



Lovelane

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

For the past 35 years, our goal at Lovelane has been to provide high-quality therapeutic horseback riding to help children with special needs achieve therapeutic gains in an environment that is both supportive and fun.

With a solid, committed core staff team that includes more certified instructors than last year, and an excellent corps of per diem instructors, we have been able to increase the number of children we serve through both our mounted and unmounted programs. We have also added a new, exciting partnership, which has allowed us to utilize our resources in a way that expands both our reach and our impact.

This year the costs associated with caring for and feeding our herd of therapy horses has continued to go up. And as we reach our 20th year at this location, we know we will need to focus on maintaining and improving our facility in order to continue to achieve our mission safely and effectively.

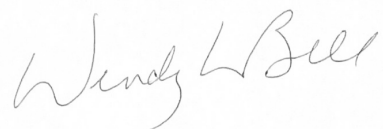
At the same time, we recognize that this has been a difficult year for financial markets, and we are aware of the challenge that presents to many of our supporters and our families. We continue to be committed to providing tuition assistance for all who need it.

Close to 60% of our income comes from fundraising each year, and without your continued support, we could not do what we do! And so, we remain exceedingly grateful to you, our donors and our volunteers, for all of your individual donations of financial support and time, as well as for the private grants, corporate contributions, and bequests that we have received. We are also extremely grateful for all of our event sponsors, attendees and supporters.

Thank you all for believing in us and for believing with 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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| Auburndale | Lowell |
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Volunteers

HONOR ROLL • July 1, 2022–June 30, 2023

Volunteers are the core of Lovelane’s successful programming. They are a part of every therapy team in the ring, they work in the barn caring for our horses, they help make our events possible, and they serve on the Board of Directors. Lovelane is extremely grateful and fortunate to have the dedication, skill, and generosity of our volunteers. They are responsible for ensuring Lovelane continues to provide the high quality, safe, and highly recommended program it is today.

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Thank you for all that you do!

Unmounted Programming

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

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.

BARN BUDDIES // ages 5+

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

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."

FIND YOUR STRIDE // young adults

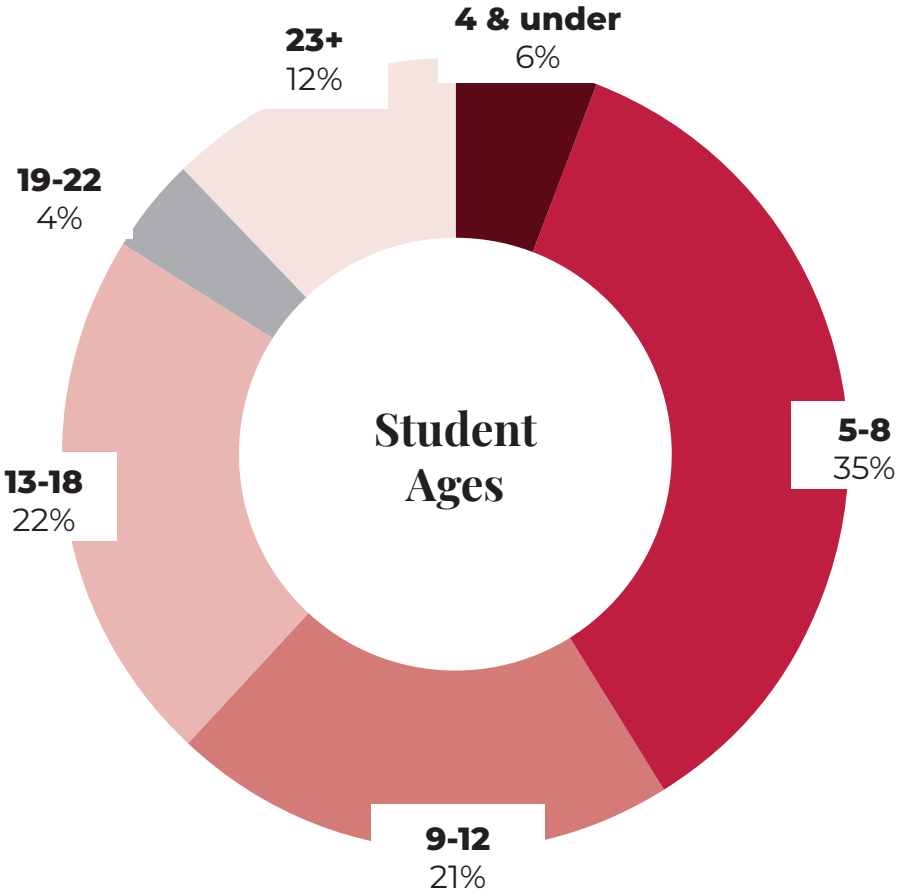
creates opportunities for young adults to practice and build social communication skills; develops strategies for successful social interactions; builds self-esteem and confidence; improves conversational skills, including turn-taking, topic maintenance, eye contact, and body language; develops independent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



