

# Northwind Farm Newsletter

September 2010

*Equine Assisted Activities for Individuals of All Ages*

## For The Love of Christi—Grief Therapy



On August 14, 2010 Northwind Farm and For the Love of Christi partnered to share our common goal of helping children who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

Northwind Farm volunteers together with For the Love of Christi Staff and volunteers provided a unique

learning experience for the children and their families.

Activities included:

- Brushing & combing—getting to know your mini.
- Expressing feelings through painting on a mini.
- Obstacle Course—building a relationship, trusting.

For the Love of Christi is a non profit organization that offers free support groups for

children and adults that are grieving the loss of a child, spouse, parent, sibling or other loved one. Visit their website for more information. [www.fortheloveofchristi.org](http://www.fortheloveofchristi.org)



*More pictures from our first session on page 2.*

## Camp Agape—Equine Assisted Activities

This July 3, 2010 marked the 7th year that Ms. Betty Will has taken her miniature horses to Camp Agape and provided equine assisted activities and therapy for the campers. And, this is the 2nd year that the non-profit, Northwind Farm, has

partnered with Camp Agape to provide equine assisted activities.

56 campers and their adult buddies brushed and combed the minis; learned how to lead a mini; and lead a mini through the obstacle course.

Camp Agape is a non profit organization that provides a free grief therapy camp each year. For more information visit the website: [www.campagapetexas.org](http://www.campagapetexas.org)

*More pictures from this year's camp on page 3.*

### Calendar

Oct TBA— Session with For The Love of Christi

Oct—Every Thursday— Group Sessions 4p-6p

Oct 30th— Texas Baptist Children's Home— Fall Festival

Nov 4th—Volunteer Training and Group Session 10a-12noon

Nov 13th— Fundraiser for Northwind Farm— selling Home Baked Goodies at Georgetown Market Days

### Northwind Farm Partners with:

Camp Agape Bereavement Camp for Children

For the Love of Christi

Hope Alliance Domestic Violence Shelter

Hutto ISD Middle School, Life Skills

Special Church for Mentally Challenged Adults

Texas Baptist Children's Home

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## For The Love of Christi—Photos



*Our miniature horses are the foundation of our services at Northwind Farm.*

### Barn Yard News

This year has been one of change.

**Equine Friends:** Some of our equine friends have moved on to new homes.

Goldie and Sunny are now living in Bastrop and helping autistic children.

Dr. Elizabeth Defily and her

boys are looking forward to taking WhoD and Buffy to nursing homes, parades, and schools in the Burnet area.

**New Arena:** Mr. & Mrs. Maurice donated truck loads of sand to make our arena useable all year round. No more muddy shoes!

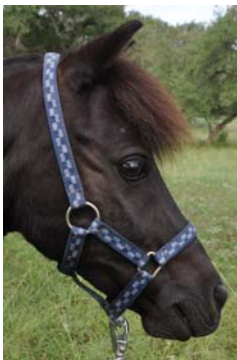
**New Fencing:** Allen Jus-

tice and Richard Will have removed old fence lines, built new fence lines, moved mountains of dirt, and have made much needed improvements around the farm.

And a big thank you to Oak Ridge Disciple House for the mowing, pulling weeds and giving the property a much needed sprucing up.

### Northwind Farm 2009 Annual Report

Equine Assisted Activities Sessions at Northwind Farm	160 children
Equine Assisted Learning Activities Sessions at Northwind Farm	15 children
Away from the farm, we have served the following groups:	
Equine Assisted Activities Session at Sanchez Elementary School	75 children
Equine Grief Therapy at Camp Agape Bereavement Camp for Children	75 children
Equine Assisted Activities for Mentally Challenged Individuals	300 Individuals



**Raven**

## September 2010

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### Donors—Thank you for your support!

Northwind Farm is funded solely by private donations. We receive no government funding. Your tax deductible in kind and monetary donations make a tremendous difference in the lives of children in our community.

Allen Justice

Danny & Kim Turk

Debbie & Jerry Lawyer

Gena Harper

Jeff & Shawn Maurice

John McBride

Louise Hrcir

Ronnie & Cathy Reiley

Richard Will



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### Camp Agape—Photos

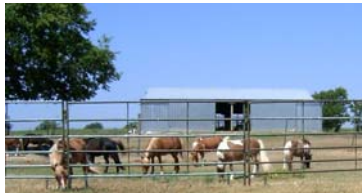


*Horses can sense through the smallest of actions, body posture, smells and tone of voice how the approaching human is doing emotionally and physically.*



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**Who We Are:** Our mission is to provide equine assisted learning activities to enhance the quality of life for children who have special needs and to promote the awareness of the role the miniature horse can play in our health and well being.

**What We Are:** Northwind Farm is a non profit, 501(c)(3) organization. Your donation is tax deductible.

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## Our Board:

Tammy Key	President
Louise Hrnair	Treasurer
Mona Bateman	Secretary
Jackie Dahl	Director
Kitty Voorhis	Director
Betty Will	Operations Coordinator

## Volunteers:

Nancy Ballman	Dana Reiley
Laruen Bergman	Jennifer Reiley
Mary Gaddy	Victoria Voorhis
Allen Justice	Ashley Wickline
Shelby Key	Hailey Wickline
Sierra Key	Lisa Wickline
Katie King	Richard Will
Cathy Reiley	

We're on the Web  
[www.northwindfarm.org](http://www.northwindfarm.org)

## VOLUNTEERING

- Is FUN!
- A great way to meet new people
- A healthy, physical activity
- A wonderful activity for families
- A safe extra-curricular activity for teens



Volunteers are the heart and soul of Northwind Farm. There are many ways you can volunteer. Contact [betty@northwindfarm.org](mailto:betty@northwindfarm.org) for more information.