



Equest Center for Therapeutic Riding MISSION STATEMENT

*We improve quality of life through equine-based therapy to physically, mentally and socially/emotionally challenged individuals.
Our unique program integrates academic, social and physical skills, using the horse as a catalyst.*

Year Founded: 1990 **YEAR ROUND Programing**

Age of Participants : 2 to over 100 years old

Serving: 185+ special needs individuals **EACH WEEK**

Counties Served: Allegan, Ingham, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Kent,
Mecosta, Montcalm, Ottawa

Volunteer Hours Served:

Year 2023—44,800 hours

Total Staff: 16 Full Time: 3 Part Time: 13

Our staff Includes:

- * 9 PATH International Certified Instructors
- * PATH International EAL Certified Instructor
- * Certified Teacher of Deaf and Hard of Hearing K-12
- * 5 Certified Teachers including ages: Preschool - 12
- * Areas of Certification: Emotionally Impaired, Cognitively Impaired, Master of Special Ed, Elementary & Secondary Ed

Equest Programming:

Therapeutic Riding Program

Summer Horsemanship Day Camps

Horses for Heroes ~ Serving Veterans & Active Military

Vocational ~ Job skills training

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Equine Program

Senior Saturdays ~ Connecting with the Elderly

Horses as Healers ~ Serving those effected by Cancer,
Grief & Trauma

Saddle Safari Discovery Trail ~ Specialized Sensory
Trail for those with Sensory Processing Issues

Adaptive Carriage Driving Program

Equine Assisted Reading & Literacy Program

TEAM EQUEST – Volunteer Program

Horses and Hands Program ~ for Advanced Volunteers

Minis on a Mission ~ Visiting schools, homes
hospitals, hospice, & throughout the community



Equest Center is a **501(c)3 not-for-profit** charity that owns
its **35 acre Therapeutic Riding facility** in Rockford, MI

A Proud PATH International Member Center

University / College Partners: 14

Aquinas College	Grand Rapids Community College
Calvin University	Grand Valley State University
Central Michigan University	Michigan State University
Cornerstone University	Montcalm Community College
Davenport University	Muskegon Community College
Ferris State University	University of Michigan
Kuyper College	Western Michigan University

Primary Disabilities of Clients Served:

Most clients have primary coupled with secondary disabilities

ADD / ADHD.....	4 %
Amputees.....	1.2 %
Autism Spectrum.....	13 %
Arthritis.....	2 %
Brain / Spinal Cord Injury.....	8 %
Cancer.....	1.5 %
Cerebral Palsy.....	14 %
Dementia.....	2.5 %
Developmentally Delayed.....	3.3 %
Down Syndrome.....	4 %
Eating Disorders.....	2 %
Emotional / Behavior.....	4 %
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.....	1.5 %
Deaf/Hard of Hearing.....	2.5 %
Hunters Syndrome.....	1 %
Mentally/Learning Impaired.....	15 %
Multiple Sclerosis.....	2.7 %
Muscular Atrophy.....	1 %
Muscular Dystrophy.....	2.7 %
Post Traumatic Syndrome.....	2.3 %
Prader-Willi Syndrome.....	2 %
Sensory Dysfunction.....	3 %
Spina Bifida.....	1 %
Stroke.....	2 %
Tourette Syndrome.....	1 %
Visually Impaired.....	1.3 %
Others.....	1.5 %

FINANCIAL PROFILE: Equest Center for Therapeutic Riding, Inc. is a non-profit organization that holds a 501(c)3 status. Income is generated by in-kind donations (4%), grants (7%), donations (24%), fundraising / special events (45%) and program fees (20%). It is vital for us to raise needed funds because our policy is to turn NO students away due to lack of financial ability.

