The Red Barn Agency Overview

**Mission**
The mission of The Red Barn is to promote and provide equine assisted activities to low-income individuals with disabilities and special circumstances. The Red Barn is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

**Programs**

**Therapeutic Horseback Riding**
Riding lessons at the barn are taught by Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructors. Lessons focus on proper riding position and riding skills. The strategies for riding skills are adapted based on the abilities of the rider. The rider is taught how to use their body to influence the horse's movement.

**Occupational Therapy**
Occupational therapy sessions are conducted by a licensed Occupational Therapist with specific training on how to safely incorporate the movement of the horse. The goal of therapy sessions is to improve neurological functioning in cognition, body movement, organization, and attention levels to improve function in all environments. Horses provide a rhythmic 3D pattern of movement that is used in an intentional manner to enhance responses to therapy.

**Educational Classes**
Educational classes are taught by employees with knowledge of disabilities and experience adapting activities to encourage participation. Our camps and classes give children a chance to participate in educational and recreational activities in an outdoor setting. Sessions are "ground based," meaning that participants do not ride. Our animals, like rabbits, goats, and horses, provide a chance for children to learn life skills through a variety of interactions.

**Veterans**
This program can be a combination of any of the above programs. It is defined by the participants rather than the activity. Participants in this program are veterans, active or inactive military personnel, and their families. This program is offered free of charge to participants.
Program income offsets about 1/5 of program expenses, with donations needed to cover the remainder. The budget does not include many items necessary to conduct our programs. To see further financial information, you can visit the Documents tab of our website at theredbarn.org.

List of Supply Needs

- Bottled water
- Forever Stamps
- Office supplies (pens, file folders, post-it notes, copy paper, staples)
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Individually packaged snacks
- Hot chocolate
- Shampoo
- Batteries (9V, AA, AAA)
- Trash bags
- Fiebings saddle soap
- Wasp and hornet spray
- Paint for horses (washable tempera)
- Art supplies (markers, construction paper, crayons)
- Cleaning supplies (dishwashing liquid, Clorox wipes, baby wipes, paper towels, Windex)
- Hand lotion
- Hand soap

You can purchase many of these items from Amazon.com and have them shipped directly to the barn. View our wish list at https://a.co/7NyuiFq.

Guidelines

- The Red Barn logo should be used appropriately and not altered in any way.
- It is the volunteer or volunteering group’s responsibility to promote the supply drive.
- All items must be delivered to The Red Barn. The Red Barn can not arrange for pick up of items collected.
- Please call or email to arrange a drop off time.

Thank you and please contact us with questions. info@theredbarn.org or (205) 699-8204