

# 2016 ANNUAL REPORT



**PEGASUS PROJECT**  
THERAPEUTIC RIDING



# IN REVIEW



Over the last 13 years, the Pegasus Project has been able to maintain the high standards that are associated with being a PATH Premier Accredited Center, and 2016 is no different. Through the generous donations of our supporters, the tireless hours of our volunteers, and the dedication of our riders and their families, the Pegasus Project has once again helped numerous riders in the Yakima Valley achieve with horse power.

In 2016 the Pegasus Project provided more than 1,000 hours of therapeutic equestrian related activity. Our wonderful volunteers gave more than 2,000 hours of service, and our generous donors helped make this all possible. As we continue to grow, let us take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who is part of the magic of Pegasus; without you, none of this would be possible.

*Our Mission: "To provide quality therapeutic riding and equine related activities to people with special physical and emotional needs to improve their health and well-being."*





# RIDING PROGRAMS

**Therapeutic Riding:** *Therapeutic riding is conducted by a certified riding instructor in either a 30 minute semi-private (1-2 participants) or an hour lesson of 2 or more participants similar in either age or ability that focuses on increasing individual equine skills while gaining a variety of therapeutic benefits. Benefits include such things as increasing muscle tone and strength, regaining the use of muscles, improving hand/eye coordination and balance, improving peer interactions and communication, increasing self-esteem and developing a sense of empowerment.*

**Hippotherapy:** *Hippotherapy practices an intensive one-on-one therapy model, where a licensed medical professional works in conjunction with the movement of the horse as a catalyst and incentive for participants to reach therapeutic goals. We are currently working with Children's Village, and one of their Speech Language Pathologists.*

**Carriage Driving:** *Our driving program allows us to serve a wider population of adults and children with disabilities who may not be ready or able to yet participate in horseback riding. This is a great option for someone who has limited mobility, exceeds our riding weight limit, or needs to build up their strength before riding. It is a fun and exciting sport!*

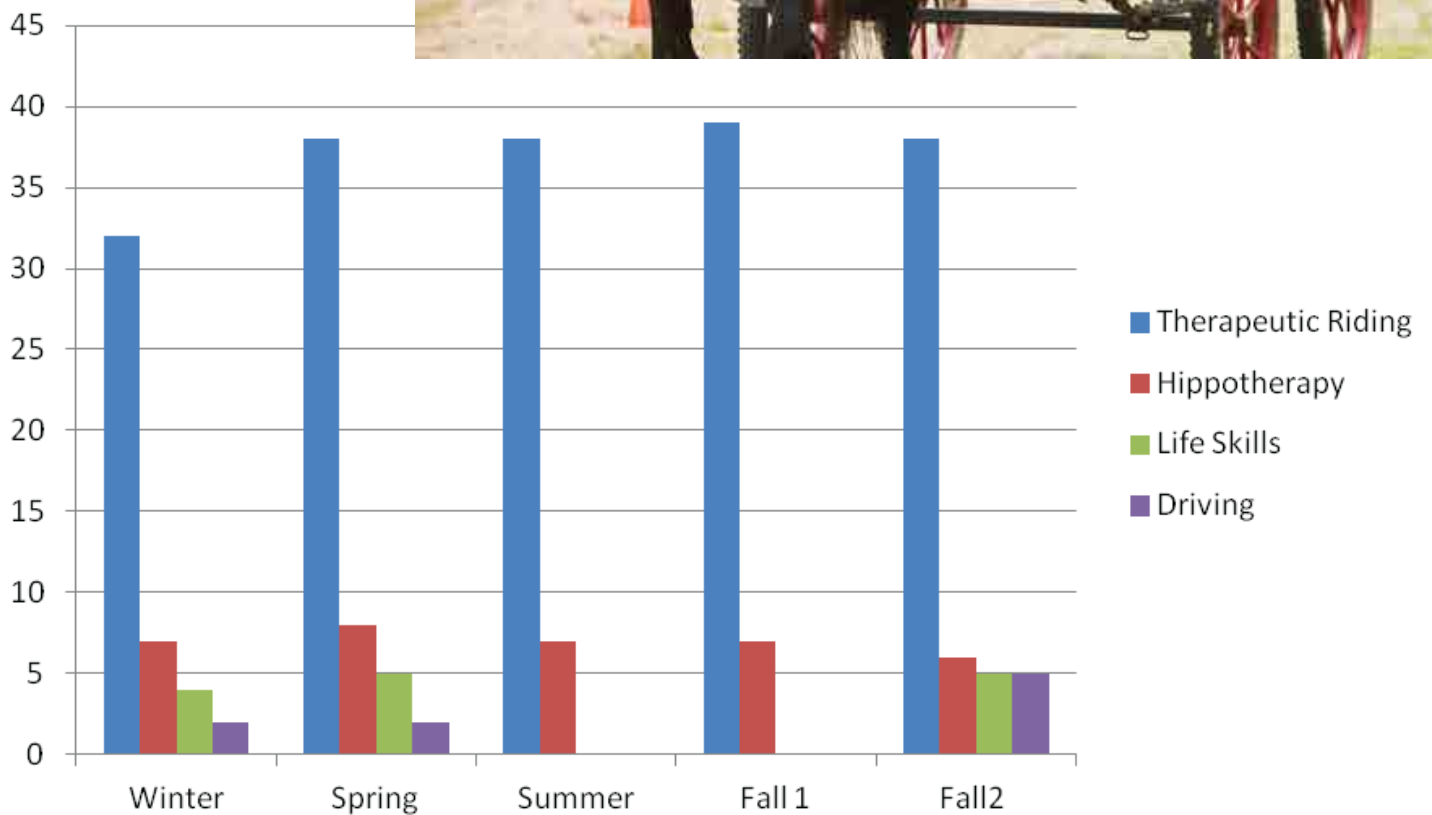
**Honored Elders:** *The Pegasus Project has partnered with several senior care centers around Yakima to provide a memory care based experience for their residents. The Honored Elders program includes hands on experience in tack care, horse nutrition, and grooming. In addition to the hands on experience, this program features a classroom component to help residents reinforce concepts learned.*

