

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to express my strong support of Medicine Horse as they pursue grant funding to offer valuable support for those impacted by cancer in the Boulder Community. Medicine Horse currently operates a program called Wholeness With Horses, a group that supports those who are impacted by Breast Cancer specifically, and is seeking funding to increase the number of people served by this program. Additionally, given this program's success, Medicine Horse is seeking funding to offer a similar program that offers this same unique support to those impacted by all types of cancer.

As an Oncology Nurse Navigator at Boulder Community Health, I deeply understand the needs of patients, families, and caregivers impacted by cancer. In supporting those individuals in navigating through the healthcare system, I've seen how impactful Medicine Horse's programming is. I have the great pleasure and honor of referring patients, who are either currently undergoing or have undergone breast cancer treatment, to the Wholeness with Horses program. Horses and providers alike provide support and healing in a safe, non-judgmental manner. The trauma that often comes with a breast cancer diagnosis and treatment is frequently under reported and much less frequently addressed. Medicine Horse manages to provide the much needed emotional healing that humans so often can't provide on their own and the staff are skilled at connecting women and facilitating the healing that groups can do. This is one of the few programs that women repeatedly ask, "When are they doing it again and how many times can I attend?" I sincerely hope Medicine Horse will be able to provide many programs in the future.

If this funding request is approved, I would support the involvement of Boulder Community Health and Medicine Horse collaborating in program design, execution, and utilization of resources. For example, I can facilitate the process of sharing with Medicine Horse specific needs that should be addressed through programming.

I ask you to consider supporting this request for funding this program, as it is truly changing lives. Thank you so much for your consideration.

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