

The Equestrian Aid Foundation



"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well." –Ralph Waldo Emerson

Ralph Waldo Emerson didn't plan for these famous words to make such a lasting impact on generations to come, yet they have. And the Equestrian Aid Foundation (EAF) has modeled itself after these words and is creating brighter tomorrows for horse people in need.

Since its inception 20 years ago, Equestrian Aid Foundation has provided over \$2.5 million in grant-based assistance to sick and disabled horse people in need of a helping hand. EAF is a leading non-profit organization that assists people from all corners of the horse world who

“The Foundation has been my inspiration that has worked for my betterment. You are people I don't know who care more about me than people I do know. It blows my mind!”

— Milton Hopkins

are coping with catastrophic injury or illness.

When equestrians or equine professionals become injured or ill, they can lose everything: jobs, homes, financial security, dignity and independence. Oftentimes, they lose the ability to stay involved with the animals they love so dearly. Even with insurance, bills accumulate. Families are impacted. A little help with expenses can make a tremendous difference to a

sick or disabled horse person who's experiencing adversity.

Allison Angove was a straight-A student and promising cross-country rider. At just 16 years old, Allison's life changed forever when her horse stumbled and fell after a jump while schooling for a competition. This accident left her a quadriplegic, and her parents faced a heartbreaking reality. They questioned how they could possibly afford the extensive medical procedures that Allison would require.

After Allison underwent 15 agonizing surgeries, the Angoves reached out to the Equestrian Aid Foundation. Since becoming a grant recipient, Allison has been able to undergo stem cell, hyperbaric and other supplemental therapies including aquathery. She has regained enough use of her right arm to be able to correspond, and her parents are exploring additional treatments to see what potential Allison has for more movement in her extremities.

"The Foundation has really helped with Allison's physical therapy, and she's making great progress," her family said. "We also had to upgrade



Top Photo:
Milton Hopkins

Bottom Photo:
Allison Angove

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