

**Annual Report
SPIRIT Open Equestrian Program, Inc.
2016**



About SPIRIT

SPIRIT is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and adults facing developmental, emotional, social and physical challenges. SPIRIT services over 300 riders with special needs across the DC Metro and Northern Virginia region.



It takes a vision to see that horses can have a significant role in an urban environment, to create programs which serve community and to develop safe, humane and sustainable ways for horses to live happily in a city. This report shows that SPIRIT has that vision.

Over the last decade we have grown from a small volunteer program to a community supported Equine Assisted Activities (EAA), Therapy and Learning and Therapeutic Riding (TR) program.



2016 was a year to remember because of the great things SPIRIT accomplished, despite some unexpected hurdles which appeared in many different forms.

Notable Events

- Hosted dressage show series to fundraise and promote SPIRIT
- Saw growth in Individual EAL program participation
- Launched Barn Buddies program
- Completed successful year-round therapeutic riding, EAP, EAL, and EAA sessions with a variety of individual and group clients
- Newsletter reached over 1,000 contacts
- Wounded Warriors and Community Heroes Open House, August 21st
- Ride4SPIRIT, September 10th
- OK Corral, October 21-23rd
- Halloween Dressage Show and Costume Contest, October 30th
- Silent Auction Fundraiser, November 19th

Public Presentations

- Virginia High School League Student Leaders Conference, April 15-16th
- Georgetown Medical School, March 31st
- Interview with Delegate Ken Plum, August 1st
- Presentation at Oakton Park, October 22nd
- Giving Circle of Hope, November 17th
- Washington Abilities Expo, December 1st-4th

Volunteer Groups – thank you!

- Visa
- Sales force
- Boy Scout Troop 1018
- 4-H
- Georgetown Medical School students



Top Donors - You and many others made Spirit alive and strong in 2016 Thank you!

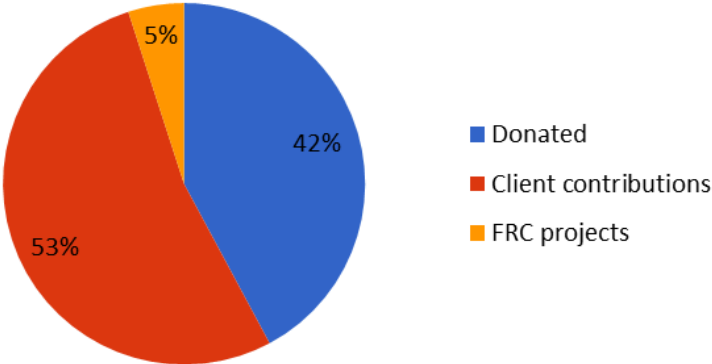
- Alice Shaver Foundation
- Washington Forrest Foundation
- Patty & Huey Sullivan
- SCi Singhal Family
- Thomas Dombrowsky Jr
- Deb and Paul Collins
- Wiley Rein LLP
- Michelle Lewis
- Samuel Schwall
- John Stubbs
- Charles and Tammy Franklin
- James Soltyis
- Claire Hosker
- Nancy Brandon
- Kolar Charitable Foundation of Buckley

All activities listed above, beside regular program work, farm and horse care, administrative work, volunteer coordination, bookkeeping, fundraising was accomplished thanks to the dedicated volunteers who are SPIRIT's spirit and force. Let me list just a few people who not only gave hundreds of hours, tons of emotions and an enormous amount of work, all of which resulted in a sense of close friendship and family

- *Patty Sullivan - Caring, supportive on so many levels, wise, noble and with life experience that SPIRIT needs most, my friend who shares SPIRIT's Vision, together with Huey Sullivan, top level donor and hard-working volunteer in BoD, FRC, community events and presentations*
- *Leslie Vernon - friend, supporter, hard-working, detail focused, networking, wise and fun. My partner in crime in the office!*
- *Jeff Wallace - daily presence at field to take care of horses in any weather condition for the last 9 years*
- *Boris Suvak - silent and powerful supporter who keeps things and equipment working and with Jeff provides care for our herd as they need to stay happy and healthy*

