



# Appreciating the power of the horse to change lives

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Vear Founded: 1969

Mission Statements NARHA changes and enriches lives by promoting excellence in equine assisted activities.

**NARHA Vision Statement:** NARHA is the global authority, resource and advocate for equine assisted activities and therapies and the equines in this work that inspires and enriches the human spirit.

About NARHA: NARHA was formed in 1969 to promote equine assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. With 800 member centers, a total of more than 40,964 children and adults find a sense of independence through involvement with horses. These member centers range from small, one-person programs to large operations with several instructors and therapists. In addition to horseback riding, a center may offer any number of equine assisted activities such as driving, vaulting, trail riding, competition, ground work, or stable management. Through a wide variety of educational resources, the association helps individuals start and maintain successful programs. There are more than 40,000 volunteers, 3,543 instructors, nearly 6,000 equines, and thousands of contributors from all over the world making a difference in people's lives at NARHA centers.

#### 2009 NARHA Statistics

Data valid as of 12/31/09 based on 734 centers reporting statistics

Total Center Members	800	
Not-For-Profit Centers	675	
Accredited Centers	232	

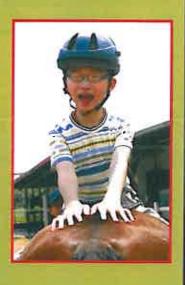
Total Equines	5,810
Horses	4,822
Ponies	631
Minis	249
Donkeys	69
Mules	39

Total Individual Members	6,574
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Total NARHA Certified Instructors	3,543
Certified Driving Instructors	104
Certified Vaulting Instructors	21

Total Number of Employees	2,646		
Total Centers Offering Internships	333		
Total Number of Center Volunteers	40,066		
Total Value* of Volunteer Hours	\$164,567,465		

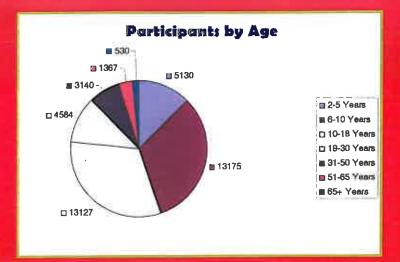
\*The value of volunteer hours is based on the number of volunteers X center reported volunteer time X \$20.85 as stated by independent sector

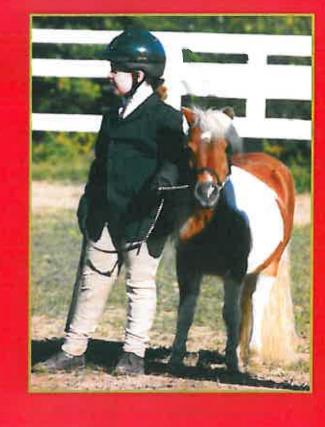




NARHA Centers Offering	g Spec	ialty P	rogra	m\$	
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Hippotherapy	211	188	168	227	184
Equine Facilitated Learning	111	112	110	140	185
Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy	63	60	54	77	83
Driving	39	44	46	54	51
Interactive Vaulting	62	58	45	65	46

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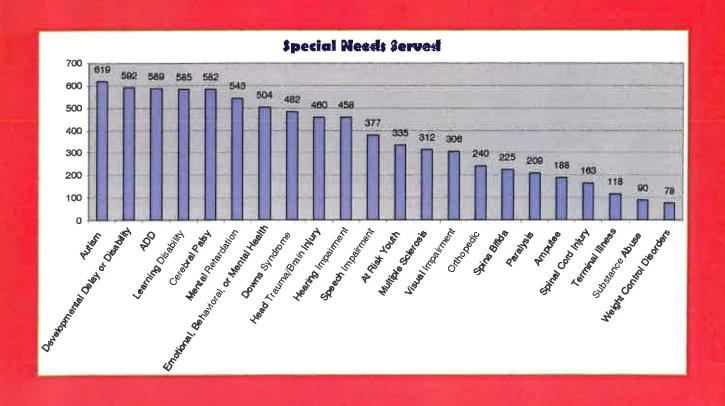