**Life Skills:** *The life skills program works with the special education departments at local high schools to add specialized equine curriculum and unique learning experiences to students educational programming. In this program students learn how to care for an equine facility, caring for tack, anatomy of the horse, grooming and riding skills.*

**Experience Pegasus Days:** *By partnering with organizations in the Yakima Valley, the Pegasus Project has the opportunity to perform community outreach throughout the year and invite participants from other service organizations around the valley to experience the therapeutic benefits of equines through a "day on the farm!"*

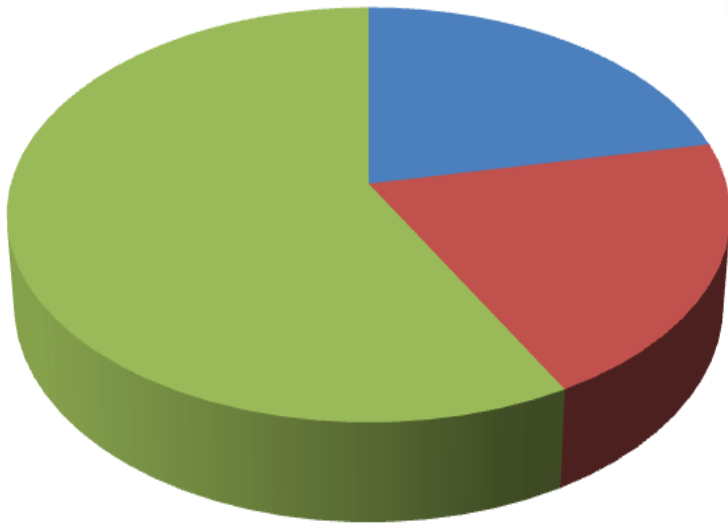


# PARTICIPANTS



# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**Scholarship:** In 2016, Pegasus Project awarded \$18,975 in scholarships. 24 full scholarships and 2 partial scholarships were awarded. 59% percent of our riders are on scholarship to offset the costs of tuition.



## Expenses

- Administration
- Special Events & Fundraising
- Programs

**Tuition Facts:** Revenue from tuition only covers nearly 10% of our program expenses.

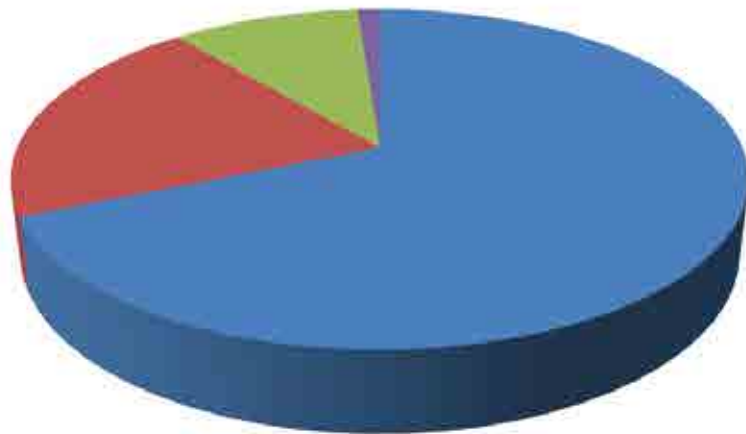
Administration = \$101,110  
 Special Events & Fundraising = \$94,282  
 Programs = \$268,596  
 TOTAL = \$463,988

## EXPENSES

## REVENUE

Events = \$319,553  
 Donations = \$94,769  
 Tuition = \$46,022  
 Other = \$5,492  
 TOTAL = \$465,836

**Volunteers:** During the 2016 fiscal year, the Pegasus Project had 96 active volunteers. These dedicated volunteers donated 2,827 hours of service! The Independent Sector currently values each volunteer hour in Washington state at \$23.56. In 2016, our volunteers donated \$66,604.12 worth of service.



