

The Rundown

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Meet The Team: Faith

Faith was probably born in 2009 or 2010, and we are pretty certain she is a Quarter Horse, but we will never be sure. She is considered a liver chestnut and is about an inch too tall to be considered a pony. We don't know much about Faith's past because she was rescued from the slaughter pen at an auction. This means if Emily had not bought her, she would have been killed. Emily bought her through a friend, sight unseen. That is generally not something you do in the horse world because it is so easy to scam someone that way, but Emily says, "God encouraged me to save her. He spoke more clearly to me on that day than He does most days, but the prospect of 'breaking the rules' frightened me. Luckily, God doesn't usually follow the rules."



Four days after Faith arrived at her new home, there was a terrible wind storm that actually blew the door off of the barn, setting Faith free. Emily looked up from working on the house and saw the little horse running through the empty corn field. Her first thought was, oh, she looks so pretty, and then she realized what was happening. Usually, when a horse gets out it isn't a huge deal. They generally stop to eat grass somewhere nearby, and you can catch them fairly quickly. Not Faith. She was terrified, the wind was gusting at 60 miles per hour, and she didn't really have a solid relationship with any of us yet. At one point she was only feet away from getting hit by a train. We followed her for four hours across 26 miles before she finally tired out and let us catch her. Emily had thought about calling her Freckles, but this little adventure solidified her chosen name.

Now that Faith has been with us for a few years, we are happy to say we have developed a sweet relationship with one another. She is very sensitive to the emotions of the person she is working with. If you are trying to hide how you are feeling she becomes nervous and uncertain, but if you put it all out there and just be yourself, Faith is happy to be by your side. She loves scratches in all the right places and treats of any kind. Emily likes to say, "Faith will always have a special place in my heart, and I have a feeling she will never stop teaching me."



2019 Season Sign-ups Now Open!

This year's sessions will begin on Monday, May 6. We have 3:30 and 5:30 times available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays. The sessions will be divided into 7-week segments throughout the summer to accommodate more students. Go to our website to fill out a student application to apply. Don't delay because slots are filling up quickly!

Keo's New Home

We are happy to announce that, after much prayer, Keo found his retirement home. This sweet boy has served the program well and we will all miss him, both students and instructors. He has some new friends and gets lots of love in his new digs!



Coming Soon...

We are actively looking and praying for a replacement for Keo. Look for an announcement in our next newsletter!

We will begin this season with a prayer walk around our property, asking God to bless our students and use our horses to bring relational healing, increased resilience, and better focus into their lives.

Additional Giving Options

Now you can join our Giving Team. Giving team members commit to a \$5 or more monthly contribution for 12 months. They receive the quarterly newsletter and an invitation to our year-end banquet.

We have revamped our Sponsor a Horse program! Sponsoring a horse is a \$30 monthly commitment and each sponsor gets their name on a plaque on the front of their horse's stall. We will send you a profile of the horse you choose to sponsor and have opportunities for you to come to visit them. Sponsors will also get a year-end banquet invitation.

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How We Are Funded

Every session at Hope Lives Rescue Ranch is free of charge. We are a registered 501(c)3 and are funded solely through solicited donations and the generosity of our community. 100% of the funds donated to Hope Lives Rescue Ranch are used to care for the horses and create a safe environment for the children we serve. If you would like to donate to our program, you can do so online at: www.hopolivesrescueranch.org/funding or by mail to PO Box 3223, Champaign, IL 61822.

Upcoming Events

Please contact us to sign up to volunteer at one of our work days or attend a training weekend.

Pre-season prayer walk

Saturday, April 27, 9:00 a.m. rain or shine

Training for volunteer session leaders

Saturday, April 27

Pre-season Work Day

Saturday, May 4, 9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

