



THE POST

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Upcoming Events

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-Transition to an Indoor Arena (bundle up!)

NOVEMBER 2019

- Winter Break Begins
Nov. 24th

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Welcome to the Team

By Samantha Means

The last couple of months EMBRACE has seen a spike in our volunteers, and we are ecstatic! Since our team is without a paid staff, everyone (including the board members) is a volunteer, it's no small thing when people decide to commit the most valuable asset they have to God's work through our ministry: their time.

This month we want to highlight several of our newest volunteers, one of whom is a new board member! Elizabeth Comfort resides in Oregon where she is currently the Financial Director for a mid-sized city. After visiting north Idaho in August and getting an opportunity to see EMBRACE in action, she said:

"The love the team showered on (the girls) was not lost. There are friendships and relationships growing and earnest prayers for each of them from the hearts of the EMBRACE team, which I believe those girls carried back. To know that there is someone who loves you and wants to share hope of peace and joy definitely has an impact, maybe small at the time, though so real. And for this time in the presence of believers weekly, or maybe just once, in a young girls life can make such a difference."

For nearly twenty-five years Elizabeth has helped non-profits, for-profits, and government entities to be successful in their mission through strong finances. Elizabeth says, "Serving on the board is a way I can provide

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guidance and support from my experience (budget writing, reports, brainstorming, and in prayer). There are opportunities for EMBRACE to reach so many and there is always a financial component to growth, and just to continue current efforts. My prayer is that I can support the stability and reach of these offerings to those who need to feel God's love. As I listen and learn of the desires for areas of growth and direction my hope is my financial background contribution will be blessed."

In addition to our new board member, we also have two new session leaders in training: Jayne Erickson and Narcissa Yelland! We're so grateful for their willingness to commit their time to sharing the love and good news of Jesus Christ with those we serve. It's beautiful seeing how God is taking the talents, skills and gifts He's given them and nurtured over the years, put to use for His glory and the good of others.

If you're interested in volunteering with EMBRACE, whether you'd like to commit to weekly sessions or simply lend a hand during special events, please let us know! Jesus took five loaves of bread and two fish to feed more than five thousand people. Sometimes all God wants is for us to offer what we have—no matter how small—and watch him multiply it.

Our season serving the public will be wrapping up the week before Thanksgiving but we will continue staff training through the winter. Contact our volunteer coordinator (page 3) for more information.

GOLDEN MOMENT

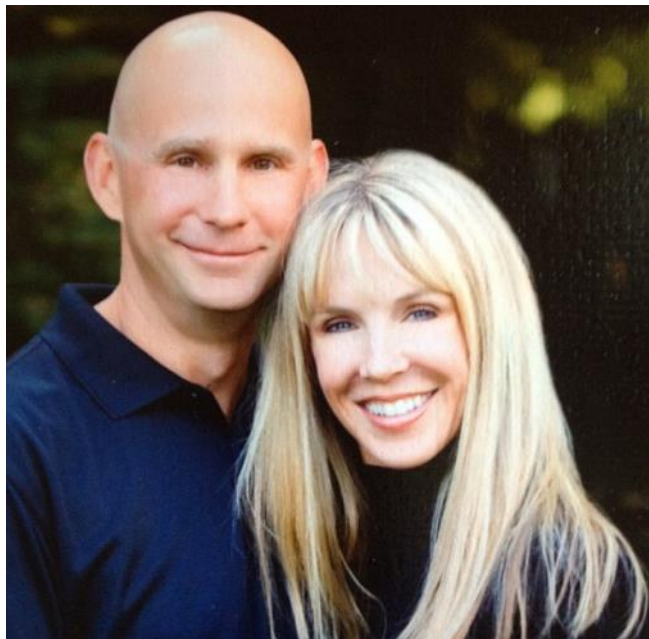
"The First Bow"



Buffy with Lil' Joe during his first bow, 2019 © EMBRACE

Each month the Post will feature a favored photo from one of our many horse sessions.

CATHERINE'S TESTIMONY



Catherine Reynolds & husband, 2013. Catherine is the Life Enrichment Director with Daybreak Youth Services Inpatient facility in Spokane, Washington

“We have been touched by EMBRACE for two years now. Just to see the beauty of these girls connecting with the horse. These large and amazing creatures. The word that comes to mind is calm and connection. It’s a calming connection that these girls have with these beautiful creatures. And the women of Embrace make everyone feel at home. Some of these girls have never been hugged before and they come and they seriously embrace these girls as if they were their own child. It’s very moving and very impactful. The joy that I see whenever the girls have true joy once they’re there, it’s their favorite thing about Daybreak. Every week, they can’t stop talking about the horses and how much they love EMBRACE. We love EMBRACE.”

WHEN do we need you:

Thursdays, March—November 2019
Serving women from UGM
11am—4:00pm

Tuesdays, March—November 2019
Serving youth in substance abuse recovery
11am—4:00pm

WHO are we looking for:

- 2 Horse Session Leaders
- 2 Craft Leaders, supplies & projects provided
- 2 Childcare wranglers, kids ages <1 to 4 years

Call our volunteer coordinator, Becca Ward: 208-920-3422
or fill out a Volunteer Application on our website!

Volunteers Make the Difference

WE NEED YOU



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BECOMING PARTNERS

Each month one of our staff will provide a horse training tip and reflection.

Being and Doing | By Renae Buck

Many times in life and horsemanship we find it easier to *do* than *be*! I've written about lessons that my mustang Sully has taught me in previous articles. This is another lesson from the "wild" side of horsemanship.

The most meaningful times of connection and true establishment of trust are built with this horse in the intentional times I am just with him. Those times when I have no expectations of him. I only desire to *be* with him. When that happens he gets that I want to simply enjoy his company. I don't expect anything except that he be kind and accepting when we're in each other's presence. He returns my soft approach to building relationship in the manner of *being* with him and not insisting he *do* something for me. He's made strides toward connection with me with this approach that *doing things* or expecting certain actions from him have not. This being approach to horsemanship is hard for me. I would consider myself much more of a *do* than *be* type of horsewoman, but I love that God brings things like this into our lives to give us a glimpse of how He wants us to interact with Him.

God wants us to come to Him, sit in his presence, just *be* with Him, enjoying and cherishing that time with Him without necessarily *doing* anything.

Training Tip:

In your busy life this month, I encourage you to exercise that part of your humanity. We often forget we are human *beings* not human *doings*. I challenge you in your relationship with God, your spouse, children, friends and your horse, if you're fortunate enough to have one to interact with, and just *be* with them. Put *doing* aside for a span of time. See what the virtue of being can produce in your life and the connections you have in your sphere of influence. Happy being!

"I am humbled and quieted in your presence. Like a contented child who rests on its mother's lap, I'm your resting child and my soul is content in you." - Psalm 131:2, TPT