

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



SWIFTSURE
— RANCH —

WELCOME

Dear Friends and Family of Swiftsure,

As Swiftsure looks back on 2021, **we are so grateful for your continued care and support for all of our participants.** It was a year of growth: compared to a typical pre-pandemic year, we served nearly 70 additional participants, an increase of more than 20%! It was also a year of slowly returning to normal operations, and we were overjoyed to see our friends in person again at our 31st annual Cowboy Ball!

Our growing Swiftsure family shows that there is more need for our services than ever before. Whether faced with physical challenges like stroke, MS, or limb deficits, or invisible challenges like autism, ADHD, or anxiety, **participants will find caring, engaging instructors and a range of equine-assisted activities designed to bring strength, freedom and connection** all at no charge to our participants.

Our behind-the-scenes stewardship of the Ranch this year included an extensive trail cleanup for fire risk abatement, and we followed up the 2020 pond restoration with an additional soil treatment to help retain precious water to grow more hay for our herd.

None of this would be possible without you, our loyal and caring partners. Your support gives hundreds of our neighbors, family members, and friends of all ages and abilities the opportunity to experience the benefits of equine-assisted activities. **Together, we've impacted so many lives and helped so many people succeed in our community.**

With Gratitude,



Charlotte Westendorf, Board President



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OUR MISSION

**EMPOWERING
INDIVIDUALS
OF ALL
ABILITIES
TO FIND
STRENGTH
AND FREEDOM
THROUGH
THERAPEUTIC
EQUINE
CONNECTIONS**

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

In 2021, we were fortunate and very grateful to have the support of several foundations whose grants are essential to the operation of all of our programs. These grants extend far beyond the Ranch and into several of our community nonprofit partners. It genuinely takes a village. We wouldn't be able to open our arms and hearts without your support. Thank you!

FLAGSHIP PROGRAM SUPPORT

- **Sahm Family Foundation** for enabling us to support our local students with Individual Education Programs.
- **Spur Foundation** for funding our new ADA-accessible carriage that will be used across many programs.
- **St. Luke's Wood River Foundation** and the **Limelight Ketchum Employee Fund** for supporting students referred to us through NAMI.
- **Argyros Family Foundation** for support to our General Riding Program.
- **Wood River Foundation's WOW!** Youth Philanthropy Initiative for funding new tack and grooming equipment which is needed for all our programs.
- **The Sage School** and **Sun Valley Community School** for all of their help realizing our fire abatement program. Removing fallen branches and debris from the property is essential to the safety of our horses and our facilities.

CRITICAL NEEDS

When an unexpected drought prevented us from growing our own hay this year, we were faced with increased costs and the challenge of obtaining quality hay from distant sources. The **Nancy Eccles and Homer M. Hayward Foundation**, the **Kemmerer Family Foundation**, and the **Boswell Family Foundation** stepped up and funded our hay costs for the year. The horses are the heartbeat of our operation and we are deeply thankful for the generosity that will keep them well-fed and healthy until we can grow our crop in 2022.

LONG-TERM AND ONGOING INITIATIVE SUPPORT

Swiftsure is undertaking a long-term and much-needed initiative to improve the efficiency of our irrigation systems and pasture quality. In 2021, the **Nancy Eccles and Homer M. Hayward Foundation** and the **Douglas F. King Family Foundation** both

contributed to our overall efforts to improve our water management and irrigation systems, so we can grow more hay for our herd in the future.

Another major maintenance accomplishment in 2021 was made possible by the **Wood River Women's Foundation**, who generously funded the replenishment of our footing in the main arena. This important feature protects our horses, our volunteers, and maintains the quality of the arena substrate.

GENERAL OPERATIONS

Many thanks are due to the **William Carey Hay Foundation**, the **Indian River Community Foundation**, the **Helios Education Foundation**, the **Guy E. and Mary D. Butterfield Fund** and **Idaho Community Fund**, the **Danielson Foundation**, and the **Josephine K. Lowe Fund** for their contributions to our General Fund, which enables us to keep Swiftsure running in a thousand essential ways, small and large.

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EVERYWHERE YOU
LOOK, YOU CAN
SEE THE IMPACT
WE'VE CREATED
TOGETHER.



