

Front Range Exceptional Equestrians (FREE) Annual Report - 2021

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Who We Are:

FREE is a 501(c)(3) organization based in Fort Collins, Colo., that uses horses to improve the quality of life of four distinct populations: 1) individuals with special needs; 2) at-risk youth; 3) veterans; and 4) first responders.

FREE follows PATH Intl. Standards that exist to provide consistent safe provisions for participants, highly-regarded facility and program management processes and humane treatment for working with equines. Our center meets PATH Int. Standards for adaptive horsemanship, and FREE is one of just six PATH Premier-Accredited Centers in Colorado.

Front Range Exceptional Equestrians (FREE) Mission Statement:

To allow riders with special needs to enjoy the benefits and freedom of adaptive horsemanship at an affordable cost and to use horses to help veterans, first responders and at-risk youth find hope and overcome challenges.

Despite being impacted by Covid, 2021 activities included sessions for previous and new riders with special needs as well as the addition of horsemanship sessions for at-risk youth and veterans.

Highlights included:

- 150 riders
- 1,382 hours of classes lead by PATH Intl-trained instructors
- 2,000+ program hours donated by volunteers

To keep classes affordable for individuals with special needs, FREE underwrote \$25 of the \$45 required to cover the cost for every rider hour. No rider is ever turned away for financial reasons.

A grant from Larimer County Behavioral Health Services covered the cost of at-risk youth and veteran participation.

A grant secured from Larimer County Behavioral Health Services in late 2021 will allow FREE to expand its program offering in 2022 to include programming specifically developed for first responders. FREE is partnering with First Responders Trauma Counselors for this program, and our first responder session is set to occur in May 2022.

FREE's Budget for 2021:

Total Program Funding (by percentage)

Donations.46%

Rider Registration Fees. . . . 40%

How Donor Dollars are Used

Programming Services 90%

Fundraising Expenses. 0.5%

Grants. 14%

General Operating Expenses. 9.5%

The following is an overview of FREE’s income and expenses for the fiscal year that ended December 31, 2021:

Revenues

Revenue from grants. \$18,254
 Revenue from riders \$16,653
 Revenue from donations \$10,218
Total Revenues \$56,200

Expenses

Program Expenses. \$74,464
 General & Administrative Expenses \$19,513
 Fundraising Expenses \$ 981
Total Expenses. \$94,988

Net Assets at End of Year (Accumulated). \$37,730

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Teres Lambert

Submitted by Teres Lambert, President

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