~Dada Suvak

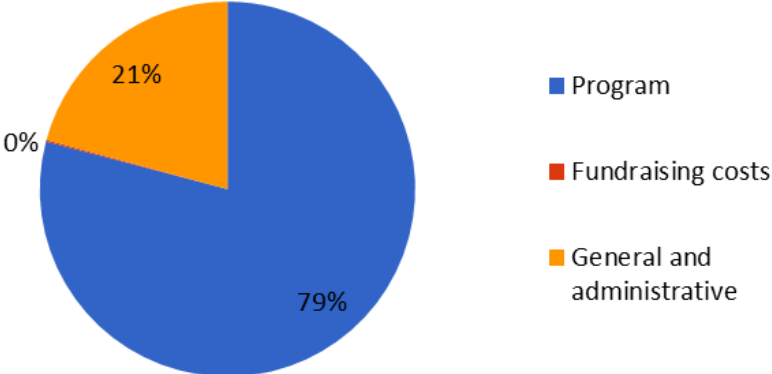
Income



2016 in charts and numbers

Income	
Donations	\$103,178.26
Client Contributions	\$129,345.00
FRC Projects	12,192.00
	\$244,715.26

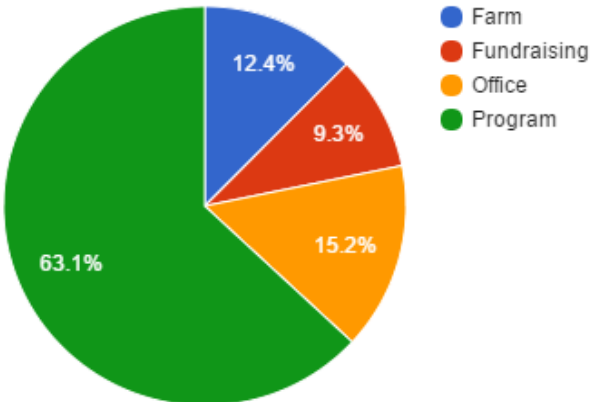
Expenses



Expenses	
Program	\$158,641.45
Fundraising Costs	\$284.00
General and Administrative	\$41,664.73
	\$200,590.18

VOLUNTEER HOURS	
Farm	1293.25
Fundraising	970.25
Office	1577

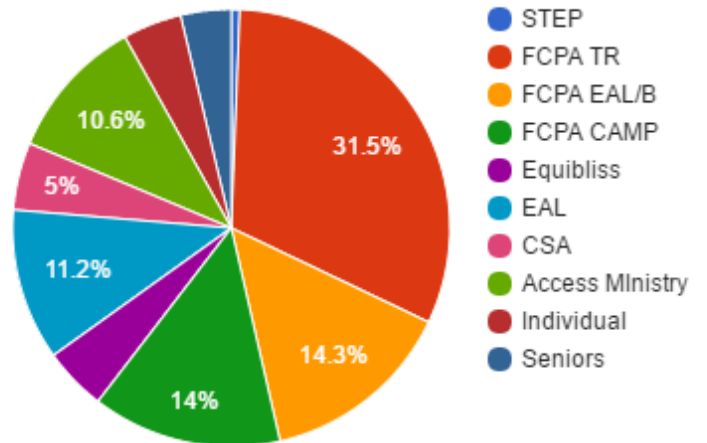
Volunteer hours



Program	6561
	10401.5

Clients in numbers		
	Clients	Hours Served
STEP	2	55
FCPA TR	101	2424
FCPA EAL/B	46	1104
FCPA CAMP	45	225
Equibliss	15	151
EAL	36	1800
CSA	16	45
Access MInistry	34	350
Individual	14	350
Seniors	12	48

Clients



Service hours

