

# HORSES CHANGING LIVES



SWIFTSURE  
— RANCH —

## FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

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For three decades, Swiftsure Ranch has thrived on a simple notion: the bond that forms between a horse and those facing difficult physical or emotional challenges can be transformative. In that inexplicable connection, challenges subside, joy returns, confidence and pride fill the arena. Riders leave a lonely place and join a community.

And while the people and horses at Swiftsure Ranch build community, it is also true that community has built Swiftsure Ranch. Without the generosity of our donors, the magic that is Swiftsure Ranch could not happen. With deep gratitude we thank you. We thank you for your time and financial support. We thank you for your commitment to and belief in our riders. Horses change lives, but it is your generosity that enables that change, that brings the necessary skills, resources, and passion to bear on our mission.

Our work is far from done; miracles big and small are still to come.

We invite you to be a part of this remarkable journey.



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# SWIFTSURE'S MISSION & VISION

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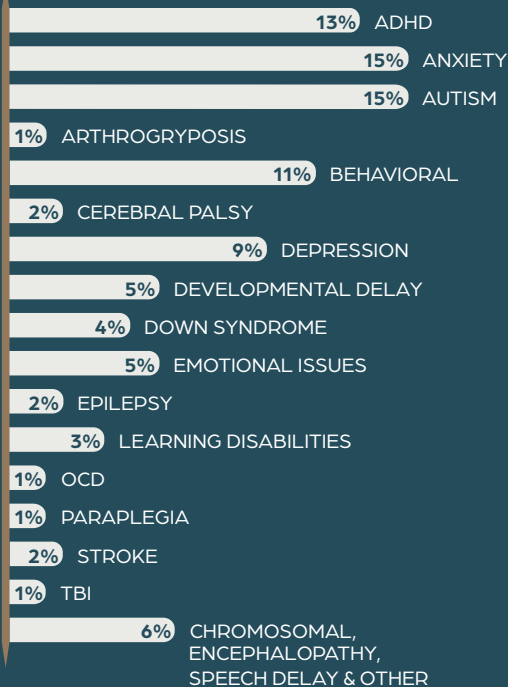
## SWIFTSURE RANCH

**Enriches** the lives of people living with physical, social, mental, and emotional challenges through equine-assisted activities and therapies.

**Aspires** to provide the healing environment of our ranch and the value of the horse-human connection to all who may benefit from it.

# SWIFTSURE RIDERS by DIAGNOSIS

## 32 PRIMARY DIAGNOSES



# WHO WE SERVE

SWIFTSURE RIDERS TACKLE A WIDE RANGE OF PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES.

Our participants include:

- + Veterans plagued by PTSD or TBI.
- + Children suffering anxiety, depression, or thoughts of self-harm.
- + Students with pandemic-related stressors, learning delays and attention deficits.
- + People of all ages coping with extreme challenges from autism, Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy, neurological conditions, or spinal cord injuries.





# SWIFTSURE'S PROGRAMS

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SWIFTSURE RIDERS HAVE **UNIQUE NEEDS**.  
ACCORDINGLY, **WE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT**  
**A CUSTOMIZED PLAN** FOR EACH PARTICIPANT.

Our certified instructors offer equine-assisted activities with Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) approved methods. Thirty-five dedicated volunteers provide additional life changing lessons each week.

To serve the wider community, Swiftsure collaborates with the following nonprofit organizations to offer weekly programs:

- + Blaine County School District, The Sage School, and Hilltop Adventist School in Twin Falls
- + I Have a Dream Foundation
- + Camp Rainbow Gold
- + Boise Veteran Affairs
- + The Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind

Over the course of a year, Swiftsure serves **400 RIDERS**.



And what sometimes gets overlooked ...  
**SWIFTSURE RIDERS**  
**PARTICIPATE FOR FREE.**

# LIVES TRANSFORMED MEET DOUG

"My name is Doug Cameron ... My whole life, I had dreamed of having 40 cows, 40 acres, and a part-time job ... And I had my own cattle. We'd rope 'em and brand 'em every spring.

"I'm 66 now. When I was 64, I was paralyzed. I worked all day, went to bed and woke up paralyzed. That blood clot in my spine was quite a shock ... I spent 105 days in the hospital. I had to get rid of the cows because I couldn't take care of them, and my wife, she couldn't take care of them either. And we needed the money. I was in the ICU when I told them to gather 'em up ... Pretty sad day.