## Income

- Events
- Donations
- Tuition
- Other

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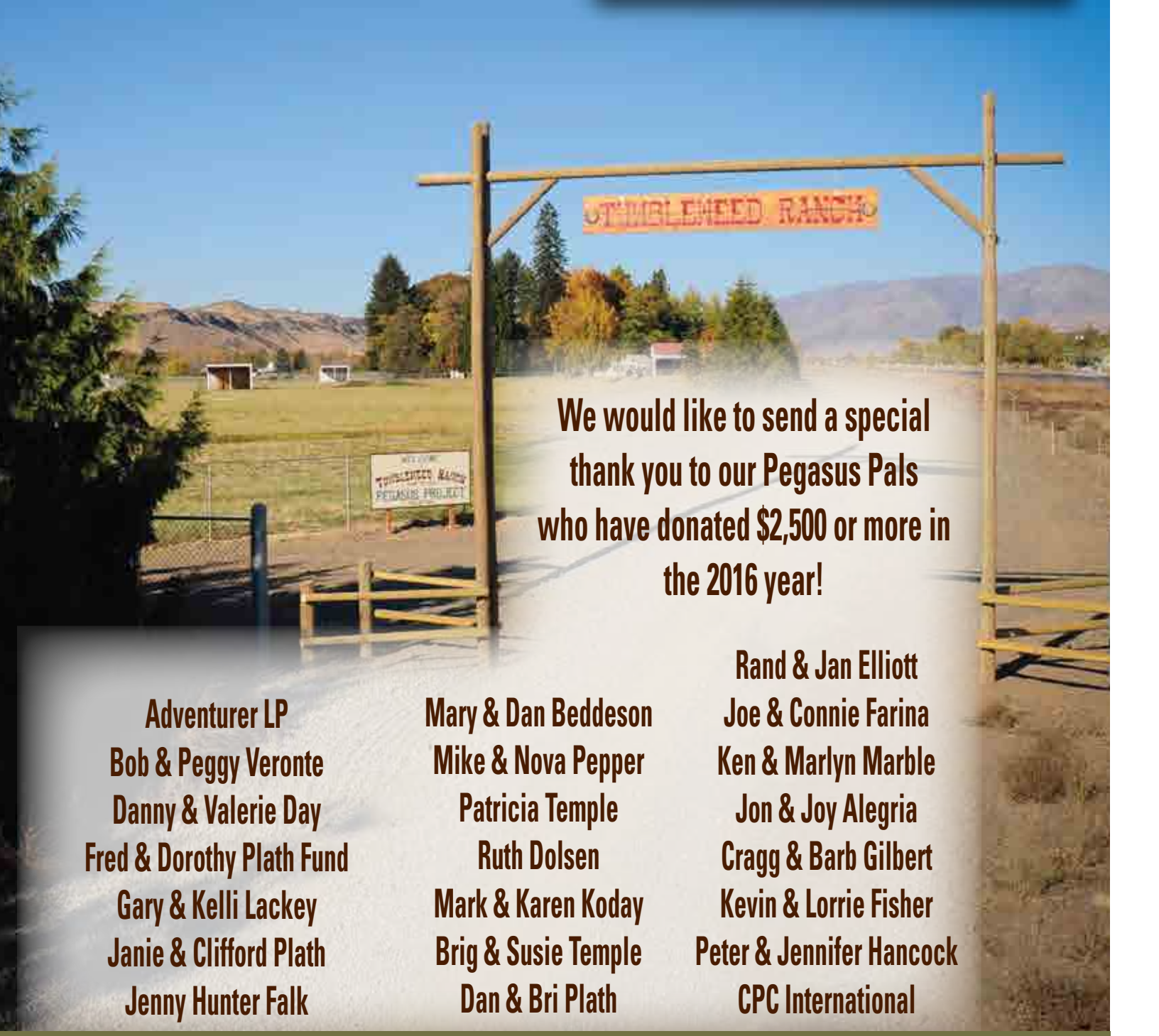


**MICHELLE KOFFLER**  
*Weekend Barn Assistant*



# DONOR INFORMATION

Pegasus Project would like to thank all of our supporters, volunteers, families, and riders. We are truly grateful to all of you for making this place what it is today.



We would like to send a special thank you to our Pegasus Pals who have donated \$2,500 or more in the 2016 year!

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