

S.M.I.L.E. Inc. (Stephanie's Miracles In Loving Equine)

Mission Statement: We provide Recreational Therapy on Horseback for special needs children and adults with a physical, mental, or speech challenge. We teach them a life-time skill and enhance their quality of life and give their families Hope.

Equine activities can develop self-awareness, build self-confidence, and improve concentration and self-discipline. This is then taken back to school, home, or work and applied in other aspects of their daily life.

While the physical benefits of riding for exercise and balance are well known, our program focus is on normalizing horseback riding. This will give the children and adults a life-long recreational skill, a sense of tremendous accomplishment, and social and competition skills.

Our program opened in 1992 with one pony and nine students. We currently serve around 100 students per week. This is a summer program. We open the second week of May and close the second week of August.