



Mission Statement

"Dusty's Riders takes at-risk children out of their present environment and exposes them to opportunities for personal growth through interactions with horses and nature. With this interaction, we build children's self-worth and self-awareness."

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The Adventures of Sergio

When we first met little Sergio, 10, he was in tears...unfortunately, the last time he was around horses, a large poodle terrorized him. His fear seemed to attach itself to horses after that. In any case, he refused to feed Dusty and seemed more comfortable away from his head as we played "find Dusty's body parts." He wouldn't scratch Dusty's head, but we finally got him to touch his leg. We didn't think we would get him to lead Dusty around, but with some coaxing and encouragement, he took his turn as long as Sarah walked with him. Surprisingly, he was all smiles when he stepped up to take his picture with Dusty and helped groom him with no problem...but still stayed away from Dusty's head. You can imagine our surprise when he feed Dusty carrots before he left. We thought all was well.



Unfortunately, when we arrived at the stables, he told Sarah he didn't want to ride, but hang out with her. With lots of encouragement from the older boys, he said he would ride. As we waited with helmets on, tears started to flow again, and we weren't sure he'd actually mount up. However, with LOTS of examples of how he got over his fear of Dusty & the promise of an extra \$1 for the games at Shakey's, we were able to talk him into it...as soon as Sarah said one of the trail guides would "pony" him. He agreed, but was still timid as they put him on "Butters", a beautiful buckskin pony. After they were off,



Sarah drove over to the bridge to be able to snap some photos. First around the corner was Sergio...all smiles and thumbs up! He said he was happy we made him go! After the trail ride, he uttered what ALL fearful kids who we've made ride say..."Can I come again?!?" Another major success story!! At Shakey's, Sergio wrote his favorite part of the day was "that I got over my fear of horses. I had a lot of fun with people and I got to meet a cool horse." Not sure if he meant Dusty or Butters, but one thing we do know...we got to meet a pretty cool kid!



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Thanks to our Volunteers

We couldn't do what we do without our many dedicated volunteers who give their time to help us put kids in saddles. A huge thank you to:

Maria Bracamontes
Charissa Fleenor
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Diana Osberg...Super Volunteer!

We'd like to say a special congratulations and thank you to Diana Osberg. On March 22, Diana volunteered with Dusty's Riders for her 45th time!

Her first outing was in 2007, and she has done it all... Saturday outings, Rancho Oso day trips and our first overnight at



Rancho Oso last year! She has also been a valued member of our board since 2010.

Thanks, Diana, for cowgirl'in up again, and again, and again...

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New Friends and Old Pals

This list of new friends and old pals includes the last two December outings of 2013 which were held after the printing of our winter newsletter. Altogether, we met 28 new kids and were thrilled to see 14 returning kids!

New Friends

Ramon Acuna
Rodrigo Agustin
Daniel Bocanegra
Obadiah Bonilla-Borja
Desaree Bowman
Elizabeth Chavarria
Sarahi Chavarria
Deja Dean
Alfonso Henry
Abraham Hernandez
Raquel Hernandez
Arianna Lopez

Sergio Martinez
Vanessa Morales
Veronica Morales
Nathan Ngo
Melody Palomera
Nayeli Quiroz
Erika Rincon
Cristal Roblero
Bryan Roca
Anthony Romero
Jacqueline Rosete
Cesar Salmeron
Martin Sandoval

Kevin Torres
Yahaira Vasquez
Sarah Villegas

Old Friends

Yanitzi Banuelos
Kimberly Bermejo
Lylo Degrauel
Kimberly Favela
Saile Garcia
Cesar Gonzalez De Paz
John Gonzalez De Paz
Lizbeth Hernandez

Kelly Lopez
Alicia Martinez
Brenda Perez
Jesse Quinoes
Caroline Ramirez
Erika Zomorodinia
Juliana Zamora



Kids Check In

What I liked best about today was . . .