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WEEKS OF LESSONS



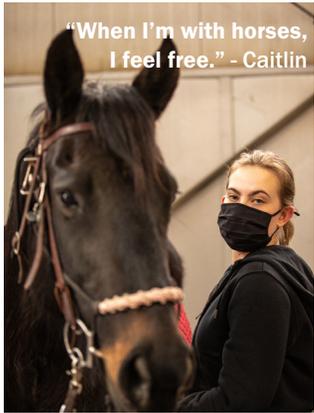
EXPENSES IN 2021
\$1,001,833



VOLUNTEER HOURS
1,078
79% of our staff
are volunteers



"We are each challenged in our own way. The horses unite us." - Jeffrey



"When I'm with horses,
I feel free." - Caitlin



COST PER PARTICIPANT

\$2,500

per year, which equates to \$54
for a one-hour lesson



INSTRUCTOR HOURS

4,574



"I just want to walk
again... horses
inspire me to keep
going." - Chris



PARTICIPANTS

367

throughout the year





PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Our partnerships with these programs provide innovative, specialized opportunities to participants with critical needs.

CAMP RAINBOW GOLD

Camp Rainbow Gold provides emotionally empowering experiences to Idaho children diagnosed with cancer and their families. Swiftsure partners with Camp Rainbow Gold to provide the opportunity to make an equine friendship and venture on a trail ride in the pristine Sawtooth mountains. The powerful connection of human and horse is a natural release from the stressors of disease, and a favorite among the campers.

NAMI-WOOD RIVER VALLEY

Swiftsure's partnership with NAMI-Wood River Valley creates opportunities for one of the most at-risk demographics amongst our youth today: adolescents navigating a mental health diagnosis. Participants in this program have gained a strong sense of self-confidence, learned to communicate, work as a team to achieve goals, and acquired a new set of skills to help them cope through the most difficult of times.

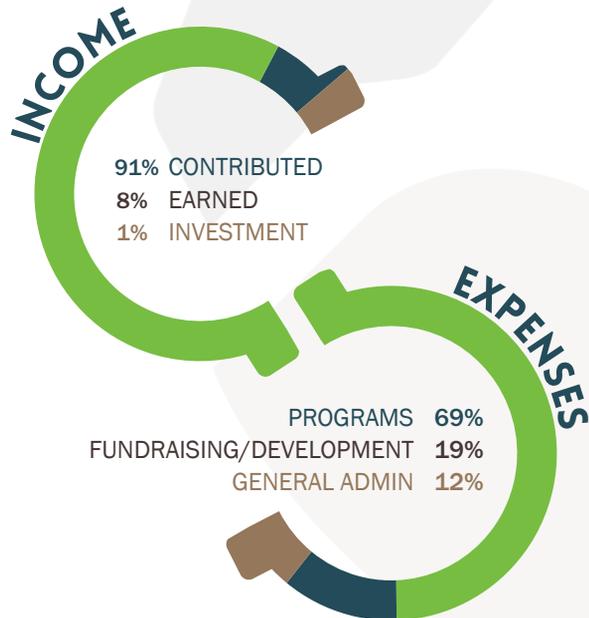
ALL-ABILITIES CAMPS

We were thrilled to be able to bring back our incredibly popular all-abilities summer camps in 2021! These camps are a fun-filled way to get to know the Ranch, and help support Swiftsure. This is a rare opportunity for youth up to age 17 from our communities to visit the Ranch and learn riding, roping, crafts, and other activities.

INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM

Support for Individualized Education Programs (IEP) is one of our most relevant programs for the community, serving special education students who are referred to us by their local schools throughout the county. Our instructors work collaboratively with the Blaine County schools to provide individual programs and goal-setting. While the goals and outcomes are highly individualized, the overall desired outcome is to make it easier for students to participate in class and mainstream after-school activities.

WE CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT!



We are grateful and amazed at the support our participants receive from you, our wonderful partners, donors, and volunteers. In 2021, the demand for our help was greater than ever, and your generosity and compassion made it all possible. Thanks to all of you, from all of us here at Swiftsure.

You have brought strength, freedom, and connection to more of your friends and neighbors than ever before.



SERVING OUR YOUTH

Did you know that 80% of our participants are under the age of 18? In 2021, Swiftsure served nearly 300 children and teens with a wide range of physical, emotional, social, or cognitive challenges.



SERVING ADULTS

In the past year, we have seen a marked increase in adult referrals with diagnoses like MS or Alzheimer's. As adult needs increase in the valley, we are making plans to expand our focus to serve more of our adult population in need.



WHAT'S AHEAD

Thanks to our supporters, Swiftsure's future is bright! We are proud to announce that Swiftsure is now the only PATH-certified therapeutic driving center in Idaho. We recently obtained a wheelchair-accessible carriage and we can't wait to put it to full use. In 2022, our carriage driving program will enable us to bring equine-assisted activities to those who previously could not fully participate. As we continue to return to normal operations, we hope to offer carriage driving, riding, and camp activities to veterans and others who can benefit from our services.



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YOUR CARE IN ACTION
2021 IMPACT REPORT
