



THE RANCHO MILAGRO FOUNDATION



Survivors of domestic or sexual abuse and veterans and first responders struggling with PTSD have a special place to go for gaining coping skills: Rancho Milagro in Scottsdale.

Rancho Milagro is a non-profit, faith-based ministry organized to bring equine coaching and healing to survivors of extreme trauma.



Vanessa Kohnen, Rancho Milagro founder and president, said that because horses are uniquely sensitive creatures, trauma survivors can relate to them. They learn skills that bring trust and healing into their own lives. "A horse's keen sense teaches life skills that are valuable coping tools," said Vanessa.

Rancho Milagro recently participated in the production of "Amber and Grace", a feature film that brings to light the world of sex trafficking and the healing process teen victims experience at Rancho Milagro. In August, the film premiered at a Tempe movie theater, and is also available now to stream any time at GreatAmericanWesterns.com.

"We're excited about the opportunity to share our ranch for this impactful production that mirrors many survivors' stories and helps tell our story," said Vanessa.

If you and/or your business feels a connection to the healing power of horses, here are a few simple and affordable ways you can help Rancho Milagro's cause.

- Support a horse's needs for a month like feed, treats, or fly spray. Donate online at RanchoMilagroAZ.com > Shop.
- Enter the Chili Cookoff Contest – part of their annual fall fundraiser on Nov. 2. Register at RanchoMilagroAZ.com > Events.
- Donate to the Nov. 2 fall fundraiser silent or live auction. Contact MariaElena Rizzo for details: 602-402-6373.
- Attend the fundraiser event on Nov. 2. A suggested tax-deductible donation of \$50 per couple gets you in for an evening of lights, horses, chili tasting, and other fun activities. Purchase tickets at RanchoMilagroAZ.com > Events.

