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Miracles in Motion Golf Outing

June 22, 2004
1:00 p.m. shotgun start
Hunter's Ridge Golf Course, Marion

Be a Part of 5K Success

Planning is starting for our third 5K Challenge, a fun walk/run/wheelchair event that strengthens Miracles in Motion's finances. Please consider helping with one or more aspects of the event — planning, publicity, sponsorships, etc. You don't have to be a runner to help with this team! Your participation would be a great asset to this event! To help, call Ken and Denise Welsch at 626-3396.

Miracles' Sweet 16 Birthday Party Open House

Saturday, May 8
11:00am-2:00pm
Watch a class, eat cake & celebrate 16 years of Miracles in Motion! Public Welcome

Miracles Calendar Spring 04

February 23 – May 22	Leg Up Program (Mon., Weds. & Thurs. afternoons)
March 6	Workday, 9-noon
March 16	Farrier Visit (10:30am – call or email for info on helping)
March 16 & 17	New Student Evaluations (late afternoon/evening)
March 18	Returning Volunteer Training—6pm for HC, 7pm for SW
March 27	New Volunteer Training at Swisher Bank 9am, Hands-on Training follows
April 3	HC Training
March 22 – April 15	Special Spring Session: Drill Team & New Student Classes
April 19 – May 22	Regular Spring Session
May 8	Miracles' Sweet 16 Birthday Party Open House, 11:00am-2:00pm
No Classes—Two Week Break: May 23—June 6th	
June 7 – July 17	Summer Session I
June 22	Golf Outing, Hunter's Ridge Golf Course, 1:00 p.m. shotgun start

HC = Horse Committee, SW = Sidewalker

See www.miraclesinmotion.net for more dates and event details!

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Miracles Newsletter Spring 2004

New Look!

We've groomed the newsletter down to four pages and given it a jazzier, easy-to-read look. Thanks to Chris Moore of Noggin for sharing his award-winning design skills! Thanks also to the Jefferson High School special education class, and their teacher Linda Patterson, who label and prepare the newsletter for mailing.

Want to donate or volunteer?

Contact us at:

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Program News

We are looking forward to another wonderful year of classes at Miracles in Motion! As we are always looking for ways to better serve our students and community, we have planned some changes for this year.

We've added two new sessions to the Miracles program year! The new sessions will be four-week-long special programs in early spring and late fall. This spring, we have "Drill Team" classes for those of you interested in learning to ride patterns in unison with your classmates. The number of classes will depend on demand, but we will limit it to four classes for this spring. We will also provide two classes to students new to Miracles in these sessions.

Registration letters were mailed February 17th. If you have not received yours, please call or email the office, or just go to the website to download forms.

Volunteer Corner

Miracles in Motion volunteers can certainly be proud of themselves!

Last year, you volunteered over 11,000 hours to our organization! WOW!

The following volunteers donated 100-150 hours: Rosemary Oliver, Laura Minchk, Doreen Van Nostrand, Jackie Wallace, Laurinda Kraft, David Hannon, Angeline Chung, Emily Wemmer, Andrea Seltrecht, Erin Hazen, and Elizabeth Hladky. The following volunteers donated 150-250 hours to Miracles: Colleen Brems, Karen Molacek, Janelle Reske, Joyce Snyder, Katie Stack, and Deveri Johnson. Susan Aukes volunteered 260 hours. Ruth Paarmann donated approximately 270 hours and Elaine Mayer went over and above everyone else with approximately 450 hours!!

A volunteer appreciation party was held at Kara Heying's residence on January 13. Awards were given to our over "100 hours" volunteers who were present. Special recognition was given to one of our newest junior volunteers, Katie Miller, for the outstanding job she does as a barn assistant. Way to go, Katie!

Returning volunteer training will be held Thursday, March 18 at Miracles. Horse committee will start at 6 PM followed by sidewalker training at 7 PM. It is very important that you attend.

New volunteer training will be held Saturday, March 27 at the Swisher Bank in Swisher beginning at 9 AM. Hands on training will follow at the riding center.

It takes many volunteers to keep our program growing, so please MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND SHOW YOU CARE BY VOLUNTEERING FOR MIRACLES!

-Carol Heffernen, Volunteer Coordinator

Video Updated

A huge round of applause for KCRG-TV9 is in order for donating a new Miracles in Motion promotional video. They shot new footage, flying NewsCopter 9 over MIM for some gorgeous scenic shots. A very special thank you goes to the wonderful people at KCRG who supported this video: John Thelan, General Manager of KCRG, Cindy Ek, Production Manager, Brian Fahrner, Camera person and KCRG helicopter pilot, Bobby Ratliff.

Thanks to all of our Miracles students, parents, staff and volunteers who participated in interviews, and to Kate Hladky, who helped plan and select footage for the video.

Thank You to the Family of Billie J. Hoadley

In January, Miracles in Motion was very fortunate to receive a \$10,000 donation from Joel Grier, a representative of the Billie J. Hoadley Charitable Lead Trust. According to Joel, this is a trust established in his mother's name to help organizations that work with animals and children—two of his mother's favorite things. We are honored to receive this award. The funds will be used to support new and existing programs.