Our Students



Autism Spectrum Disorders	27%
Genetic and Degenerative Disorders	14%
Seizure Disorders	8%
Cerebral Palsy	6%
Developmental Delay	6%
Hypotonia	6%
Anxiety, Depression, or Emotional Impairments	5%
Down Syndrome	5%
Intellectual Impairments	5%
Neurological Disorder	5%
Attention Disorders	3%
Sensory Processing Disorder	3%
Hearing and/or Visual Impairments	2%
Other	2%
Cancer	1%



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Our Horses

COSTS AT A GLANCE



FARRIERS

\$24,000 per year
\$2,000 per horse



DENTIST

\$5,300 per year
\$450 per horse



GRAIN

\$18,000 per year
\$1,500 per horse



HAY

\$35,000 per year
\$3,000 per horse



SHAVINGS

\$12,500 per year
\$1,040 per horse



MANURE REMOVAL

\$5,800 per year
\$485 per horse



SUPPLEMENTS

\$11,000 per year
\$915 per horse



VETS

\$23,000 per year
\$1,900 per horse



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July 1, 2022–June 30, 2023

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2023 SUSAN MCDANIEL RUN FOR LOVELANE

Benefiting the Susan McDaniel Tuition Assistance Program



The 2023 Susan McDaniel Run for Lovelane took place in June on a beautiful sunny day! It was a great success thanks to all our participants and families! Three-hundred and seventy-six adults and children ran or walked the 5K, 1 Mile, and ½ Mile Kids’ Fun Run to raise \$25,000 for the Susan McDaniel Tuition Assistance Fund at Lovelane.

Thank you to all the teams, individuals, and companies who sponsored, donated, and participated this year.

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.

THE COST OF LOVELANE LESSONS FOR ONE STUDENT

\$150

1 weekly lesson

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Find Your Stride

Find Your Stride (FYS) is an unmounted social skill-building program for young adults at Lovelane.

This group is facilitated by a speech-language pathologist who specializes in social cognition. The facilitator utilizes the horses and the welcoming barn environment to create opportunities for practicing and building on social communication skills.

Find Your Stride helps the participants increase social and situational awareness, develop strategies for successful social interactions, build self-esteem and confidence, and practice self-advocacy. Students also work on improving their conversational skills, including turn-taking, topic maintenance, eye-contact, and body language, and developing independent living and occupational skills.

As Find Your Stride has progressed, the participants have embraced the idea of being ambassadors of Lovelane.

- As you walk through the barn you will be reminded of Lovelane's core values through the display that the FYS group created.
- FYS helps with planting flowers at different seasons to help make Lovelane even more beautiful and welcoming.
- The FYS crew is at the center of a new Lovelane tradition, The Lovelane Halloween Event, where 40 Lovelane families enjoy the opportunity to trick-or-treat in a safe, wheelchair and walker friendly environment. They enjoy trick-or-treating at every horse's stall and play fun games in the indoor arena.
- At the annual Lovelane Horse Show, the FYS crew was excited to jump in and help coordinate and run the sales table with baked goods, Lovelane merch and hand-crafted items that they made themselves.

The FYS crew created an informative video about Lovelane that can be found on the Lovelane website and is used in Lovelane's parent education activities. Future ideas include spreading the love of Lovelane to the local community. In February, we plan to send homemade Valentine's to local nursing homes.



Lovelane Partnerships

The Cotting School, a residential and day school for children with special needs that enables students to realize their highest potential both during and after their enrollment.

The LABBB Group, which designs and delivers special education services that promote academic, social and career independence in inclusive settings.

City to Saddle, which provides equestrian opportunities for under-served children, fostering confidence, self-fulfillment, and joy (more details on the opposite page).

Chapel Hill Chauncy Hall School, a local school that serves a diverse community of learners in a collaborative educational experience, preparing them for college success and a lifetime of meaningful engagement with the broader world

The Perkins School for the Blind, the leader in education services for children and young adults with disabilities and visual impairments.

The Klarman Clinic at McLean Hospital, which serves young women with eating disorders.



PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

City to Saddle

This July, Lovelane hosted six students from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metrowest Framingham Clubhouse.

These students participated in a Horsemanship Workshop, visiting the barn for three hours each day for a week to learn about the horses, take care of them, and ride. Our instructors encouraged the students to ask questions and find their voices, and focused on helping them gain confidence in self-advocacy, self-expression, and empathy towards themselves and others. The students, who had never ridden before, rode independently by week's end, navigating an obstacle course on their horses, having honed their skills of steering, posting, and trotting. The students made strong connections with our horses. From the first anticipatory moments of welcome to the final tearful goodbyes, the week was filled with joy and learning for everyone involved. In reflecting on the week, one instructor shared: "It was clearly evident that the power of horses was so significant to each of these children and I felt and hope that they will carry this experience throughout their lives. I certainly will."

