

2008 Annual Report



'Saddle Up! was the highlight of my day'

Note: The following is an excerpt of a speech given by graduating rider Taegen at the 2008 Avenue Bank Country Ride 'N Roll for Saddle Up!.

"... I have been riding for 12 years. Saddle Up! brings out your self-confidence. Trust me it took me a long time to ride and trot by myself. When I finally did it I was so happy. I knew I could do it. Also Saddle Up! was the highlight of my day. Especially if I had a bad day.

"My horse's name is Nelson. He is a chestnut horse and I love him like my own. Also my instructor's name is Melissa. My volunteer's name is Jen — she works at Tractor Supply Company. So when we are grooming our horses we talk about Tractor Supply Company. Also I like riding with Robert and Campbell.

"I will be graduating Saddle Up! at the end of this year. I hate to graduate and (would) like to stay a rider forever. But I had my chance. I know I have to let some other kid have a turn. I just hope they would be as happy as I was.

"I would like to end my speech wishing all the (current) riders and the ones in the near future good luck. 'Where all children are equal in the saddle.' "

2008 Spotlights Volunteers and Increased Services

We are proud to share the first annual report from Saddle Up!. The 2008 annual report is a milestone that marks growth of this special program. In addition, it reflects Saddle Up!'s ongoing commitment to transparency in our operations. Highlights of 2008 include:

The full implementation of our Waitlist Provisional Riders Program. Launched as a pilot in 2007 to address our biggest challenge — our long list of children waiting to get into the program — the waitlist provisional riders program has resulted in more than 100 of the 250 children on the list having the chance to participate in lessons.

Increased volunteerism. With a 42% increase in volunteer hours in 2008 vs. 2007, Saddle Up!'s "Year of the Volunteer" lived up to its name!

Increased the number of lessons, going from 4,117 lessons given in 2007 to 4,841 projected by year-end 2008 — a nearly 18% increase.

Increased the number of riders served, going from 140 in 2006 to 179 in 2008 — a 28% increase! Our participants deal with more than 40 types of disabilities.

As you review information in the following pages, you will see that Saddle Up! remains focused on its mission of providing children and youth with disabilities the opportunity to grow and develop through recreational activities with horses. We have increased the number of children we serve while remaining fiscally sound.

On behalf of all those we serve, we salute and thank everyone for their support, leadership and commitment to make Saddle Up! the place "Where all children are equal in the saddle."

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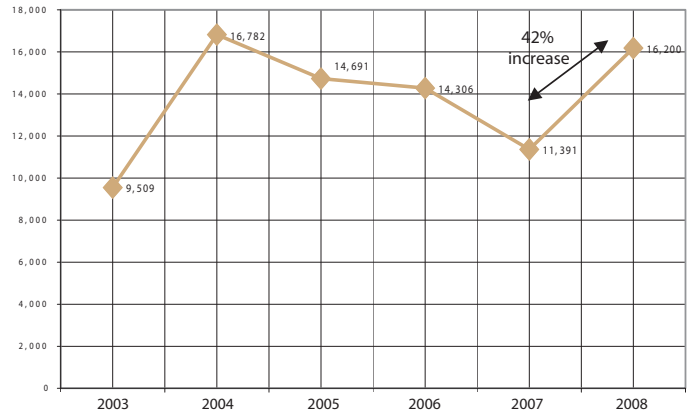
Our Mission — to provide children and youth with disabilities the opportunity to grow and develop through recreational activities with horses.



2008 Marks 'Year of the Volunteer'

Since its founding, Saddle Up! has been a volunteer-driven organization. Today, volunteers remain the lifeblood of the organization. They serve throughout the organization from barn work, Board leadership, paper jockeys, events and in the heart of our work, the weekly recreational therapeutic riding lessons for our special riders. In recognition of their invaluable service, commitment and leadership, Saddle Up! declared 2008 as the "Year of the Volunteer." Because without our dedicated volunteers, we would either have to significantly reduce the number of riders we serve or greatly increase the amount of revenues we raise. Almost 300 volunteers serve at Saddle Up!. This year, they will give more than 16,000 hours, a 42% increase over 2007. We salute each volunteer for choosing to make a positive difference through Saddle Up!.

Saddle Up! Volunteer Hours 2003 - 2008



Note: The 2008 information for all charts in this report includes projections from September 30, 2008. Also, 2004 marked the first full year of operations with the year-round indoor arena.



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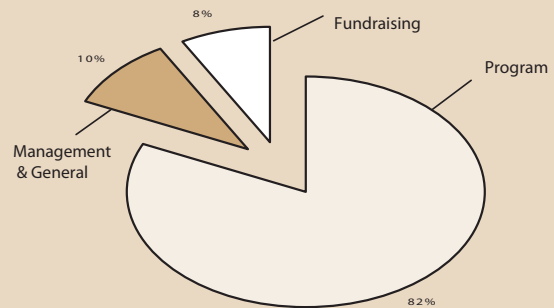
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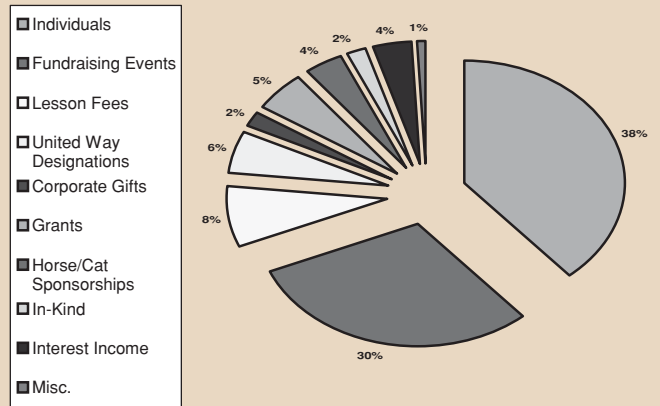


2008 Financial Information

Where the Money Goes



Where the money comes from



Going and Growing Strong in 2008!

