

Volunteer Description

Position Title: Horse Hands Team
Reports to: Volunteer Coordinator

Position Summary: Assist therapists by handling horses during group therapy sessions (haltering, grooming, leading clients on horses, etc.)

Job Duties

- Catch, halter, and lead a variety of horses in a variety of settings with direction from the group facilitator
- Read horse behavior and take appropriate action during a group to maintain safety for self, horses, and participants
- Use neutral and reflective language with participants
- Work as a team with other horse handlers, facilitators, and students
- Gather and put away equipment needed during a session
- Maintain mental and emotional regulation and awareness, and communicate clearly what is needed if that isn't possible
- Communicate about absences and seek a replacement if possible

Requirements/Onboarding

- Complete Volunteer application; including background check and online volunteer orientation
- Complete training class (Equine Skills Training and Group Therapy Training) and be approved by our therapy team
- Ability and willingness to learn and apply relational horsemanship and natural horsemanship principles
- Self-awareness around triggers and issues that might come up during a group
- Must be able to commit to 6-8 weeks of group sessions for 3 hours each week. You can learn more about the programs you would be helping with [HERE](#).

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed and are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and/or skills that may be required. Medicine Horse holds the right to terminate volunteers if not meeting requirements and responsibilities set forth in this job description, or if a volunteer violates the volunteer policies or code of ethics.