Celebrating 30 Years and More Than 2,300 Horses Saved!

Thirty years ago, Kathleen Howe first noticed Toby, the horse who would later become the foundation for what is now Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR). Toby was the first horse taken in by what is today Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR), our nationally known non-profit humane organization, based in Woodbine, MD, which is now celebrating three decades of devotion to the care of horses!

In honor of our 30th anniversary, we're shining a spotlight on Toby, the horse who made it all happen. He came to us in 1989 weighing just 530 pounds and suffering from neglect, pain, and heartworm disease—a real race against time! Toby went on to run over ditches, through water crossings, and bridges. Olly cannot do it today, but Olly had a long recovery on his first cross-country schooling day where he hit any show ring!

Olly Olly Oxen Free in 2018-2019

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Our Legacy Varsity program is for advanced horse care skills and is a great way to jump start your child's volunteer experience at DEFHR!

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This year, we celebrate the dedication and commitment of our youth volunteers ages 14-17 who have a love for horses, a desire to learn more about horse care, and are eager to use their experience and knowledge to help others. It’s important for us to not only rescue and rehabilitate suffering horses, but also provide the community with opportunities to learn more about horse care, equine abuse and neglect, and issues of horse care, equine abuse and neglect, and more! Olly Olly Oxen Free

Please help us continue our mission and raise funds for our horses with our Fall Festival this September 27 – 28 and our Kick Off, Kick Back event this August 21-22 at DEFHR, 1372 Woodbine Road, Woodbine, MD 21797. It’s fun for all ages with our Hops for Horses Beer Garden, DEFHR alumni celebrations. Free for all to enjoy. Learn more today!

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