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Dear Horse Helper,

Do you ever wonder what happens to that skinny sad-looking horse you passed one day on the way to work? In the High Country no financial support for that horse comes from county funds like Animal Control or the Sheriff's Office. It comes from organizations like ours. The county calls Horse Helpers or appeals to local horse people who pay for the hay and feed, the vet bills, and the rehabilitation and all the other expenses that come with saving a sick or injured equine.

Horse Helpers started 2014 with 21 horses under its care; we took in another 10 over the course of the year. We conducted 18 investigations on a total of 50 horses. And we completed **thirteen excellent adoptions**. Each stage of this process is important and necessary, but each stage costs money. According to a study at Rutgers University the average annual cost of horse care is \$2500. We have sick and starved horses and our average cost is closer to \$5000 for the first year or two. It is an expensive undertaking.

So how do we get the funds we use? That's easy---through the financial support of people like you. As a lover of all animals, we know you want these horses to be protected and safe. With the end of the year coming up now is the perfect time to get a last tax-deductible donation in. Would you help us continue to protect the equine in our community with a donation of \$50 or more? With \$50 you pay for a horse's hay for one week, or a farrier visit.

Donate online at www.horsehelpersnc.org or return the form found on the back of your letter with a check made to Horse Helpers. Please send us an email if you would like additional information on our organization or its mission. We are verified by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries and are a registered 501(c)(3) charity. Thank you in advance. We greatly appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Amy Hudnall, President

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Olaf Is Our Holiday Success Story

Olaf, his son Frosty and Poe arrived at Horse Helpers after an April morning call from the Avery County Sheriff's Department. On the day we picked him up, Olaf was a shaggy, skinny broken-down chestnut gelding. Even though spring was over early this year, he was so starved and wormy that he still had a heavy winter coat.



As is too often the case, Olaf quickly began to show signs of new life just with regular feed and forage. It didn't take him long to shed out his winter coat and heal from severe skin infections. His former owner had said he was well trained and we soon discovered that he was an easygoing and calm riding horse—a perfect horse for a beginner. Along came Wendy, the founder of the Stone Creek Equestrian Center in Morganton. She was looking for therapy horses for her therapeutic riding program. Olaf turned out to be a great match and at the end of September, Olaf and I made the trip to Morganton and his new home.



A few weeks later Wendy sent me the photo to the left of a young autistic woman riding her first horse—riding Olaf. Don't they look great together! He doesn't even look like the same horse as the one in the photo above. Wendy said the young woman giggled the whole time and Olaf looks like he is having a good time too.

These are the kinds of miracles that happen only with your help. Thank you

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