Visit www.miraclesinmotion.net for all the news that didn't fit! You'll find complete calendar dates, volunteer forms, and much more!

Volunteer Spotlight: Art Schmidt

If we would ask most of you, "What does Art Schmidt do for Miracles?" you probably wouldn't know. You wouldn't know that he has contributed thousands of hours to Miracles in Motion and that he has played a major role in the success of the Miracles in Motion organization.

In 1991, it was the good fortune of Miracles in Motion that Art was looking for a volunteer job through RSVP. The duties were explained to Art as "Just a few hours a month, paying bills, making deposits and keeping the books." A ledger sheet and a checkbook were all the tools needed. Along with those duties came a seat on the board of directors as the treasurer of Miracles in Motion.

His volunteer duties included taking care of all accounting, insurance, banking, taxes and payroll. Throughout the years, as Miracles grew, so did Art's responsibilities. A computer long ago replaced the ledger sheet!

For several years, Art's daughter participated in the Miracles program, and during that time Art volunteered as a sidewalker in her classes. He gained an even deeper appreciation and understanding of the program and became (and continues to be) one of Miracles' most enthusiastic supporters. In addition to his

treasurer duties, Art also participates in fundraising events and established the first perennial flower beds at the farm—each summer as the Iris appear, you can be grateful for Art's green thumb.



Art's contribution to Miracles in Motion has been significant. Because he has taken care of the countless details involved in his job as treasurer and did his job so well, others in the organization were free to focus on program development and meeting the needs of our students. Art has tended and nurtured Miracles in Motion with caring, commitment and dedication unmatched.

At a time in life when most folks shift their focus to relaxation and leisure, Art

instead focused on finding a way to help his community. We, at Miracles, are so very fortunate that he chose us. Art is a true role model—he has shown us that every stage of life can be rich and rewarding when you continue sharing your gifts with others. He is an inspiration for us all. Thank you, Art, for all you have done for Miracles!

Art Schmidt is beginning a gradual retirement from Miracles in Motion. In 2003, he was nominated for the KCRG "9 Who Care Jefferson Awards" To read more about Art's nomination go to the Miracles in Motion website at miraclesinmotion.net



Erik Schneider on Sonny with Kim Perry leading.



Devon Boyd on Speckles with Deveri Johnson leading and Patrick Boyle sidewalking.

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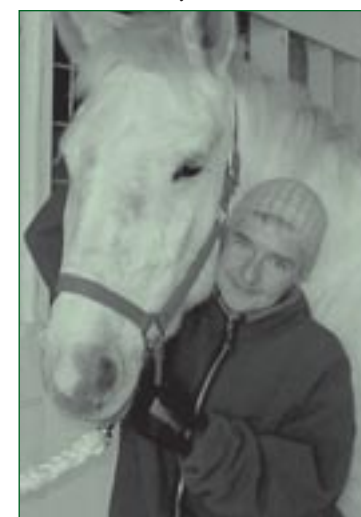
by Emily Wemmer

Here's a riddle: How are abstract art, digital pictures, and a white draft horse named Lucy connected to Miracles in Motion?

Answer: Through Sheri Seggerman, a Miracles volunteer and local artist!

Sheri works in digital photography – with a twist. Her latest show, "Deconstructing Lucy," features a series of photographs of portions of her horse's body. Assembled in a collage, the individual pictures become a life-sized portrait of the huge Percheron mare! With pieces like this, Sheri turns little bits of Lucy – "the curve of her rump, the flow of her mane" – into beautiful abstract art.

Last fall, Sheri presented "Deconstructing



Lucy" at the Linn Street Café in Iowa City. The event showcased her artwork and also promoted Miracles in Motion. Sheri handed out Miracles literature, and generously donated 40% of the proceeds to the program! She would like to repeat the fundraiser, and is searching for a new venue in the area.

According to Sheri, Miracles combines her love of horses with the opportunity to work with children. "For me, it's the perfect match." Sheri has sidewalked on Thursday nights for two years. Though a lifelong horsewoman, Sheri prefers interacting more directly with the students. Besides, as she puts it, "I'm on Horse Committee at home!"

Thank you Sheri – and Lucy – for your unique contribution to Miracles in Motion!

Board of Directors

Welcome our newest board members from Cedar Rapids: Candy Bloomhall, Hank Schillinger, Retired, and Saren Johnson, Hunter Companies.

President — J.P. Bickel, *McLeodUSA*

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Barb Pooley, *Mount Mercy College*

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Thanks and best wishes to Dr. Kara Heying, Pat Neville and Kelly Stevenson, former board members. Their board service is greatly appreciated.

The Miracles board needs a member to lead property management needs. If you have an interest in or experience with building/property maintenance and can share occasional daytime hours to projects, contact J.P. Bickel at 790-7432, 298-0900, or jbickel@mcleodusa.com.