



## DAYS END FARM HORSE RESCUE

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*Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR) is a 501(c)(3), volunteer-based, animal welfare organization based in Woodbine, MD, and established in 1989 to ensure quality care and treatment of horses through intervention, education, and outreach.*

### A Spotlight on: Outreach

Each year, more than 100 horses come to DEFHR after being seized in cases of abuse or neglect, and each year, horses' lives are saved thanks to the incredible support that we receive from the community.

In order to continue to save more lives however – and to ultimately one day put an end to equine abuse and neglect – it's important for us to continue to expand our community through **outreach**. The more people that are aware of DEFHR's work and of the horses at risk in their own backyard, the more we are able to do to help and to prevent future cases of neglect!

Here's a look at just two of our outreach programs!

#### Corporate Service Days

If your company is looking for a fun way to strengthen communication and rapport among your team, you may want to consider our corporate service days!

Many corporations value community service days because they're a great way for a company to give back to the community while building team spirit among employees, providing a benefit that employees appreciate and building corporate pride – all while having fun!

At DEFHR, we provide projects or activities for your company's area of interest, whether that's volunteering on the farm or grounds or participating in team building activities involving our horses.



We tailor projects or activities to your team's goals and plan team-building activities that allow your employees to work with the horses in a fun environment!

[Click to Learn More About Corporate Service Days!](#)

#### Equine Ambassadors



[Watch a Visit With Vinni Here!](#)

Our Equine Ambassadors, like "Vinni the Mini" engage with the public and help spread the word about rescues.

Vinni arrived at DEFHR as an emaciated nine-month-old stallion, infested with lice and intestinal parasites. His first few weeks were touch and go as his depleted body struggled to regain strength. He was nervous and insecure, wanting nothing to do with people, but it was clear from day one that he was highly intelligent and eager to learn. Once he completed rehab and was ready for training, our assistant trainer, Leigha Schrader, focused on regaining his trust and building confidence.

Now, when he's not relaxing at DEFHR, Vinni can often be found comforting nursing home residents, visiting fairs or special events, playing soccer, bowling, and even answering questions for elementary school kids by nodding his head yes or shaking it no!

#### Three Generations Volunteer and Learn Together

Ann Rodgers first learned about Days End at work where her office offers employees the opportunity to give to a charity. It was 2015 and DEFHR was her charity of choice. In July 2015, Ann attended volunteer orientation, and she has been volunteering ever since!

"I immediately fell in love and told my daughter, Marie, and granddaughter, Kayla, they should come to the upcoming Fall Festival to see if it's something they would enjoy," said Rodgers. "By November 2015, they had both completed orientation and become volunteers."

None of the Rodgers had prior experience with horses, and, in addition to new friendships made, they are constantly learning through DEFHR's monthly volunteer "Scoop" classes and other in-depth, extended classes offered to the public.

"We have all learned so much," said Rodgers. "We all agreed that the most important thing learned is the need to take proper care of horses' teeth, hooves and nutrition."

What did they find surprising? "How gentle and loving a large animal can be – even after being neglected or abused – with proper handling and training," said Rodgers.

"We all enjoy seeing the distinct personalities each horse has, the camaraderie with the staff and other volunteers, and most importantly, showing neglected horses that not all humans are neglectful."



*The Rodgers volunteer family - Kayla, Ann, and Marie with Uma (top) and Turvey (bottom). Photos courtesy of Days End Farm Horse Rescue*

[Learn More About Volunteer Opportunities Here!](#)

#### Join Us For Our Fall Festival and 30th Anniversary Celebration!

One of our favorite forms of outreach each year is our annual Fall Festival! This year's Fall Festival and 30th Anniversary Celebration will be held on Saturday, September 28, with a Fall Festival Kick-Off Concert on Friday, September 27. The public is invited to join us for both events!



Both events will be held at our farm at 1372 Woodbine Road in Woodbine, MD, with the festivities kicking off at 6 p.m. on Friday evening, with live music from **The 19th Street Band** beginning at 7 p.m.