"that we got to groom Dusty. I also liked how they took us on a horse ride for an hour. I was cool when the horses were walking fast. The horses were easy to control. We also got to feed Dusty with carrots. I would like to go back again!" Veronica, 11, Vista Charter Middle School

"I liked it because it was an awesome day." Martin, 11

"riding the horses. I really liked riding the horses because the instructors let us ride the horses by ourselves and it was really awesome! I also liked feeding Dusty carrots because it felt very slobbery and wet, but it was really cool!" Sarah, 11, Vista Charter Middle School

"that my horse liked to run & speed fast. I also like when we went through the tunnels. At first, I was afraid, but then I got used to it. This was my second time cowgirling up." Brenda, 12, SFV B&GC



"riding the horses and getting to control them. That was my favorite part because I was in control." Anthony, 13, Pasadena

"riding on the horses. Also, I liked it because I learned how to control a horse and how to use body language. The horseback riding was fun, great and full of excitement. Also, going through tunnels and bridges was awesome. I really enjoyed this trip because now I know how to ride a horse and control it." Cesar, 13, Pasadena B&GC

"when we went horseback riding. It was scary at first, but then when you get use to it, it becomes really fun." Erika, 13, Pasadena B&GC

"being able to learn more about horses & being able to ride & communicate with them since they are very majestic creatures. Being able to be on a horse is one of the many things I look forward to and enjoy in life." Melody, 13, Pasadena B&GC

"getting to ride on a horse for the first time. I was having trouble with it for awhile, then I got used to it." Nathan, 14, Pasadena B&GC



"being able to ride the horses and see the scenery. Also learning more about horses so that the next time I ride them I'll know perfectly well how to ride one." Deja, 14, Dream Center Academy

"the horseback riding because this was my first real experience today. And also, being able to spend time with friends." Jesse, 14, Dream Center Academy



"everything. I liked the horse ride. It was a greatest experience for me in a long time. It was also great to see horses up and close in person, and to see and feel them. It was an adventure. It was awesome all in all." Daniel, 16, Dream Center Academy

"The things I got to learn...to learn about horses, to learn how to ride them. Today was a memorable day. Today I reminded myself how much I love animals...just being around these beautiful horses made my day. And I thank God for this amazing woman and I hope God blesses her." Raquel, 16, Dream Center Academy

"that it was warm and a beautiful day to ride. My horse was nice and the trail was just as pretty as before. I love coming on these trips and seeing Dusty, as well as meeting new horses." Kimberly, 16, SFV B&GC

Needed: One Pot of Gold!

We've stepped out in faith with our schedule this year. Besides the thirty-eight regular outings (ten kids per), we've scheduled three Rancho Oso overnights (eleven kids per) and a Rancho Oso day trip (twenty kids per). That means, if the weather cooperates, we hope to put over 400 kids on horses this year!

Each outing costs roughly \$400 and each Rancho Oso trip costs roughly \$2,500 so, to be able to hold each event, we need to raise \$25,200. Add insurance, handouts the kids keep, and well...anyone have a pot of gold?



Remember, our entire staff is volunteers so \$.92 of each dollar donated goes directly to put kids on horses! To donate on-line, please go to www.dustysriders.org and hit the "Donate Now" button!



Horse Expo Wrap Up

We had another successful trip to Horse Expo. We raised the same amount as last year..enough to cover almost seven outings! Many thanks to our hard working volunteers:

Brianna Bodmer, Bridget, Chad Cameron, Sharon Chandler, Christina Cook, Pam Dugan, Laura Edwards, Katie Farnsworth, Charissa Fleenor, Bob & Debbie Foster, Cindi & Charlie Hawkins, Kathy Kloiber, Bill Naylor, Helen & Larry Ordway, Diana Osberg, Brent & Nikki Reynolds, Sabrina Rinehart, Diane Semple-Cameron, Michelle Smith, Lisa, Olivia & Cassandra Villegas, Amber Washington

THANK YOU!

To our Disney friends...

Please remember that Dusty's Riders is part of Disney's Matching Grant program. These means every dollar donated by a Disney employee can be **DOUBLED!** Your \$50 can become \$100 or as someone did this year, your \$500 can become \$1,000!!

