



# Lovelane

## ANNUAL REPORT





We enjoyed another successful and impactful year of programming in fiscal year 2022! It was a year of some transition for us, as we said an appreciative goodbye to our Executive Director, Megan Donovan, who—along with an extremely talented and dedicated staff—had led Lovelane through the treacherous COVID years. And it was a year of emergence, as the long-planned and too-often-delayed Hoedown not only came to fruition, but was a tremendous success.

Throughout the year, we continued to focus on what is most important to us here at Lovelane—the kids and families we serve! As you'll see in this Annual Report, our impact remains strong as we continue to change lives for the better.

All of this goodness comes with costs and, along with so many other things, the costs of sustaining our program continued to go up this year. Keeping our horses fed and well-cared for and our facility safe and well-maintained takes money and time and attention.

And so we remain extremely grateful for every dollar donated, every grant received, and every hour of volunteer time shared this year. Without your continued support and contributions of time and treasure, we could not do what we do! Along with our horses and our amazing instructors and staff, you are what makes Lovelane special. We so appreciate all that you do for us!

Wil Catlin  
**Board Chair**

Wendy Bell  
**Executive Director**





# Our Mission

In a fun, supportive environment, Lovelane Special Needs Horseback Riding Program provides **HIGH QUALITY THERAPEUTIC HORSEBACK RIDING** to achieve occupational, physical, speech, cognitive and other therapeutic gains, **FOCUSING ON CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.**





Our volunteers come from:

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# Volunteers

HONOR ROLL • July 1, 2021–June 30, 2022

It takes 100 volunteers each week to run Lovelane’s programs successfully. Volunteers join Lovelane staff in the ring as part of the therapy team, work in the barn caring for our herd, help at events, and serve on the board of directors. We are extremely grateful for the dedication, skill, and generosity of our volunteers. Each of our volunteers is responsible for making Lovelane the outstanding, high quality and highly sought-after program we are today. **Thank you for all you do!**

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Thank you for all that you do!





“The repetitive movement provided by the horse grounds Sylvie’s nervous system. This increases her attention, focus, communication, balance, and cognitive skills. On a horse, her seizures subside, and she feels happy, strong, and confident.”

**KATHY**

MOM OF SYLVIE, AGE 25



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# Unmounted Programs

**Serves 45 students each semester in small groups of 4-6, integrating children with and without special needs**

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## **CARROT CLUB // ages 3-6**

fosters positive peer interactions that support social language development and social skill building; helps students develop strategies for cooperative play, self-regulation, and following a group plan; builds self-esteem and confidence; improves students' conversational skills, including turn-taking, topic maintenance, eye contact, and body language.

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## **BARN BUDDIES // ages 4+**

promotes physical, emotional, and social growth of each child; students work as a team to take care of Lovelane's horses.

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## **HORSE CARE ACADEMY // teens**

builds confidence and functional life skills, including time management, prioritizing tasks and responsibilities, managing and working with a team, and communicating with peers and supervisors; empowers participants and readies students to take on the "real world."

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## **FIND YOUR STRIDE // young adults**

creates opportunities for young adults to practice and build social communication skills; develops strategies for successful social interactions; builds self-esteem and confidence; improves conversational skills, including turn-taking, topic maintenance, eye contact, and body language; develops independent living and occupational skills.

