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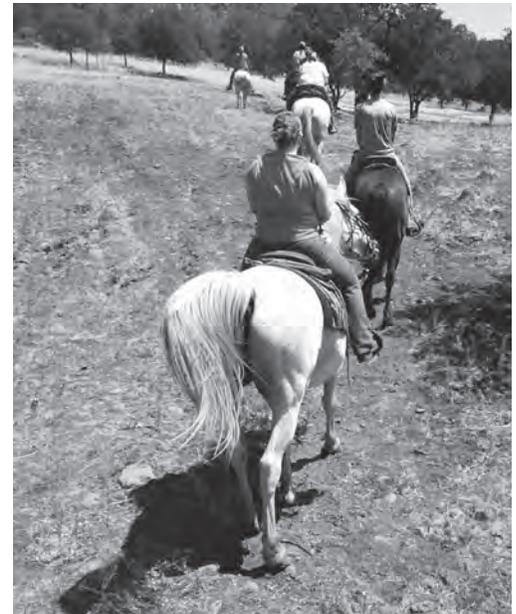
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*Team Work!*

Dear Friend,

What a beautiful (almost summer) morning I'm enjoying as I look out on the fields we planted. We got just enough rain for them to mature! It is my favorite time of day. I am so very grateful for all that is good in our lives.

We're looking forward to a busy summer here at the Wild Horse Sanctuary and are thrilled to have six interns here from as far away as Michigan. These young people pay their own transportation expense AND dedicate their entire summer to helping us. We are happy to provide a setting for them to learn about wild horses and burros, wildlife here at the Sanctuary, the environment, ranch operations, and conservation, as well as team building and guest relations (just to name a few) in exchange for sharing themselves with us! Many former interns tell us that their experience at the Sanctuary helped them tremendously in their education and career decisions and was an experience of a lifetime. All of the interns this summer are quite handy with horses, which is nice because we will have lots of help gentling yearlings to prepare them for adoption. Among the myriad of daily chores, there are miles of fencing to maintain and repair and miles of horse trails to trim so that our guests will be safe and comfortable when they join us on trail rides. Of course, everything we do here is so our resident wild horses and burros will have a safe home far into the future.



*Our team of summer interns heads out for a day of clearing trails.*



*Fun for all ages at our Annual Open House.*

Our Annual Open House and Benefit is scheduled Saturday, August 15. It's our annual fund

and friend raiser and a really fun day with live music, wild horse viewing, kid's crafts and games, demonstrations, and a vendor fair. (Volunteers make this event possible, too! If you'd like to help with the Open House, please give us a call or send an email). We have raffle tickets for sale with beautiful and useful prizes! This year, we are featuring an ALL MUSTANG parade, which will allow guests to see how beautiful and versatile the mustangs can be as companions and riding partners. I hope you are able to join us!



We've come to rely very heavily on volunteers, whether they are serving as guides on trail rides, hosting camp, maintaining the grounds and facilities or greeting guests in the visitor center, each plays a vital role in the successful operation of the Sanctuary. How heartwarming it is to see the number of volunteers grow to meet the ever increasing need here. I truly appreciate everyone who contributes their time and talent, whether it be a few hours each week or month, or an entire summer. What a "team" we've become!

*Protecting and Preserving Freedom for America's Wild Horses*

As the years pass, I find I need more help. I am thankful that our Board of Directors works diligently to advise and assist and I am very happy that we have recently appointed an Executive Director, Jill Broughton has been a volunteer since 2007 and a part-time employee since 2012. Over the years she has shown her love for and commitment to wild horses and the Wild Horse Sanctuary. She has joined us full-time and will use her experience and education in business management, marketing, and human resources to help the Sanctuary plan for the future.

Of course, the work never ends. Anyone who owns or maintains a home understands this! Through the years we have always had "just enough" for what is truly necessary to care for the horses. We thank YOU for ensuring we have the ability to buy hay, repair or replace fencing, or repair a barn or corral.

It seems that costs for just about everything continues to increase so we recycle and reuse anything we can, which helps in stretching donations. Hay is the one thing that can't be "reused". We have managed to cultivate close to 40 acres and plan to double that this fall. Until we can increase cross-fencing and planting, we will continue to purchase most of the hay we feed. I hope you can continue to assist us with that.



*This pretty filly loves a parade.*

How gratifying it has been to see the Sanctuary develop over the years. To meet and work with so many caring people has been one of the greatest joys of my life. As the Sanctuary "family" of supporters becomes stronger, my confidence grows. With your help, we will continue rescuing wild horses and providing enriching experiences for our supporters and our community, for years to come.

Wishing you a wonderful summer and hoping I'll see you at Open House!

Warm regards,

*Dianne*

Dianne Nelson

*P.S. I hope drought conditions aren't causing you too much hardship - we are preparing alternate water sources again this summer since our ponds, springs & creeks never recovered completely. Thank you for all the help that make this life saving provision possible! I am so grateful that so many people care - please continue to help in any way you can. Thank you -*

### Wild Horse Sanctuary Contribution and Order Form

- Yes, I want to help!
- Enclosed is my check for:
  - \$38 to feed one unsponsored horse for one month
  - \$55 for one dewormer block
  - \$75 for one mineral supplement tub
  - \$114 to care for an unsponsored horse for 3 months
  - \$456 to sponsor a horse for one year
  - Raffle Tickets, book of 5 for \$10 (order by 8/1/15 - drawing held on 8/15/15)

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