



One Hoof in Front of the Other:

Help Us Lead Horses to a Brighter Future



THE EQUINE RESCUE AND ADOPTION FOUNDATION

is a new beginning for horses that have been neglected, abused or surrendered by their owners and are in desperate need of help with careers that are at an end.

Too often these beautiful creatures come to us broken in spirit and without a safe home. Sometimes they come to us heart broken, grieving the loss of their human partner and longtime home. Very often they come to us ill or physically broken.

Helping horses to heal is life-giving work for our staff and volunteers, as well as the magnificent animals we care for.

We are thrilled to announce a new part of our work. As of this year, our Begin Again program enables our rescued horses to become rescuers - working with children, veterans, and others who benefit from equine-assisted services and therapies to be a healing and cathartic way to begin a new life.

Join us at our ranch in Palm City and learn more about the horses, the program, and how you can help.

Our Mission

Founded in 2000, Equine Rescue and Adoption Foundation, Inc. (ERAF) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, devoted to the rescue, rehabilitation, retraining and adoption of abused, abandoned and neglected horses. We work closely with Sheriff's Offices and Animal Care and Control units to identify at risk horses and remove them from dangerous environments. Our team of dedicated professionals, staff, supporters and volunteers work to rehabilitate and care for these magnificent horses so they may move on to their next chapter in an adoptive home.

Our Ranch

8.5 acres	24 stalls
9 paddocks	2 quarantine paddocks
488 rescued horses since 2000	

Busy Days on the Ranch

Our property and equipment are in constant need of upkeep. Thanks to our generous donors and volunteers, ERAF was able to make these improvements and upgrades in 2023:

- ★ Build out of a retail tack shop (opening in Fall 2023)
- ★ Major roof repair
- ★ Driveway resurfacing
- ★ New electronic gate
- ★ Barn electrical system improvement and safety upgrades
- ★ New Medical Treatment Area
- ★ Eastern Fence Line Replacement (donated by the HomeDepot Foundation)
- ★ Round Pen Renovation

For the Love of Horses

Rescuing Thoroughbreds coming off the track

Calypso (registered name Strategically) was transferred to ERAF from a fellow Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance accredited rescue facility, the Caribbean Thoroughbred Aftercare located in Puerto Rico. This pretty island girl is enjoying her retirement from racing and is ready for adoption.

Rescuing the abandoned and the ill

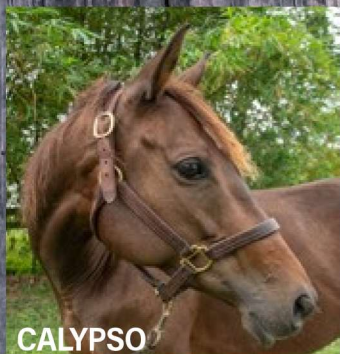
ERAF works closely with Sheriff's Offices and Animal Care and Control units to identify at-risk horses and remove them from dangerous environments. **Hope** is one such horse, coming to ERAF through Okeechobee Animal Care and Control. She was a malnourished feral girl; today she has blossomed into a beautiful inquisitive, gentle soul.

Rescuing humans in need

Begin Again is an innovative program launched in 2023 with a grant from the ASPCA Right Horse. The program evaluates and prepares ERAF horses to be suitable partners for equine-assisted services giving them a chance at meaningful second careers in facilities that provide these services.

Meet **Charlie**, a three-year-old Palomino Gelding, who came to ERAF through the Okeechobee Sheriff's Department as part of a neglect case. Charlie's transformation since arriving at the rescue has been nothing short of incredible. This golden boy's coat now glistens in the sun and the joy has returned to his eyes. He is participating in Begin Again Summer Camp training and is available for adoption.

Boogie was ERAF's Community Ambassador for several years. He was recently adopted by Tomorrow's Rainbow, a Florida-based agency offering individual therapy to children and teens who have experienced grief, loss, or trauma.



