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"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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Happy Spring to everyone! Luke and I were so happy to get the year started and to see the kids again...ok, all the carrots don't hurt!



With El Nino forecasted, we were super happy that only one outing has been cancelled, and it wasn't for rain, but mud! Gibson took awhile to dry out after that one huge storm. Some of the kids come in their only pair of shoes, so schlepping through the mud isn't an option.

Sarah wanted me to tell you that this year is scheduled to be our biggest year yet! Now with Luke, we're able to host twelve kids per outing, and we're now working with twelve different organizations with more on the waiting list. We've scheduled three overnight outings at Rancho Oso...the most ever...and we're using five wagons instead of four which means more kids will get to see how many stars are actually in the sky. Did I also mention that with Luke, my hay and carrots don't last as long? All this means that our budget is bigger than ever.

A bigger budget means we need to do some serious fundraising to cover all of our plans. We had a good start with another record Horse Expo, but that's just the beginning. Your help is vital. Please consider buying raffle tickets or a Bead Relief bracelet or sending in a tax deductible donation. If you're a Disney employee, your donation will



be matched by Disney to double your efforts! In other words, please think about supporting us financially this year so we can make more of these memories. Be a part of putting this smile on the face of an at-risk kids and giving them memories to last a lifetime!

Dusty



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## Thanks to our Volunteers

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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:

Shannon Brooks  
Pam & Kaylynn Dugan  
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Catherine Lord  
Jennifer Miller  
Maggie & Orlando Rochin  
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**Thank you!**



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We receive 25% of all sales!**



## Wrap up

We are thrilled that we had another record year at Horse Expo Pomona! With big name clinicians scheduled, we were hopeful, but last year's total was over \$1,000 more than we had ever raised, so we weren't sure what to expect. A \$500 donation from Horse Expo to do "poop patrol" each day helped!

As in all our events, we couldn't have achieved this without all our wonderful volunteers! They worked their butts off, scooped poop, but still had a great time and were able to do some shopping and see some clinics. Thanks to:

Alia Ahten, Annie Ahten, Natalie Ahten, Nikki Ahten, Katrina Britner, Jean Chadsey, Sharon Chandler, Kaylynn Dugan, Pam Dugan, Laura Edwards, Madi Edwards, Dakota Fossen, Cindy Hawkins, Aaron Hill, Aiden Hill, Austin Hill, Kim Hill, Bill Naylor, Helen Ordway, Larry Ordway, Brent Reynolds, Maggie Rochin, Rachel Rubendall, Sherri Rubendall, Michelle Smith, Kathleen Ungamrung & Chrissy Vouniozos

See you next year!

**Donate by credit card on-line at: [www.dustysriders.org](http://www.dustysriders.org)**

## New Friends and Old Pals

The first quarter of the year is always smaller since we are dark January, but we still introduced 24 new kids to Dusty and Luke and loved seeing 11 familiar faces who knew how to cowboy and cowgirl up!

### New Pals

Daniela  
April Aguilera  
Maribel Arias  
Donte Brazil  
Heaven Bryson  
Angel Cambero  
Daniel Covarrubias  
Deshawn Davison  
Kevin Dykstra  
Ailani Flores  
Melenne Hinojosa  
Antonio Izaguirre

### Erwin Lara

Jazmine Marquez  
Brandon Martinez  
Emily Martinez  
Emily Moreno  
Kaitlyn Moreno  
Sa'Myra Newman  
Benjamin Ordonez  
Mariah Padilla  
Dayanara Perez  
Reyna Reyes  
Melissa Zambrano

### Old Friends

Marline Barreras  
Alison De Leon  
Deja Dean  
Abraham Echeveria  
Zaria Gipson  
Abraham Hernandez  
Raquel Hernandez  
Jeffrey Juarez  
Ashley Larin  
Alberto Nunez  
Michael Ward





## Kids Check In

What I liked best about today was . . .

