

Unified Efforts Out-of-School-Time Program Visits DEFHR



For the second consecutive summer, DEFHR welcomed a group of children from the [Unified Efforts Out-of-School-Time Program](#) to the farm in Woodbine, Maryland. Students from the program were eager to learn about horse care and they asked great questions about how to help horses in need. DEFHR's equine ambassadors also enjoyed making new friends and being pampered by the students.

We sincerely appreciate Unified Efforts' founder Debbie Ramsey for providing us the opportunity to meet such exceptional children and many thanks to DEFHR Board Member Dana Scanlon for introducing us to Debbie and the Unified Efforts program. We look forward to sharing this learning experience with students for years to come.

As a Maryland Horse Discovery Center, DEFHR welcomes children of all ages to the farm to learn all about horses in a fun and interactive way. For many students, a trip to DEFHR is the first experience they have with horses. If you'd like to plan a trip to the farm, please click the button below.

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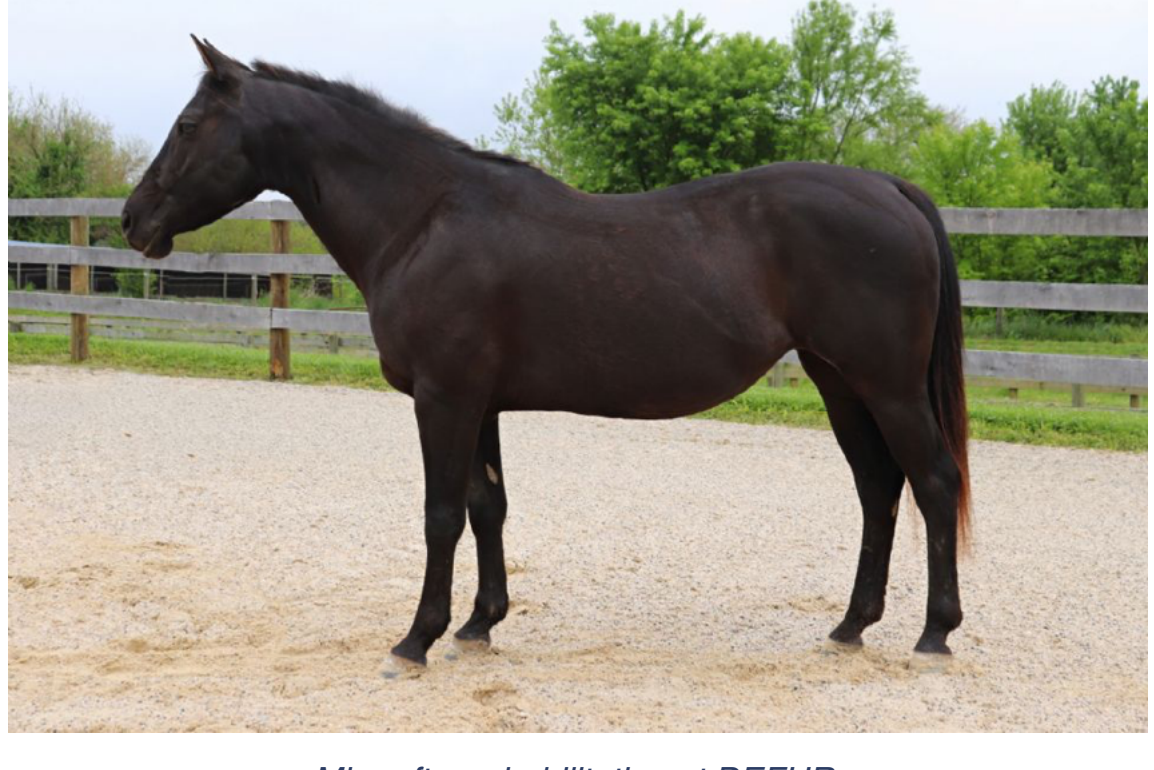
Mistletoe Miracle's Glow-Up



Mira upon arrival at DEFHR.

Mistletoe Miracle, known as Mira in the barn, came to DEFHR in December 2021 after being seized by animal control officers due to severe neglect. She was extremely emaciated when she arrived, scoring a 1 out of 9 on the Henneke Body Condition Scale. Mira made a miraculous recovery and is now healthy and thriving.

She was previously adopted but recently returned due to no fault of her own. After completing a few weeks of professional training with DEFHR's trainers, she will be available for adoption again. If you're looking for a fun trail riding partner, Mira might be for you. Keep an eye out for her bio to appear on the "available horses" section of our website.



Mira after rehabilitation at DEFHR.

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Scout Day Registration Now Open



Registration is now open for DEFHR's popular Girl/Boy Scout Day. Individual Scouts and entire troops are invited to a two-hour, hands-on program on Saturday, September 30, 2023, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. During their time on the farm, Scouts will rotate through multiple educational stations that include grooming, leading horses, and learning how DEFHR rehabilitates its horses. All Scouts will receive a DEFHR patch. The cost is \$10 per Scout.

[Register for Scout Day](#)

In the News



Horse Network "Equidopt: Building Bonds One Grooming Session at a Time"

DEFHR volunteer Nancy Johns has been part of the Equidopt Grooming Sponsorship Program since October 2019. Having been both a volunteer and an Equidopt Sponsor Nancy has witnessed tremendous transformations in several of DEFHR's horses. Click the button to read about Nancy's experience as an Equidopter in our monthly column on Horse Network.

[Read the Article](#)

Featured Horse of the Month: Ivery Isle



21-year-old Paint gelding, 14.3hh

Ivery Isle is an absolute gentleman and a barn favorite thanks to his quiet, cuddly personality. A lover of treats, he will sniff them out even if you feel you've hidden them well. Ivery enjoys his carrot stretches so much that he'll proactively offer his nose to his flank in an attempt for more snacks.

Due to arthritis in his left front fetlock, Ivery is retired from riding, but enjoys light groundwork a couple of times per week. Ivery would make an excellent companion for any herd and has lived with both geldings and mares. If you're looking for a sensitive and thoughtful horse, look no further.

Visit defhr.org/available-horses/ and email adopt@DEFHR.org for details on Ivery.

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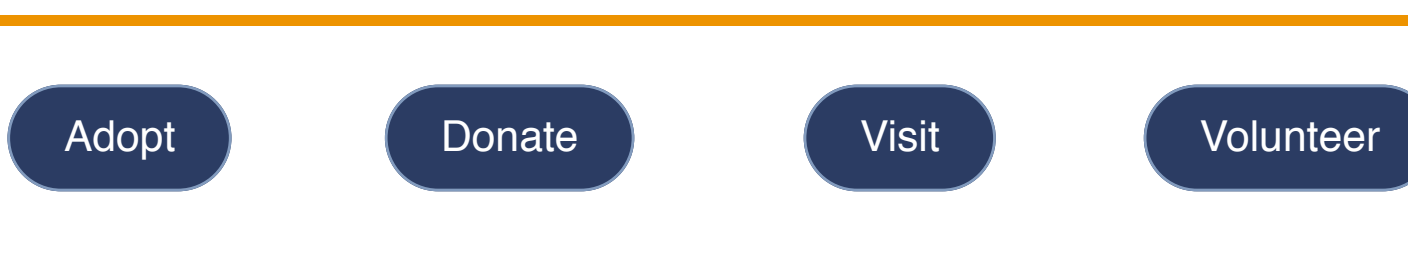
DEFHR Has Opened Its Doors for 43 Horses in Critical Condition So Far This Year



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