CALYPSO



HOPE



CHARLIE



BOOGIE

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

2022-2023 was another very successful year for the Equine Rescue and Adoption Foundation, and my third year in this position as President of the Board of Directors. As I think back on this past year and recall every person who truly makes ERAF such a special organization, I am filled with pride.

In this report, you can see how our operation is continuing to play a crucial role in equine rescue and how ERAF has grown with the addition of new programs and services for the Treasure Coast equine community. I am especially proud of Begin Again, funded through a Reimagining Racers grant from ASPCA Right Horse and launched earlier this year with a select group of beautiful thoroughbreds and a team of volunteer handlers.

ERAF continues to receive regional recognition and maintain accreditation from an esteemed group of national equine organizations. These certifications are a tribute to our work ethic and commitment to the highest standard of excellence in equine rescue.

Of course, nothing we do would be possible without the hard work and support from our dedicated staff, volunteers, board of directors, community partners, and donors. If you have not seen our work up close, please consider visiting us at the barn to meet our team and our beautiful horses.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Elaine

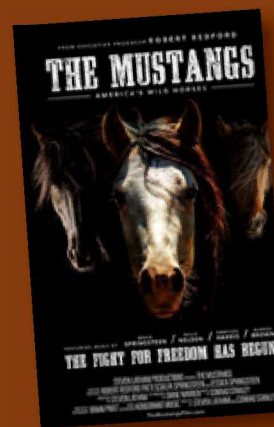


What can be better than wonderful friends, Thoroughbreds, mint juleps, and a chance to raise funds for good causes! Dave and Suzy Karr and Kathy and Lee Chapman were among the ERAF supporters at the 5th Annual Derby Day Benefit co-hosted with Caring Children Clothing Children.

The compelling film,

"THE MUSTANGS: AMERICA'S WILD HORSES"

drew horse lovers in our community to the Lyric Theatre in Stuart for an evening of cinematic wonder and fundraising for ERAF.



Volunteers: Our Lifeblood



92 VOLUNTEERS

23,316 HOURS

“I've been a volunteer at ERAF for more than ten years. The kindness and hard work that the volunteers and staff put into taking care of all the horses that end up here makes me very proud of being a part of the organization.”

- Lynn O'Brien



ERAF's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was held in March with more than 100 volunteers and their families celebrating a year of rescue, rehab, retraining and adoption.

How You Can Help

There is no shortage of love and passion for horses at ERAF, where the love we give comes back to everyone involved.

You can help, whether it's through a one-time donation, a memorial gift to honor a loved one, monthly sustaining gifts or horse sponsorships through the Champion's Club.

Every dollar received helps our rescue horses live their best life.

Ready to make a difference in the lives of our rescue horses?

Scan this QR code to be directed to our "Ways to Give" section of our website.



Become a Champion

ERAF Champions are sustaining donors whose monthly tax-deductible contributions sponsor one of our rescue horses.

Every individual, family and business that sponsors a horse has their name and photo, with their horse of course, displayed on our new "Wall of Champions" at the barn.

★★★ CHAMPIONS CLUB 2022-23 ★★★

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Support and Revenue

Foundations	\$ 223,301
Individuals	\$ 116,116
Bequests	\$ 158,074
Corporate	\$ 5,743
Adoptions	\$ 4,500
Boarding	\$ 23,200
Grants	\$ 88,425
Sponsorships	\$ 22,490
Tack Sales	\$ 7,956
Events	\$ 35,959
Misc. Income	\$ 2,130
Restricted Funds	(\$231,137)
Total	\$ 456,757

Expenses

Storage	\$ 5,949
Barn Equipment and Maintenance	\$ 20,857
Marketing	\$ 41,177
Farrier	\$ 11,900
Feed / Hay	\$ 90,724
Veterinarian Services/ Horse Care	\$ 41,513
Administration	\$ 160,767
Professional Fees	\$ 15,429
Depreciation / Interest	\$ 37,042
Horse Transportation	\$ 3,105
Utilities	\$ 14,644
Misc. Expenses	\$ 3,334
Capital Expenditures	\$ 10,316
Total	\$ 456,757

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