



100 WOMEN WHO CARE NEWSLETTER

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DECEMBER RECIPIENT: FREE REIN FARM

Five years ago, Kristin Molby and her husband Troy decided to “pursue life and not money” and begin operating an Equine Assisted Learning facility, something they felt they were called to do.

Today, they have 50 young clients who come to Free Rein Farm in Bellaire to do activities that “brings them joy” including grooming the animals, painting Christmas ornaments using the horses’ muzzles, being the “herd boss” on nature walks or simply connecting with the myriad of horses and donkeys who reside at the farm.

Client referrals come from local school counselors, Community Mental Health (CMH) centers and the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDDHS). All clients have experienced emotional or physical trauma and Kristin says she feels “blessed to be a part of their healing.”

Kristin thanked 100 Women Who Care- Elk Rapids Area members, especially nominating member Mary Ellen McLean, saying “This trailer will allow us to bring the animals to local schools and our many volunteer events. What an inspiring group of ladies!”



Check presentation made to Free Rein Farm board members (left to right) Laura Wilcox, Troy Molby and Kristin Molby by 100 Women Who Care Elk Rapids Area Treasurer, Deb Broderick.



The specific bumper pull four-horse trailer that Kristin Molby said “miraculously became available, cost \$23,900 and needed to be picked up just three hours away!”



UPDATE FROM OUR AUGUST RECIPIENT



Representatives from DPIL-GTR expressed their gratitude for our support which has allowed them to offer DPIL in Antrim

County, the only county in the region that lacked funding. Efforts to expand awareness have already resulted in 80 children enrolling - 10% of eligible children in Antrim County! They also reported that several of our 100 WWC - Elk Rapids members have stepped up to serve on their advisory committee. What a wonderful example of how our members continue to make a difference in our community!

Share this QR code to enroll a child in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library!



Jan Engle, Main Coordinator of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library - GTR, Louise Wenzel nominating 100WWC member and Bob Robbins, Chair of Books from Birth.

THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Rocky Paige of Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. for underwriting our 2023 meeting venue and website fees. Rocky has graciously offered to continue his sponsorship in 2024!

Kelly Barry of My Michigan Roots & EllyKPhotography for donating a beautiful framed picture of downtown Elk Rapids for our December meeting. Ellie Kirkpatrick was the lucky winner!

Julia Pollister Amos for paying our annual post office box rental fee.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 21 - Social Event at Elk Rapids Cinema - 5:00 pm

2024 Giving Meeting Dates:

May 30 - Elk Rapids Cinema

August 29 - A-Ga-Ming Golf Resort

December 12 - HERTH