



Rotary Club of Parker Affinity Ranch

Partnering for Mental Health

Helping neurodivergent clients through animal interaction

Mental and Physical Health Services

- Current Services
 - Adaptive Horsemanship
 - Equine Assisted Physical and Speech Therapy
 - Recreational Workshops
 - Pre-vocational Training, and Supported Employment.
- Partnerships
 - Denver University use the ranch for in person learning - worldwide Human Animal Interaction Post Master Program.
 - Operation Equine operates out of the facility providing Mental Health Services to Veterans, First Responders and their families.
- **Mental Health Expansion Project (Funding Request)**
 - Psychotherapy with animal assistance
 - Adding specialized facilities (Pods) for mental health providers to have the opportunity to interact with the animals in a safe therapeutic ranch setting.
 - Setting up Goat and Chicken areas for interaction with children



Clients

- Clients come from Douglas, Elbert, Arapahoe, El Paso and Denver Counties.
- Serving Neurodivergent clients - children, teens and veterans – with conditions such as anxiety, autism and PTSD.
- Number of clients currently
 - Adaptive Horsemanship - 80
 - Equine Assisted Therapy - 3
 - Mental Health - 32
 - Supported Employment - 9
 - Each of these clients is seen weekly on average with supported employment being closer to 2.5 times per week.
- Waitlist of clients wanting services
 - Adaptive Horsemanship - 218
 - Equine Assisted Therapy - 216
 - Equine Assisted Learning - 39
 - Supported Employment - 13





Mental Health Expansion Project



Phase 1

- Acquire Pods from Mustang Ranch, Prepare for shipping
- Transport Pods to Affinity Ranch
- Unload Pods at Affinity Ranch
 - **This phase has been completed with 100% donation from Mustang Ranch and Volunteers from Rotary Club of Parker**

Phase 2

- Prepare ground for Pod locations, Move Pods into Position
- Prepare Pods for use and install fencing for Goat and Chickens
 - **Applied for District Grant with support of Rotary Club of Parker, Parker Cherry Creek, Castle Rock, Castle Pines, Denver Cherry Creek = \$11,000**

Phase 3

- Setup Chicken and Goat Housing and purchase transport to move clients to therapy pod area and bathrooms
 - **Fully Funded by Rotary Club of Parker Foundation, Forbes Foundation, Anonymous Doners and Sponsor = \$20,000**





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Club Meeting at Affinity Ranch
November 7th

Affinity Ranch Expansion Plans –
Shannon Forslund Affinity Ranch, Executive Director

Tour of Ranch

Affinity Ranch Services – see <https://www.affinityranch.org/our-programs-services>