

TESTIMONIALS - SUMMER 2021

August 25, 2021

To Hinchinbrook Farm Society Board Members, Volunteers, and staff, I am writing to express my gratitude to all involved in making the Hinchinbrook Farm program continue to function and prosper. I know that from behind the scenes it is hard to imagine how much difference Hinchinbrook can make in the life of one child. When I discovered my grandson was autistic I had no idea what was ahead or how I could or would be able to provide the care that he required. He has quite a few supports in place at this time but Hinchinbrook Farm is the one that has really made a difference in his life. Before Jordan attended the farm he was in front of the TV for most of the day or he remained enclosed on our outdoor deck, where he could watch other children. He is non-verbal and other children are really not eager to play with him. My heart ached for him.

Jordan's first day at the farm changed his whole outlook on life! When we arrive, he now happily gets out of our vehicle, runs off to join others at the farm and is busy the entire time he is there. The night before we attend, I show him pictures from his last trip and he smiles and claps his hands. He plays with the other children there and they have welcomed him without ridicule. To see him riding the horses and accepted by farm staff and other children brings tears to my eyes. Our most recent visit was amazing! We watched our boy laughing with children on the farm's trampoline, throwing water balloons at play and most importantly, we witnessed him being lovingly accepted and welcomed without hesitation. He was exhausted when we left even though he wanted to stay. He loves the farm. He loves the staff and Patty, the owner, has helped me to accept and understand the Farm's philosophy and how Jordan is working to overcome his many sensory challenges. The amount that we are learning is overwhelming. I am so grateful to everyone that has a part in making the Hinchinbrook Farm program continue. I can't begin to imagine what Jordan's life, or ours, would be like without this wonderful influence in our lives. I don't know any of the Board Members but you certainly deserve a pat on the back for what you do. Patti deserves a medal and I will be forever grateful for what she has done and continues to do. God Bless Joan P (Jordan's Great Grandmother)



From: Yvonne T Subject: Thank you

Date: August 24, 2021 at 8:05:03 PM ADT

To: Patty

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who contribute their time and energy to Hinchinbrook Farms. Luke and I sincerely appreciate everything you do to enable this program to continue and be successful. Luke looks forward to his trip to Hinchinbrook Farm every week. He loves the horses, he loves the people and you make that possible for him. Thank you so much from Luke and !!!

Yvonne

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From: Jenny McE.

Date: August 31, 2021 at 10:43:04 AM ADT

To: Patricia McGill

Hi Patty,

Hinchinbrook farm has already made a positive impact on my (7) children. One of my little ones, who is non verbal and very anxious, now comes to the farm with excitement ready to play and connect with the animals and people! I've seen my children face fears and overcome them, with Patty and the volunteers celebrating along with them. Their self-confidence has increased and now they are more willing to try new things. At Hinchinbrook I feel like my family is accepted just as we are and I'm so happy to have found out about them.

Jenny McE. and family

Subject: Testimonial Date: September 6, 2021

To: Patricia McGill <hinchinbrookfarm@gmail.com>

Our daughter has enjoyed a wonderful summer of therapeutic riding at Hinchinbrook Farm. Patty and her team of volunteers take pride in what they do, and they have the compassion and skills necessary to reach children with unique needs and abilities. The changes we have noticed in our daughter are amazing. Her love of the time she has spent with the horses is evident in her smile, improved confidence and desire to keep returning to the farm. The riding program has shown her that she can do big things and overcome her fears when given the opportunity to try something new. She has finally found her special "thing" that she loves to do.

We will be continuing our relationship with Hinchinbrook Farm!

Many thanks,

A very grateful parent $\stackrel{ ext{ }}{\bigcirc}$