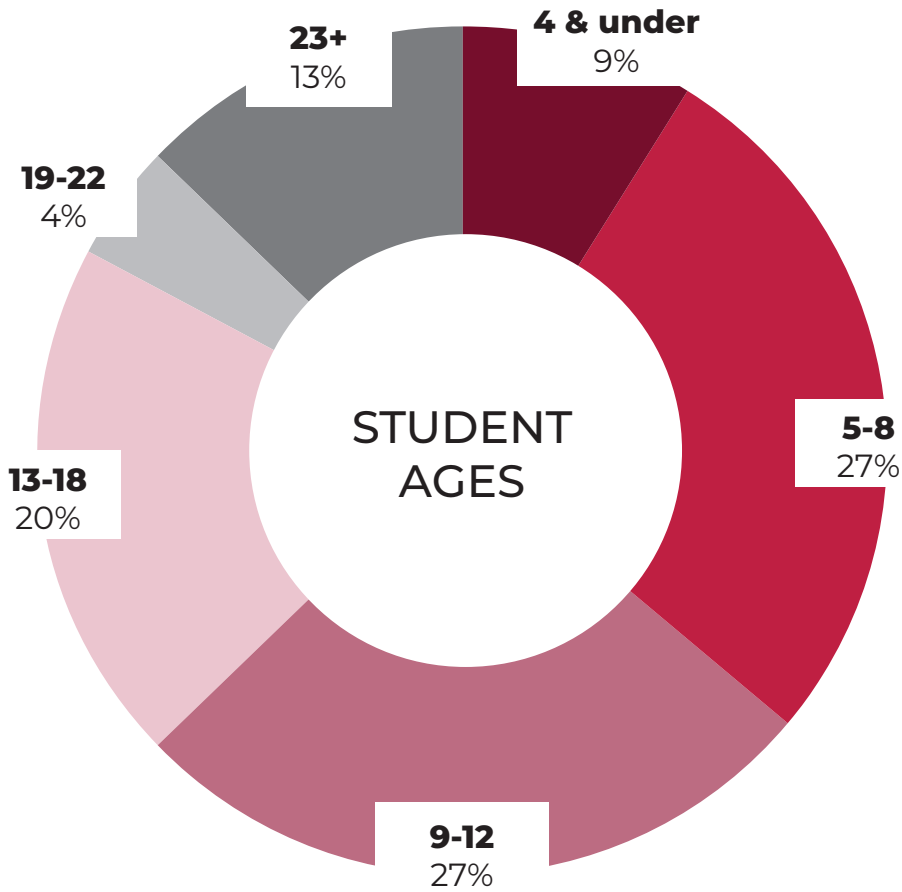




# Our Students



Autism Spectrum Disorders	24%
Genetic and Degenerative Disorders	15%
Seizure Disorders	8%
Cerebral Palsy	7%
Other	7%
Learning/Development Delays	7%
Neurological Disorders	6%
Down Syndrome	5%
Hypotonia	5%
Anxiety, Depression, or Emotional Impairments	4%
Attention Disorders	4%
Intellectual Impairments	4%
Hearing and/or Visual Impairments	2%
Cancer	1%
Communication Disorders	1%



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“Riding at Lovelane helps Christian to focus on the present and builds his confidence and resilience while he has a lot of laughter. He forgets about his fears while riding on a horse!”

**CRISTINA**

MOTHER OF CHRISTIAN, AGE 23





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This fund, launched in September 2012, and completed in May 2017, is named for Lovelane's Founder, Debby Sabin's deceased father, Dr. Sabin, who was a beloved founding member of Lovelane's Board of Directors and a renowned local physician. The Stanley Sabin Sustainability Fund is now able to provide Lovelane a reserve of over \$5M. If needed, interest on the SSS Fund of roughly \$150,000 annually can supplement Lovelane's annual operating budget, provide a cushion for emergencies, and fund capital improvements. We are grateful to all of our Stanley Sabin Sustainability Fund donors for helping to ensure Lovelane will continue to provide pediatric therapeutic services for years to come! THANK YOU!



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“Riding at Lovelane is the one therapeutic activity that Bodhi hasn’t tired of. We think that’s partly due to the physicality of riding, which Bodhi enjoys, but also because each and every instructor has been immediately engaging. We’re so impressed by the Lovelane staff, by their knowledge and experience, their obvious preparation for each lesson, and their incredible ability to connect with kids.”

**MAGGIE AND KARTI**

PARENTS OF BOHDI, AGE 4





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## How it works

The benefits of therapeutic riding stem from the movement provided by the horse's gait. The horse's 3-dimensional gait very closely mirrors a typical human walking gait, which means that the rider has an opportunity to feel, and thus ultimately mimic through the neuropathway created, "normal" movement patterns. Additionally, the heat from the horse, the reflex-inhibiting pattern astride the horse and the deep rhythmical proprioceptive input all provide the optimal opportunity to facilitate normal movement patterns, improve postural stability, balance, strength, and tone.

A horse takes 120 walking steps per minute, so for each minute astride a horse, the rider has 120 chances to improve range of motion, core strength, balance, fine and gross motor skills, speech, and language skills, focus and attention, in addition to a multitude of other benefits. The science of how therapeutic riding works however, should not overshadow the other benefits of riding a horse, including, emotional support, self-confidence, freedom, and joy.





# 2022 SUSAN MCDANIEL RUN FOR LOVELANE

Benefitting the Susan McDaniel Tuition Assistance Program

The 2022 Susan McDaniel Run for Lovelane was a huge success thanks to all of our in person and virtual participants. On Sunday, June 12, two-hundred and eighty adults and children walked and ran, raising \$24,000 for the Susan McDaniel Tuition Assistance Fund at Lovelane. Thank you to all the teams, individuals and companies who participated this year.

We are looking forward to the 2023 hybrid Susan McDaniel Run for Lovelane, an in-person event with a virtual component!



