



Annual Report 2006

EquiFriends gave a total of 2593 lessons to over 100 clients on a weekly basis in 2006. We had 38 active session weeks during the year. Over 100 volunteers each week donated almost 11,000 hours of work to help make this happen for our students.

*The 3 biggest expenses are
Our Horses, Our Home, Our Staff*

EquiFriends received additional money specifically designated for improvements to our facility in the form of \$18,000 to build and install accessible restrooms and a septic system. We were able to complete these renovations in August 2006.

We received additional support from private donors such as Bob and Penny Bayman, Joan Myers and Jeff Whitlach, and Mark & Vickie Nysether. Significant organization donations include Boeing Employee Recycling Fund and Albertson's. In 2006 we received the third of a three-year United Way of Snohomish County grant, as well as grants from the Norcliffe Foundation, the Nysether Family Foundation, and Coastal Community Bank Foundation.

EquiFriends took 5 riders to the annual Pat Flynn Memorial Horse Show at Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Program in Woodinville, WA in June. In August, we hosted our own Student Horse Show where 29 students participated and enjoyed showing their riding skills to their friends and family.

Fundraising efforts included the 15th Annual Model Train Show in April. Also in May, we held the annual Ride-a-Thon and Drive-a-Thon, and in October we hosted our 18th annual dinner auction raising \$97,000 for our program's needs.

Approximately 65% of our riders are under the age of 21. Many of our riders live with multiple disabilities requiring extensive staff and volunteer support. Lesson fees cover only 1/3 of the actual cost of providing therapeutic lessons, and at any one time, approximately 10% of our ridership is receiving some form of tuition assistance. We provide 25%, 50% and 75% assistance, with any rider able to receive a total of 100% assistance in the course of 1 calendar year. Our staff includes 6 full-time (4 Instructors, Executive Director, and Stable Hand) and 4 part-time (1 Barn staff, Volunteer Coordinator, 2 Instructors) members, and 13 horses.

Our Board of Directors had 7 members and met 11 times over the year with 85% attendance rate and 100% financial support of the program. Additionally, some board members provided in-kind support for EquiFriends.

Our program remains the only therapeutic equestrian program in Snohomish county, and is nationally accredited with NARHA (North American Riding for the Handicapped Association), our industry's governing body. We continue to pull riders from not only Snohomish county but Skagit, Island and King county as well.

Financial Review of 2006 finances are available by contacting EquiFriends at 425-377-0802

Sources of Support:	\$350,375
Grants	\$32,750
Special Events/Fundraisers	\$141,555
Lessons	\$110,000
Donations*	\$66,070
Expenditures	\$347,772
Instructional Staff	\$100,000
Horse and Facility Operations	\$75,961
Facility Improvements	\$30,000
Fundraising Costs	\$32,413
Administration	\$62,500
Staff Training	\$4,163
PR/Communications	\$422
Insurance	\$12,313
Depreciation	
Other	\$30,000
Net Income:	\$2,603
Total Net Assets:	\$517,222
<i>*Includes in-kind donations</i>	

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