"I rode horses most of my life, and the thought that I had in my mind was that I would never be able to ride again, ever ... When I started, I was somewhat apprehensive ... but once I got here, I didn't have any fear ... The handlers knew what they were doing... I can remember what it felt like the first time ... when the horse walked, I could feel like I was normal, like there was nothing wrong with me.

"It just feels so good! ... When I'm riding, and he's walking out, I just remember the days when I was walking with other people, riding, and I just want that so bad! And I get it!"







# LIVES TRANSFORMED MEET TRAVIS

After a 24-year Army career and three deployments to Iraq, Travis returned to find everything he had cherished as a youngster vanished: his parents divorced, the family cattle ranch sold, horses and livestock gone.

“I was diagnosed with PTSD and multiple traumatic brain injuries ... I had put the chance of ever being who I was as a cowboy into a box deep within the depths of my soul and ... regrettably ... moved on.

“A day at Swiftsure brought me back to who I was as a young man. It was the happiest day I have had ... for many years! I was able to bond not only with the staff, but with Vera and Lucy. Just spending those hours with them completely overflowed the emptiness in my soul ...”

After that first happy day, Travis continued his journey with Swiftsure, riding with our Veterans' program. Through his time on the ranch, Travis found his true passion again: working a ranch, working with the horses and the land and the people there. And in Travis, Swiftsure found a new Ranch Manager. Now, Travis is managing the Swiftsure Ranch with all the care and love that it deserves. The fields are rich with hay, our horses healthy and strong.

And Travis is thriving.



# LIVES TRANSFORMED MEET OWEN

During childbirth, Owen suffered from hypoxia—low levels of oxygen in his tissues. This led to damage of his developing brain and, subsequently, cerebral palsy, a condition that affects a child's ability to control his or her muscles.

Shortly after Owen was born, doctors predicted he might never walk, talk, or feed himself. Despite the difficult diagnosis, Owen's parents immediately pursued physical therapy for their son, including equine-assisted activities at Swiftsure Ranch.



*"Since Owen started at Swiftsure, he has learned to ski and ride a bike and can run alongside his peers. Absolutely no other therapy could've provided him this opportunity."*

— OWEN'S MOM



# WITH YOUR HELP WE WILL CHANGE LIVES

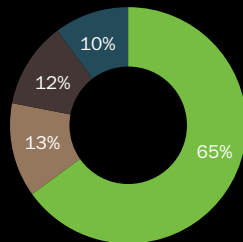
Building trust and self-esteem, developing strength, balance, and spatial awareness, fostering empathy and emotional peace—these are the fruits of Swiftsure Ranch.

To impact lives in such profound ways requires a talented staff, hard work, and significant financial commitment. The annual cost to operate the Swiftsure Ranch and its programs is approximately \$1 million.

Below is a breakdown of the annual income sources and expenses of Swiftsure Ranch.

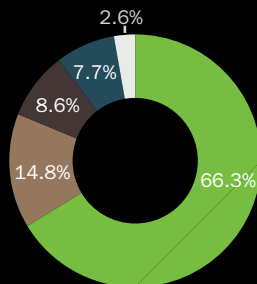
## INCOME

- Individuals & Corporations
- Earned Income
- Restricted Grants
- Foundations



## EXPENSES

- Programs
- Facilities
- Fundraising
- Horses
- Advertising & Marketing



# GENEROSITY TAKES **MANY** FORMS



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Your generosity makes possible the remarkable programs available at Swiftsure Ranch. Our success, our ability to change lives for the better, depends on your help. It depends on a community of giving.

Will you join us?

## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

**Individual and Corporate Gifts**

**Negotiable Securities**

**Donor Advised Funds (DAF)**

DAFs are charitable accounts that allow for donations of cash, publicly traded stocks and other assets.

**Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)**

A QCD allows you to pass up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to qualified charitable organizations and realize tax advantages.

**Swiftsure GEMs (Giving Every Month)**

Make a monthly donation to sustain the mission of Swiftsure Ranch.

**Planned Giving**

Include Swiftsure in your estate plans and provide a family legacy.

**Tribute Gifts**

Contribute to honor someone special in your life.

**Matching Corporate Gifts**

Leverage your company's matching giving program.

**In-Kind Gifts**

**\$100,000**  
Swiftsure Visionaries

**\$50,000**  
Program Partners

**\$25,000**  
Facilities Benefactors

**\$10,000**  
Friends of the Herd

**\$5,000**  
Tack & Trail Donors

**\$1,000**  
Oats & Hay Club





# YOU GIVE. WE SERVE. THEY THRIVE.

We are committed to creating opportunities for our community to thrive. We thank you for joining us on this remarkable and rewarding journey.

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