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The Healing with Horses team welcomed back the school children participating in the Ongoing Sessions after their Christmas holiday break. We continued throughout the year daily sessions of being with horses, arts and crafts, and nature walks with Children from Happy Haven School, School for the Deaf, Speech and Language Impaired, Yahweh Foundation and Child Adolescent Centre. In order to enhance our Sessions, Lennon built swings and created a safe environment for the children and horses at Battery Point, allowing the children to be physically active throughout the sessions. A wheelchair accessible washroom was also built right on the HWH grounds. The children showed significant progress throughout the year in physical, cognitive and social behaviours. We thank the children and their schools/centres for putting their trust in us and being open to a different kind of therapy.

Weekly meetings were held every Wednesday at the grounds of Healing with Horses where we continually developed and planned fund raising events and our two week summer camp. Many professionals volunteered their time to attend the meetings and we appreciate their valuable and creative input and the many hours of work spent outside of the meetings in order for our events to be successful.

The Annual Buccoo Integrated Summer Camp had an attendance of 120 children/campers, 70 volunteers and 14 teachers. The camp had a new home base at the Buccoo Integrated Facility, creating a more spacious environment for all. We were delighted that there was an increased number of differently abled children participating in this years camp. The children were thrilled with a new activity, Sea Excursion, where they went on a glass bottom boat tour to Buccoo Reef. We Received both financial assistance and in kind donations from several buisnesses, persons and levels of government.

Healing with Horses participated in many local events in order to raise funds and awareness. We put on performances and had booths at Night Markets, Buccoo Easter/ Goat Race Festival, Heritage Festival, Health Fair among others. Our own Love and Magic Christmas Fair was a success and raised a significant amount of funds thanks to the help of our sponsors and volunteers.

Hundreds of proposals and letters were sent out to various buisnesses and organizations, as wells as several divisions of the THA and the Ministry asking for assistance with the Ongoing Sessions. We received positive feedback but it was suggested we send them out earlier in the year. We did receive some funding from Ansa Mcal, RBC, CDF, Amerjet Caribbean Express Ltd, ECS Real Estate Limited and Eastern Credit Union. HWH was also granted temporary permission to utilize the state lands at Battery Point, Buccoo, for our sessions from the THA Land Management. Community Development Fund is in the process of developing a Strategic Planning Intervention and Record Management program for the foundation.



Healing with Horses attended a variety of workshops/seminars where we were better educated on accounting, corporate governance and civil society accountability. The Ministry of National Security also invited us to attend an Round Table Discussion on preventing crime amongst at risk youths

The foundation continued to strengthen its relationships with other NGOs and organizations . We were able to provide 3 free movie screenings at Movie Towne, Buccoo Night Market, and our Christmas Fair to many students by collaborating with our friends from The Growing Leaders Foundation and theTrinidad and Tobago Film Festival. HWH invited the TTSPCA, Yahweh Foundation, SOS Tobago, Youth Of Tobago, Rotary Club, Happy Haven School and School for the Deaf, Language and Speech Impaired, to participate at our Christmas Fair and Night Markets, where they could raise their own funds.

Many newspaper and magazine articles were published about the Healing with Horses Foundation. We thank Evelyn Chung, Guardian Newspaper, Sunday Express, Newsday, Tobago News, UP! Magazine, Growing Leaders Foundation, Channel 5 and Elizabeth Willams (TV6). Beautiful pictures were taken and documentaries were made by professionals, which were used to raise awareness through social media. A new website was made as well as a calendar which is currently being sold to raise funds. We thank Daniel Brimacombe, Bernhard Rossman, Inken Janning, Elspeth Duncan, Marielle Anderson, Kyle Walcott and Caro Kulum.

Different Specialists from abroad and from Trinidad and Tobago, came to observe the work we do and some offered their services to the horses and children. There were Energy Healers, Shaman, Veterinarians, Physiotherapists, Social Workers, Reiki Masters, Osteopaths, Nurses, Medical School Students, Journalists and others.

Students and Teachers from the Division of Health and Social Services Disability Unit Technical Vocational Centre came to visit the grounds and collect Christmas presents. They have been invited to participate weekly in our Ongoing Sessions every Friday commencing this January.

An office space has been found which we will occupy and open before the end of this year. We will sell Healing with Horses products, as well as have a space to organize our correspondents and do administrative work. Being with Horses will share this space and bookings will be made here.

We wholeheartedly thank all of the people that contribute to and support the Healing with Horses Foundation! Please find attached lists of our sponsors and volunteers.



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