So, please remember to fill out that matching grant form and help put twice as many kids on horses!



THANK YOU!

Join us today!

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Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Enclosed is my tax deductible donation for \$ _____

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* Groom	\$50 - \$99	* Jog	\$1000 - \$1999
* Saddle	\$100 - \$249	* Lope	\$2000 - \$4999
* Mount	\$250 - \$499		



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General Level (\$1-49)

Amazon.smile.com Charissa Fleenor
Debra Billings Neal Kathy Kloiber
Sharon Chandler Homa Moheimani
Peggy Cole Valerie Yaros

Groom Level (\$50-\$99)

Kathy Callahan-Smith Jeff Ranjo
Marsha Labanow Marcy Roberts
Mary Measures Michelle Smith

Saddle Level (\$100-\$249)

Mark Carlson Javee Lopez
Steve Goldberg Stephanie Sikora *
Diane Howard Lisa Stege
Roy Huebner Tharp Enterprises
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Mount Level (\$250-\$499)

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Lynn Brown Jessica & Mike Hight
Chase Kroger (Ralphs)
Laura Edwards Kelly O'Connell
ETI Corral 20

Walk Level (\$500-\$999)

Debra Davis
Girl Scouts of Greater LA Troop 1304

Jog Level (\$1,000-\$1,999)

American Youth Chris Hibler
Horse Council Sarah Lawson *
Laurie Carpenter * Tina Lee *
Tenny Chonin Mary Lou Matthews*
Disney Matching Pat Nagy
Grants Diana Osberg *
ESP Medical Group Truong & Wendy Vo

Lope Level (\$2,000-\$4,999)

ETI Corral 38
Valerie Harpham*
Barbara Hughes
Gene Rapisardi
Amber Washington*

Gallop Level (\$5,000+)

James Crawford
Disney "Ears to You"
Ride For A Cure
Sarah & Ray Williams

*Disney "Ears to You" or Matching Grant

Dusty's Calendar

APRIL

5 DCU Outing - Variety B&GC
12 DCU Outing - WSGV B&GC
26 DCU Outing - Vista Charter Mid

MAY

3 DCU Outing - South Bay B&GC
10 DCU Outing - Burbank B&GC
17 DCU Outing - WSGV B&GC
18 *Chatsworth Day of the Horse*
31-1 Rancho Oso Overnight - Vista

JUNE

7 Dusty's Cowboy Up Outing TBD
13 *Annual Raffle Begins*
14 Dusty's Cowboy Up Outing TBD
17 Dusty's Cowboy Up Outing TBD
21 Dusty's Cowboy Up Outing TBD
28-29 Rancho Oso Overnight - WSGV

JULY

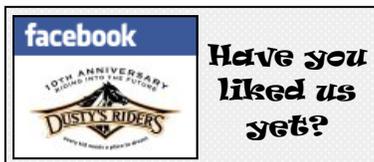
8 Dusty's Cowboy Up Outing TBD
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25-27 *ETI Convention & Horse Show*



Thanks to all for the generous support!

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YOU HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE.

With your help, we can give an at-risk child a new dream and memories that last a lifetime while they learn the joy, confidence and love a horse can bring.

How will your tax deductible donation be used?

Ninety-two cents of each dollar received goes directly into the program as we are all volunteers at Dusty's Riders. A donation of . . .

\$20 covers the cost for one child to ride.

\$35 covers the cost for one child to ride plus lunch & educational materials.

\$400 covers an entire outing for 10 children plus volunteers including hands-on time feeding, grooming & leading Dusty, an hour trail ride in Griffith Park & pizza.



\$2,500 covers an entire trip (including bus rental) to Rancho Oso, a working cattle ranch in Santa Barbara, where 20 kids plus volunteers ride on an old Indian trail, learn to rope a cow & lunch at the Chuck Wagon! Some also see the ocean for the first time!

Put a child in a saddle and make a difference today!

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