In addition to enjoying a concert under the stars, Friday night guests can play corn hole and giant Jenga and join us in saying "cheers to 30 years" with the opening of our Hops for Horses Beer Garden, which will be serving seasonal brews to pair with food truck available onsite.

Admission for Friday night's event is \$5 per person at the gate, with proceeds going to our equine rehabilitation fund. On Saturday, the Fall Festival gets underway at 11 a.m.

This year's edition of the annual Fall festival will celebrate our 30th anniversary and will feature games, a kids' zone, pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting, vendors, arena demos and exhibitions, the Hops for Horses Beer Garden, and more.

Beginning at 12 p.m., enjoy the sounds of rock, funk, and soul with live music from the 10-piece band **The Rebels**.

Admission for Saturday's Fall Festival is \$2, with children 12 and under free. Parking is \$2, with proceeds from admission going to the rescue and rehabilitation of horses at DEFHR and parking proceeds going to local Boy and Girl Scout Troops.

Learn more about Friday night's **Kick-Off Concert Under the Stars** [here](#) and about the **Fall Festival and 30th Anniversary Celebration** [here](#).

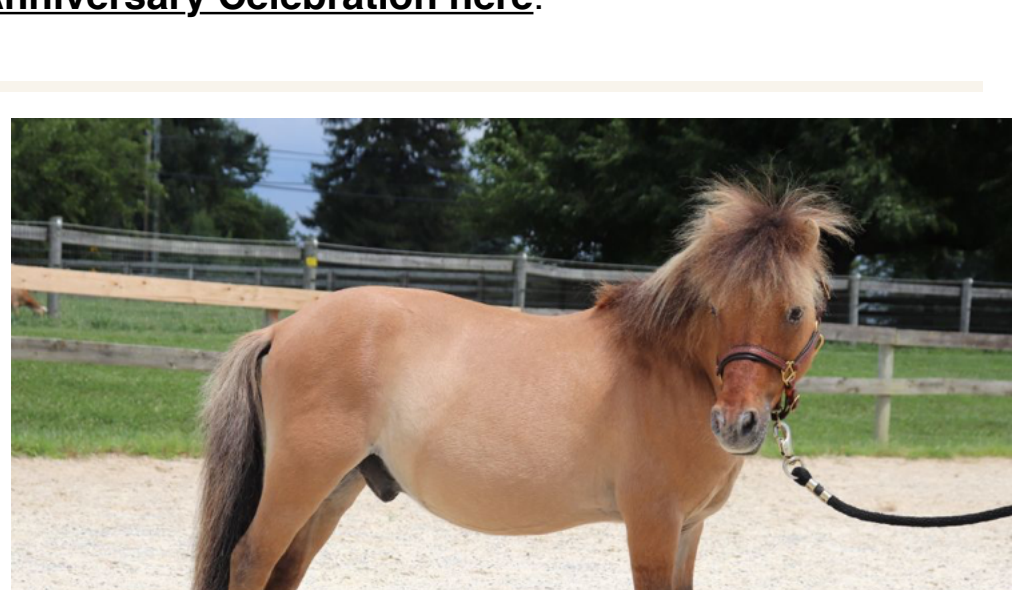


#### Featured Horse of the Month: Vito

Vito is an eight-year-old, nine-hand dun miniature horse now available for adoption!

The adorable Vito was recently castrated so he is still showing some stud-like behavior. (We would not recommend him being out with mares.)

As he is a late cut gelding, we are working on his ground training, and he will require a new family who would be willing to continue to work on this.



[Learn More About Vito!](#)

[View More Adoptable Horses!](#)

#### How Can You Help?

There are a large number of ways to get involved with Days End Farm Horse Rescue! Here's how:

[Adopt](#)

[Donate](#)

[Visit](#)

[Volunteer](#)

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#### In The News

Thanks to WMAR-2 News Baltimore for visiting and sharing our story!

**Watch the full segment and read more here!**