"eating pizza and learning to ride a horse and Dusty and Luke being my best buddies." Donte, 7, Watts-Willowbrook BGC

"that I rode a horse called Red. I also saw two horses called Dusty and Luke. Today I had a sweet, cool, awesome DAY!!!!!!" Melissa, 8, Watts-Willowbrook BGC

"grooming Luke & Dusty and when we went horseback riding. I was scared at first, but it was fun. My horse's name was Star." Heaven, 10, Watts-Willowbrook BGC

"that I learned how to trot and ride the horses better. I am not scared to feed the horses anymore. It was a lot of fun." Alberto, 11, IHAD LA Watts

"I got to ride a horse today. It was terrifying, but I did it. I used the (worry) stone and it helped me. It was fun to go to Dusty's Riders, and the fun never stopped." Antonio, 11, IHAD LA Watts

"Everything. I had the most fun riding the horse because it was like I was him. I had to control him with the saddle." Deshawn, 11, IHAD LA Watts



"riding a horse for the first time, and learning how to take care of it. That just made my day. I was scared, but then I got used to it." Sa'Myra, 12, IHAD LA Watts

"riding the horses because I never really get to do that a lot. This is my second time attending this trip, and I loved it. I enjoyed walking the horses because it made me feel like I actually owned a horse, and I had to take care of it. I can't wait to come back." Michael, 12, IHAD LA Watts

"that I got to ride a horse. This showed me some leadership skills. In addition, this showed me how to take charge. As you can tell, I am very thankful for the opportunity." Melenne, 12, IHAD LA Watts

"feeding the horses carrots and riding them around. I was so excited to come. I also liked how I controlled the horse myself. I would love to come again." Maribel, 13, The Dream Center

"when we got to learn about the horses. I also like feeding them and riding them. Today was the first day I ever got to ride a horse. It was fun, and I had a lot of new experiences!" Reyna, 14, The Dream Center

"my horse. He was cool. He listened. This trip was special to me because this is my last trip to Dusty's Riders because I'm going to college this year. I really enjoyed myself." Deya, 16, The Dream Center

"being able to spend my last days of high school with my friends. I'm going to miss them and thanks to Dusty's Riders, I am able to have great memories with them. So thank you!!" Marline, 17, The Dream Center

"that I could enjoy learning even more about the beautiful horses. It was fun creating these memories with my friends before I leave for college. I will miss coming to Dusty's Riders, but I am taking with me the memories that I've created in the past three years. Thank you so much for allowing me and my school to experience this. It keeps getting better and better." Raquel, 18, The Dream Center





## 15th Anniversary - Our Volunteers

Our volunteers are who make this program go. Without you, there would be no program! Thank you to everyone who has helped at an outing or fundraiser in the last fifteen years! Email Sarah if you want to join in on the fun!

Adamczyk, Adas	Dunn, Megan	Lastre, Maria	Roe, Shannon
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Ahten, Natalie	Ferrer, Silvana	Lifshin, Joyce	Santin, Jonathan
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## Dusty's Calendar

### MARCH

- 5 Outing - IHAD LA Watts
- 12 Outing - Variety BGC
- 19 Outing - Dream Center

### APRIL

- 2 Outing - IHAD LA Watts
- 9 Outing - Burbank/SFV BGC
- 16 Outing - Watts-Willowbrook BGC
- 23 Outing - Variety BGC
- 30 Outing - Vaughn Next Century Learning

### MAY

- 7 Outing - Vaughn Next Century Learning
- 14 Outing - WSGV/East Valley BGC
- 20 Annual Raffle Begins
- 21 Outing - Helpline Youth Counsel

### JUNE

- 4-5 Rancho Oso Overnight - IHAD LA Watts
- 11-12 Rancho Oso Overnight - Variety BGC
- 18 Outing - TBD
- 24-26 ETI Convention & Horse Show



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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.

**\$460** covers an entire outing for 12 children plus volunteers including hands-on time feeding, grooming & leading Dusty & Luke, an hour trail ride in Griffith Park & pizza.



**\$2,500** covers an entire overnight trip to Rancho Oso, a working cattle ranch in Santa Barbara, where 15 kids plus volunteers ride twice on an old Indian trail, swim both days, sleep in covered wagons and see just how many stars are in the sky! Some also roast marshmallows & make smores over a campfire for the first time!!

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

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