

Volunteers Make the Dream Work

Gratitude, appreciation, and dedication are just a few of many words that come to mind when thinking of the countless hours, effort, and support the volunteers of Mounted Eagles put into the program. We had the honor of recognizing the effort of our volunteers at our annual volunteer banquet on November 3rd.

It is with their hard work and determination that Mounted Eagles has the opportunity to touch the lives of MANY individuals. The volunteers are more than just a person in the program. Behind the scenes, the volunteers spend a tremendous amount of time ensuring the horses are well taken care of before and after lessons, create lasting relationships with program participants and continuing their training of program needs. They are the constant momentum to continuing the work of the vision Susie had when the program began. Without them, Mounted Eagles dream could not be fulfilled. **THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!**



Courtney Gunderson
Volunteer Assistant of
the Year 2021



Mary Fogle
New Volunteer
of the Year 2021



Aggie & Bill Stroot
Beyond the Jacket Award 2021



Amber Hidde
Youth Volunteer
of the Year 2021



Tina Yorek
Adult Volunteer
of the Year 2021

Looking Ahead: As we look ahead to colder months, there are events that will surely warm your heart. This holiday season we will have the gift catalog available to purchase gifts that benefit the horses or program, if you are interested in purchasing a gift for Christmas, do so by December 10th. We are hosting our Pampered Chef party November 7th through November 20th, check out our Facebook page or catalog for more information. Mounted Eagles is ecstatic to announce the launch of clothing apparel that will surely make you smile! You can choose from two different designs and numerous types of shirts, sweatshirts, or hooded sweatshirts in various colors. The giving season is upon us which means only one thing; Give to the Max is right around the corner and early giving has begun. Enjoy a delicious slice of pie and create your very own gnome at our first Pie and Project event. Are you interested in spending a day volunteering on behalf of Mounted Eagles? If so, consider attending the 30th annual Ice Fishing Extravaganza where you will meet many new faces, volunteer for your favorite nonprofit organization and assist the program in receiving a favorable donation from the Brainerd Jaycee's. We look forward to seeing you this winter and appreciate ANY support you can give towards the program!

Mounted Eagles is a 501(c) non-profit organization.

Our Mission Statement: Mounted Eagles enhances the lives of program participants, volunteers, and the community by providing a safe and enjoyable environment where individuals with special needs benefit from therapeutic, developmental and educational equine-assisted activities.

Welcome our newest board member- Kalynn Ruis:

Hello, my name is Kalynn Ruis! I moved to the Brainerd Lakes area back in 2000 and consider this area to be home (and one of the greatest places on earth). My brother has been attending Mounted Eagles off and on for years and it is an activity he greatly enjoys. I recently joined the Board of Directors, and I am looking forward to working with everyone at Mounted Eagles to continue providing a much-needed service to our community. I have a background in Accounting Management and have worked as the Finance Manager/Business Administrator for Mike's Tree Company since 2014. I am excited to join an organization that brings great joy to our community.

Kalynn R.

GIVE TO THE MAX DAY

Thursday, November 18th

Minnesotans will join together to Give to the Max to their favorite non-profit organizations. If you are interested in donating, please visit www.givemn.org and search for Mounted Eagles in the search box. We thank you for your generosity especially during the Christmas Season.

PAMPERED CHEF PARTY

Help Mounted Eagles receive a donation and party host gifts to use for our 2022 Raffle and Silent Auction. The party is already running and will close on November 20. Share with your family and friends who love Pampered Chef and Mounted Eagles! It is a win, win!!.