## The cost of Lovelane lessons for one student

**\$136**

1 weekly lesson

**\$272**

2 summer lessons

**\$2,584**

19 lessons (1 semester)

**\$5,440**

full year of lessons (19 spring lessons, 19 fall lessons, 2 summer lessons)

### SUSAN MCDANIEL TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND

Susan McDaniel, an athlete, actress, and equestrian, was a student at Lovelane throughout her two-year battle with cancer. Susan passed away in 2004 at the age of 10. The Run for Lovelane, established in 1996, was dedicated in Susan's memory in 2005. At the same time, the Susan McDaniel Tuition Assistance Fund was created. The intended purpose of this non-restricted fund is to support families who are unable to afford Lovelane's lesson price of \$136 weekly. Lovelane accepts children off the waitlist based on next availability, not the family's ability to pay. Once in the program, families may apply for tuition assistance. Forty percent of Lovelane families receive tuition assistance totaling \$65,000 annually through the Susan McDaniel Tuition Assistance Fund.

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# City to Saddle

In 2022, Lovelane proudly partnered with **City to Saddle** to run a week-long summer program for the second year in a row.

Founded in 2004, City to Saddle is a grassroots Massachusetts-based, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization run by devoted volunteers. Its mission is to connect children from urban areas and disadvantaged communities with inspiring and transformational horsemanship experiences. Since its inception, City to Saddle has provided hundreds of boys and girls from inner-city Boston, Worcester, and other areas with equestrian experiences at barns throughout Massachusetts.

This past July, six children came to Lovelane from Dorchester. They learned to care for and ride Lovelane's horses and engaged in games, arts and crafts, and community-building activities. Lovelane was thrilled to welcome two returning students from last summer's City to Saddle program and introduce four new students to our horses and program. It was wonderful to see each child's confidence grow as their horsemanship skills increased throughout the week. The workshop also included transportation to and from Lovelane and lunch at the barn each day.

The success and enjoyment of this program by the children, volunteers, and staff have been overwhelming and we hope to expand its availability at Lovelane in the coming years.







# LOVELANE



## HOEDOWN 2022

The Grammy-nominated, Billboard Music award-winning band, **Barenaked Ladies**, headlined the 2022 Hoedown at Wil and Priscilla Catlin's Duck Puddle Farm in Wayland on Saturday, September 24, to help raise funds to benefit Lovelane Special Needs Horseback Riding Program.

The highly-anticipated biennial event, produced in coordination with AE Events, is Lovelane's premiere fundraiser. Six hundred fifty guests attended this year's sold-out event, which raised more than \$500,000 to help support Lovelane's operating budget for the next two years.

In addition to Barenaked Ladies, this year's Hoedown also featured local Boston favorites **French Lick**, Celtics' owner Wyc Grousbeck's band. KISS 108's own **Billy Costa** served as emcee for the evening program. Guests were encouraged to dust off their cowboy boots and dress casually for a night of music, line-dancing, axe throwing and phenomenal food, donated by Boston's finest chefs under an outdoor tent.

Thank you to the corporate and individual sponsors, chefs, exclusive beverage sponsors and in-kind donors (listed on the next page) for your thoughtful and generous donations to the Lovelane's 2022 Hoedown!



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Lovelane's 2022 Hoedown was held in FY23.  
Funds raised for the Hoedown will support  
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— LIESJE QUINTO, LOVELANE PARENT AND HOEDOWN SPEAKER —





“We have had a wonderful experience at Lovelane. Our son Brendan loves riding and loves his amazing instructor! He looks forward to his time with the horses and Brendan has made such progress. He is physically stronger, gaining independence, improving his communication skills, and most importantly having a blast! We are very grateful for the smiles that Lovelane has provided Brendan and our family.”

**COLLEEN AND JAKE**

PARENTS OF BRENDAN, AGE 13



# Grants & Gifts

## General Operations

Lovelane fundraises 60% of our annual budget. We rely on Foundations to help meet our budget needs. General operating support directly impacts two key areas of our program: our students, who are diagnosed with a wide range of special needs, and our primary therapeutic tools, our horses. We are grateful to the generous Foundations who thoughtfully support Lovelane's mission.

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## Susan McDaniel Tuition Assistance Fund

The Susan McDaniel Tuition Assistance Fund is vital to our families' participation in our programming. Lovelane accepts families off our waitlist regardless of their ability to pay. Lovelane provides \$65,000 in Tuition Assistance to 40% of our families. We are very grateful to the foundations who support our Tuition Assistance Fund, making our highly beneficial programming accessible for all children.

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## Giving Tuesday

Lovelane's Board of Directors initiated a donor match for Giving Tuesday. Every dollar donated for Giving Tuesday was matched \$1 for \$1 by the Board up to \$12,000. This gesture clearly demonstrates the leadership and generosity of Lovelane's dedicated and thoughtful Board of Directors!

