



2020-2021 Testimonials

From: Elise Johnston-Agar

Subject: Re: A special need you can fill

Date: December 22, 2020 at 10:38:04 AM AST

To: Patricia McGill

I can't say enough good about Hinchinbrook Farm and am sorry that we don't get there more often.

The property has lots of valuable natural and built assets including the pond, zip line and forest walks.

The volunteers are incredible: well-trained, sensitive and supportive to the kids and horses alike.

Special festive days and guest visitors add interest and I was able to take an excellent course on 'Mindful Movement therapy' from an expert in the field. Last but not least, the team is led by Patty, an astute and engaging instructor who can quickly customize lessons to your child.

As much as some of the families can apply for some financial help from Jumpstart or Kidsport, the Farm needs support to continue its most beneficial operations and to boost marketing & promotions to be taken advantage of.

Elise Johnston, parent



From: Barb Corkum

Subject: Re: A special need you can fill

Date: December 25, 2020 at 7:43:50 PM AST

To: Patricia McGill

Dean started going to the farm when he was 4 almost nonverbal with explosives tantrums, and unwilling to interact with other people. I didn't know what to do. Thanks to Hinchinbrook he slowly came out of his shell and started to talk, interact and be a part of a group. It was and is a true god-send that I'm thankful for every day. And to this day Dean and his sister Carter say it's their happy place and get so excited whenever they know we are going.



January 2, 2021

My daughter Skyla (age 6) gains so much from her time at Hinchinbrook. She does riding lessons on Dandy and attends playdates.

Skyla gains much confidence with her time at the farm. She has also made fabulous connections with volunteers. Skyla can release and let the anxiety she holds just go when at the farm. This is one of her happy places. She knows there is no stress, she's not pushed to do something she doesn't want to, she can just be herself.

This past summer we were lucky to take part in one of the sensory camps. Skyla loves to camp so to have camping and the farm combined was awesome. She opened up with volunteers over that weekend like she never did before. Some heard her speak for the first time. It was such a rewarding weekend.

Skyla uses things at the farm to help her confidence, she had a family member make her a zipline harness for her doll. When Skyla started at the farm she would not go near the zip line even if myself and her younger sister did. This past summer she slowly got on at the bottom and inched her way up more and more. Within weeks she had her doll fastened on and was going from the top. She was given



so much learning opportunity to slowly learn and take control.

The kids are in control of what they want to do. Sometimes she might want to just play in the hayloft or have Patty hold the reins and steer her along while other days she's in full control of her horse going through obstacles.

The farm is truly an amazing spot. It has done so much for Skyla. Myself and younger sister attend the playdates with her and it truly is a stress relief for everyone. We all feel so much relief. We can sit back have fun and Mom can have a few minutes to just take it all in when the kids play with the volunteers.

There are not enough words to explain how the farm helps us and how great it is to have something like this available to us. We love Hinchinbrook.

Jacqueline (mom of Skyla Rafuse)



From: H. House

Subject: Hansi

Date: December 19, 2020 at 12:56:45 PM AST

To: hinchinbrookfarm@gmail.com

Hi Patricia ,

I have a statement from Hansi for his time he has spent at your farm.

“Loved learning to brush horses, clean stalls and especially to ride! I would like to go again.”

(Hansi is an adult rider living at assisted living, Bonny Lea Farm.)