www.pamperedchef.com/party/mountedeaglesparty

GIFT CATALOG

Our Second Annual Gift Catalog is now available. Orders can be placed year round, but if you would like to give a gift for Christmas, orders must be placed by December 10 to allow us time to provide you with a "Certificate of Gift" for the recipient. You can visit the catalog online at www.mountedeagles.org or pick up a copy at the barn.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Reflecting on the last year and specifically the last three months, I smile at the thoughts of all the success, joy, trust, pride, relief, patience, and love I have witnessed in our volunteers, riders, and their families. It is an extraordinary gift to work with all of you. I know there are also stresses for each of us but that all seems to melt away when this family (our Mounted Eagles family) comes together with a horse. It is empowering! I thank you all for helping make our events and our many fundraisers a success. Our Board of Directors and I realize that we do a lot of fundraisers (as you can see there are several mentioned in this newsletter) and that it may be tiring and burdensome for you, but it is partially how we fund the program. We work hard to keep the cost low for participants. Our volunteers contributed over 3,000 man hours to the program last year and they strive to make our riders' experience the best that it can be. I am thankful that I can confidently explain to new parents/caregivers inquiring about lessons that our volunteers are extremely good at what they do. One of our current needs is additional volunteers. If you know someone, or if you have been considering volunteering, please contact us to learn more. Orientation is provided and ongoing quarterly training is also a requirement. Short term volunteers for committees and events are welcome also. We encourage you to join us. You will be glad you did!!!

Lynn Fairbanks



WAYS TO HELP SPOTLIGHT

Now Recruiting for our Mounted Eagles Volunteer Team on the Ice at the Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza January 29, 2022. Scan the QR Code or go to the web link for more information and to sign up. The donation we receive from the Jaycees generally increase with the number of people we have on our team.

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WINTER WONDERLAND

Would you enjoy seeing Christmas lights at the Northland Arboretum? Mounted Eagles will be volunteering at the entrance and exit gate on Dec. 4th during Sertoma's Winter Wonderland (Nov. 25 – Dec. 31). Come out to the Winter Wonderland to see a spectacular display of Christmas lights and get a chance to see a few familiar Mounted Eagles faces! We hope to see you at the Arb on the 4th! Other dates are still available and if you would like volunteer, let us know!



A Look Back At a Fabulous Fall

2021 Raffle Prize Winners:

- Lavender Spa Kit
- Joe Ferguson
- Jelly Roll Rug- Eva Froehle
- \$100 Cash- Gene Cannon
- \$100 Cash - Stacy Nelson
- \$100 Cash - Ken Yde
- Pampered Chef Stoneware Meal Kit - Michelle Schwegy
- Pampered Chef Airfryer
- Helen Koenig
- Black Pine Beach Resort Stay
- Mark Froehle
- Rustic Rose Quilt
- Betty Pekanek
- Rustic Bench
- Earl Hemmerich
- Weber gas grill -Susie Baillif

Thank you to all of our board members and Black Pine Beach Resort for donating the raffle prizes!

An Evening for ME

This was a fun filled evening raising money for Mounted Eagles and celebrating our participants, volunteers and supporters. We packed the house at The Woods in Merrifield. Guests enjoyed dinner, dancing, silent auction, raffle drawing, slide show and of course the RED CARPET WALK sponsored by Garrison VFW Post 1816. The event was a HUGE success. Our biggest yet!



Annual Participant Horse Show

On October 24th the Wolf Creek Riders 4H Club assisted us with our Annual Participant Horse Show. 34 of our current riders participated in the show. Family and friends came to support them. They each rode in one event and shared their skills with spectators. There were lots of smiles and high fives!! For many of our new riders, this was their very first horse show. Everyone did a wonderful job including the horses, riders, volunteers and spectators. Thank you all for coming.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November	Gift Catalog (orders due December 10 th for Christmas delivery)
November 7 th -20 th	Pampered Chef Party (Website, Facebook or catalog)
November 9 th -18 th	ME Clothing Sale (delivery Dec. 14, 15 & 16)
November 18 th	Give to the Max Day
December 4 th	Mounted Eagles at Sertoma Winter Wonderland
December 11 th	Pie & Projects
December 14 th	Holiday Extravaganza at Madden's (hosted by Brainerd Chamber of Commerce) Mounted Eagles will have a booth 4 pm to 8 pm \$5 admission
January 29, 2022:	Ice Fishing Extravaganza

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