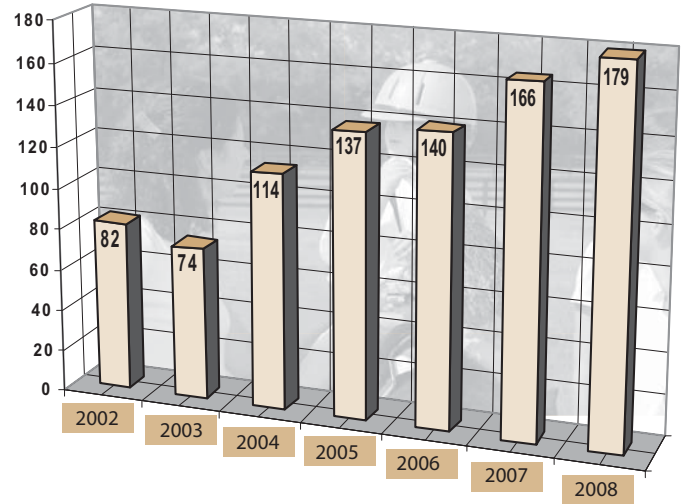
With the partnership of Saddle Up!'s NARHA certified Instructors, trained volunteers and our heroic horses, we focused on maintaining the quality and safety of our lessons while also increasing the number of riders we served. As information on this page shows, we:

- ◆ Achieved a 17% increase in the number of lessons
- ◆ Increased our number of riders from 166 in 2007 to 179 in 2008, and
- ◆ Increased the number of participants in weekly lessons from 107 in January to 136 in August — a 27% increase!

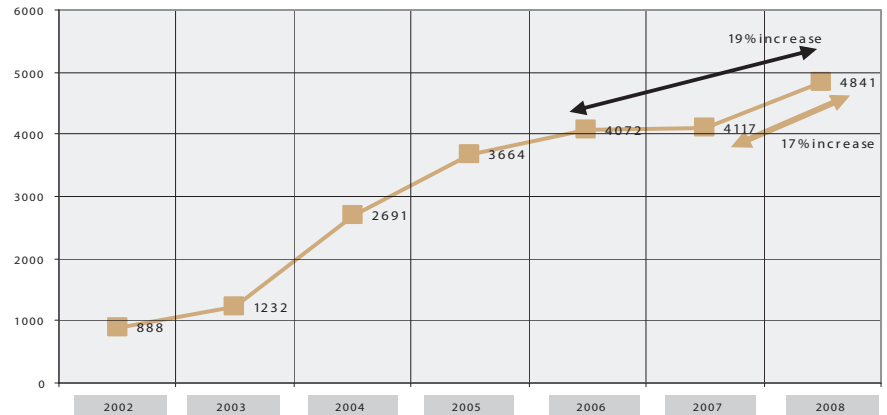
None of this would have been possible without the generous support of countless individuals, businesses, foundations, and other organizations. Thank you!



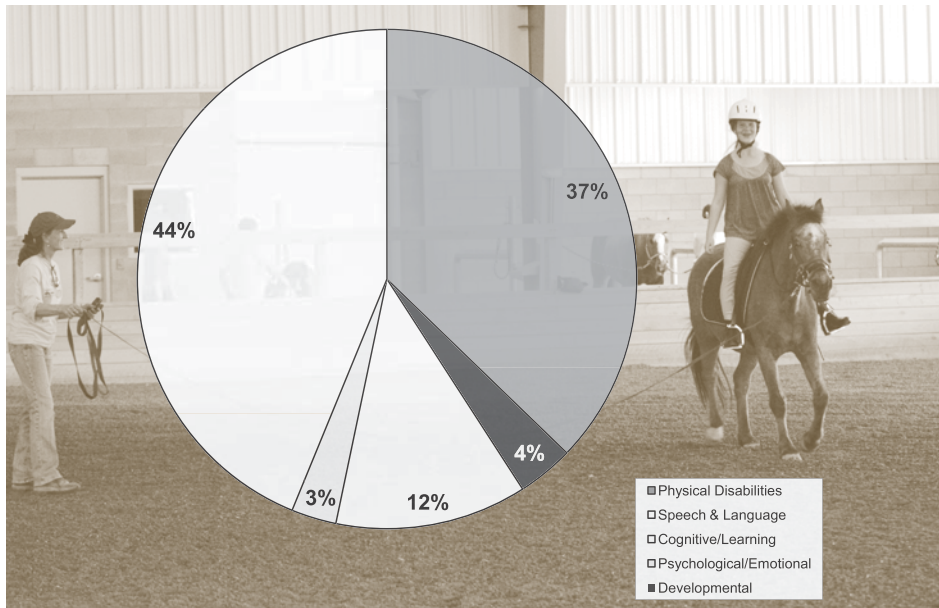
Number of Unduplicated Participants 2002 -2008



Total Number of Lessons 2002 -2008



Types of Disabilities



At Saddle Up!, our focus is on abilities. Each lesson is tailored to the individual rider. Though most of our riders require one to three volunteers, plus their NARHA certified Instructor, some are able to ride with a long line, as the rider at left is shown doing, or independently — all while working on individual goals.

Saddle Up! salutes sponsors of our 2008 fundraising events!



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