're sending a little extra love your way this month! ♡♡



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