## Blood Drive in Memory of Zach Wall

Thank you to the 40 wonderful people who donated blood in memory of Zach Wall, a Lovelane rider who passed away from cancer on November 5, 2021, at age 16. The Dana-Farber Cancer Institute/Brigham and Women's Hospital Blood Mobile came to Lovelane on March 7, 2022. We are looking forward to another successful blood drive in March 2023

## Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall School

As part of their end-of-year experiential learning week, five high school students from Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall School in Waltham, MA spent three days at Lovelane. They explored strategies and benefits of therapeutic horseback riding through hands-on lessons and activities and interacting with Lovelane students. Their culminating project was a clean-up of the Sensory Trail and the installation of several new visual components.

## Cummings Foundation

In addition to being one of the 100 recipients of The Cummings Foundation \$25 Million Grant Program in Fiscal Year 2021, Lovelane also received an additional impact grant in Fiscal Year 2022 to be used at Lovelane's discretion.

## The Wall Family Matching Gift Appeal

Zach's parents, Jennifer and Jonathan, donated \$10,000 to Lovelane in Zach's memory to be used for a matching donation for our 2022 spring appeal. Thanks in great part to the Wall Family, Lovelane raised \$30,000 during this appeal.

## Amelia Peabody Charitable Fund

Thanks to the Amelia Peabody Charitable Fund for a \$58,000 grant for First Step Up dust-free footing for our outdoor arena. This footing is safe, durable, and sustainable. The new footing allows our students, volunteers, staff and horses to once again take full advantage of our outdoor ring.

## Saddle Mattresses

Lisa Millett and Saddle Mattress donated 26 custom-made saddle mattresses to Lovelane this spring, one for each saddle used in our therapeutic riding program. Saddle mattresses redistribute weight, reduce pressure, and cushion the saddles on the saddle racks. Our staff and horses are grateful for this thoughtful and generous donation!





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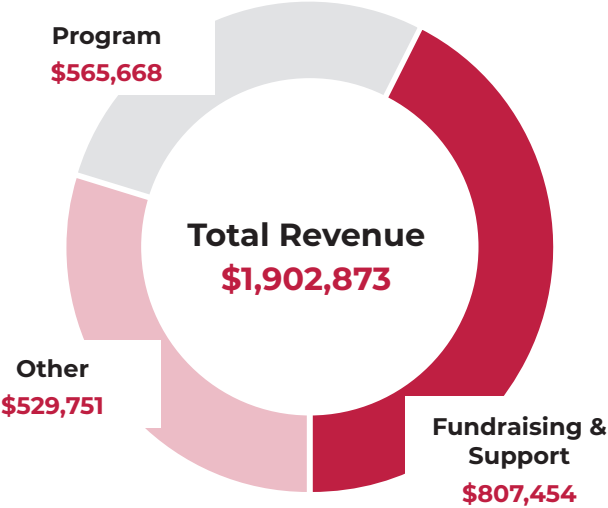
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# Financials



## Assets

### Current Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$1,019,704
Pledge & Other Receivables	\$30,173
Prepaid Expenses	\$138,300

**TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS** \$1,188,177

**PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT - NET** \$1,984,961

### Long Term Assets

Investments	\$7,125,211
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**TOTAL LONG TERM ASSETS** \$7,125,211

**TOTAL ASSETS** \$10,298,349

## Liabilities & Net Assets

### Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$56,132
Accrued Expenses	\$500,400

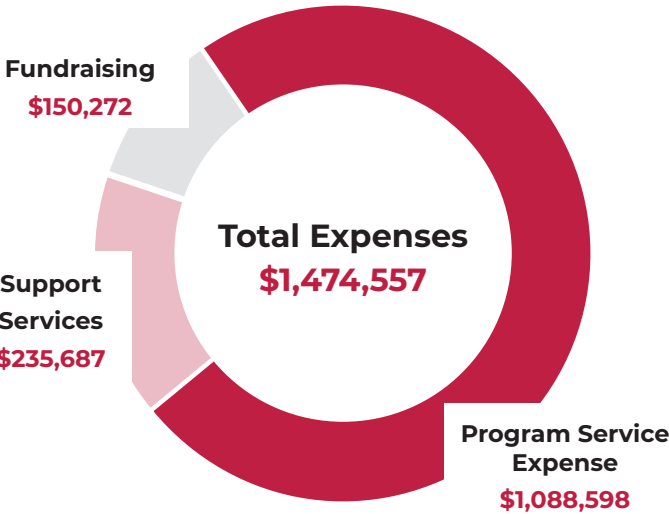
**TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES** \$556,532

### Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$9,354,557
With Donor Restriction	\$387,260

**TOTAL NET ASSETS** \$9,741,817

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS** \$10,298,349



## Board of Directors

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“Francesca has been riding at Lovelane for 6 years. She was born with Spina Bifida, and her doctors at Boston Children’s Hospital credit riding at Lovelane for building up her core strength and ultimately delaying a surgery on Francesca’s back.”

LIESJE AND BEN

PARENTS OF FRANCESCA, AGE 8





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