October 2017

Dear Friends of Praying Hands Ranch,

Fall Session is currently underway with 71 clients being served by a dedicated and talented staff of instructors and volunteers. This year’s Summer Session was also popular with 68 clients: 20 adults, 18 teens, 16 children between the ages of 5 and 10, with 4 youngsters under the age of 4.

Plans are also underway for the 2018 Spaghetti Dinner which will be on Saturday, February 17, and once again at Douglas County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock, CO. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to enjoy an evening of food, bidding on silent auction items, live music, stories of youth and adults served at Praying Hands, and mingling with friends of Praying Hands.

2017 marks the 30th Anniversary of Praying Hands and its commitment to serving youth and adults with therapeutic riding. Praying Hands supports several clients with scholarships provided by generous individuals and businesses so that the benefits of therapeutic riding are possible.

Over those 30 years, however, the cost of providing these services has risen. The cost of hay, farrier services, vet care, propane to heat the arenas in the winter, along with the support of paid personnel, has meant an increase of the program budget resulting in the need for growing the income from client fees along with fund raising from donations, grants, and special events.

In celebrating 30 years of serving youth and adults with special needs in the Denver metro area, coupled with the Thanksgiving spirit of this month of November, we invite you to make a special financial gift to Praying Hands. Since this is the 30th year of Carl and Shirley’s dream, what about a gift of $30, or $300, or even $3000?? Please go to our website [www.prayinghands.org](http://www.prayinghands.org) and donate electronically. With all donations, you will receive a letter of confirmation that can be used for tax purposes.

In closing, thank you for your support of Praying Hands. Remember to put the Spaghetti Dinner date of February 17, 2018, on your calendar and above all, give thanks and praise to God for the wonderful miracles that happen daily at Praying Hands. We pray that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a hope-filled Christmas!

Sincerely,

Praying Hands Board of Directors