We are grateful to our wonderful volunteers, the team at the Framingham Clubhouse, and City to Saddle for their help in creating an awesome program. Special thanks to Carla Bregman, whose generous donation helped make this week possible.

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 —



Community Highlights



Blood Drive in Memory of Zach Wall

The Dana-Farber Cancer Institute/Brigham and Women's Hospital Blood Mobile visited Lovelane on April 5, 2023. Forty-five wonderful people came to donate blood in memory of Zach Wall, a Lovelane rider who passed away from cancer on November 5, 2021, at age 16. We are grateful to Zach's family for spearheading this event and we look forward to another successful blood drive in April 2024.

Matching Gift Appeal

Zach's parents, Jennifer and Jonathan Wall, donated \$5,000 to Lovelane in Zach's memory to be used for a matching donation for our 2023 Fiscal-Year End Appeal. Thanks in great part to the Wall Family, Lovelane raised \$15,000 during this appeal.

Amelia Peabody Charitable Fund

Thanks to the Amelia Peabody Charitable Fund for a grant for First StepUp 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.

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!

SmackPak

SmartPak, a well-known equestrian product company, invited Francesca Q., a Lovelane rider, to join other riders in their "Riding is for Everybody and Every Body" photo shoot to rock some of their new riding products! Here is Francesca in their studio wearing a newly released Piper riding sun shirt!

Gould Charitable Foundation

Thank you to the Gould Charitable Foundation for a grant for two Arena saddles for our therapy horses. We are very grateful for the much needed and thoughtful donation to support the comfort and health of our horses.

Million Dollar Round Table

Lovelane is grateful to the Million Dollar Round Table Foundation for a grant to purchase a DragNfly drag for our tractor. This drag will drastically increase the life and usability of our footing in the indoor and outdoor arenas.

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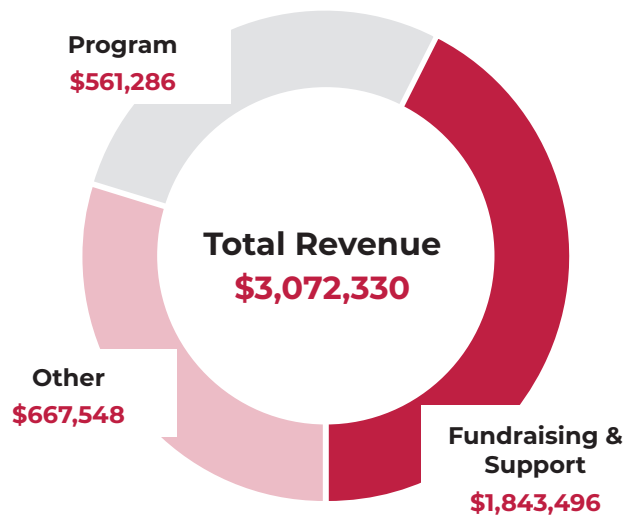
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Current Assets

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Pledge & Other Receivables	\$27,222
Prepaid Expenses	\$78,116

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS \$475,706

PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT - NET \$2,092,209

Long Term Assets

Investments	\$8,302,992
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TOTAL LONG TERM ASSETS \$8,302,992

TOTAL ASSETS \$10,870,907

Liabilities & Net Assets

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$34,004
Accrued Expenses	\$124,052

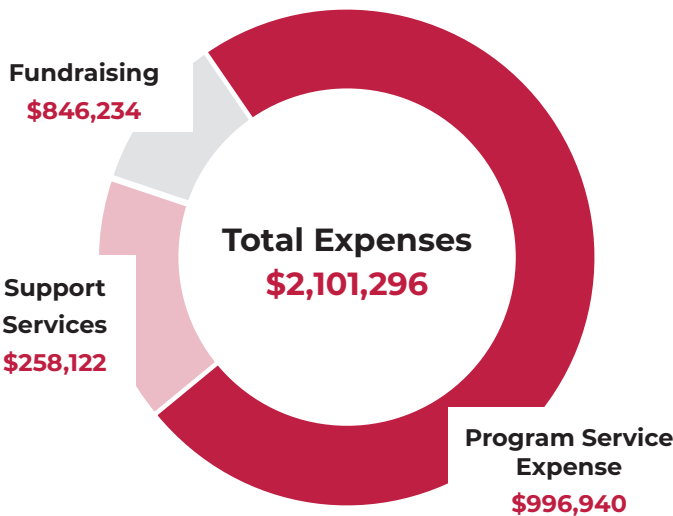
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES \$158,056

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Unrestricted	\$10,325,591
With Donor Restriction	\$387,260

TOTAL NET ASSETS \$10,712,851

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS \$10,870,907



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