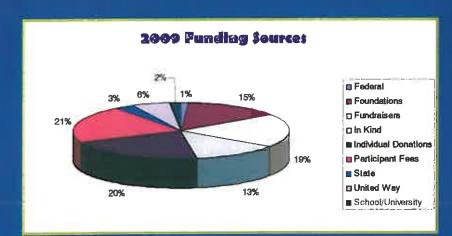
## NARHA Center: Partnering with Community Organization:

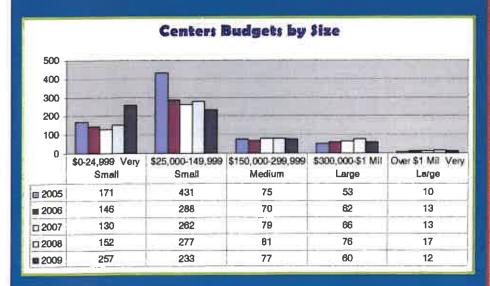
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Schools/Universities	361	290	261	343	266
Rehab Centers	163	128	112	151	152
Group Homes	287	269	277	351	253
Govt Agencies	164	129	143	197	170
Nursing Homes	39	33	30	37	39
Hospice	16	22	21	23	23
Hospital	80	69	72	87	76
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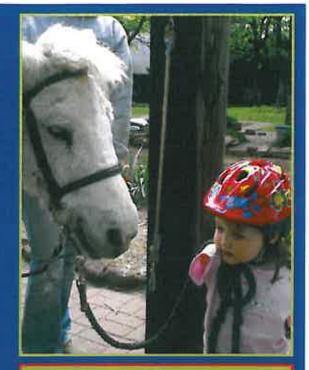
NARHA Centers with participant
walting lists: 294
Individuals on waiting lists: 5,798
Total Number of Participants: 40,964



Total Budget: for al	I NARHA Centers: \$118,408,165
Budgets between:	
\$0-\$999	49
1,000-\$9,999	49
\$10,000-\$19,999	86
\$20,000-\$49,999	138
\$50,000-\$99,999	95
\$100,000-149,999	73
150,000-\$199,999	32
\$200,000-\$499,999	79
\$500,000-\$1 million	25
Over \$1 million	12
Did not report	126







#### **NARNA Core Values**

Access and inclusion-promoting diversity and opportunity in equine assisted activities

Compantion and caring-providing a culture of safety, understanding, and ethical treatment of humans and horses engaged in equine-assisted activities

Cooperation and collaboration—connecting and partnering with those who share the NARHA vision in a mutually beneficial manner

Education-sharing valued knowledge with our constituents to facilitate their success

Excellence-promoting quality in all undertakings

Innovation-encouraging and supporting creativity, inquiry, and cutting-edge research

Integrity and accountability-ensuring that all business is based on ethical principles and conducted with transparency

**Professionalism**—enhancing the value and credibility of the industry

Service—providing effective and responsive information and programs to our constituents

Helistic- promoting an awareness of body, mind and spirit in equine assisted activities and therapies

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### Working Hard for NARHA Members and the EAAT industry

**Instructor Certification.** Three levels of riding instructor certification, two levels of driving certification and one level of interactive vaulting certification ensure that instructors have the skill and knowledge to provide safe and effective services.

**Accreditation:** The NARHA Center Accreditation process encourages member centers to strive for the highest level of safety and proficiency.



National/Regional Conferences: The National NARHA Conference and Annual Meeting are our premier educational opportunities, offering academic sessions, research posters, hands on demonstrations at the Horse Expo and networking opportunities. NARHA Regional Conferences offer a more intimate, local conference experience. These are opportunities for individuals within each region to attend educational seminars and network with others in their geographical region.

Communications: NARHA's Strides quarterly magazine, NARHA News, The Instructor's Voice, The Admin Voice, EFMHA News and other publications provide valuable educational information and updates to the NARHA membership. Additionally, the NARHA website offers an indispensable tool for communication with the NARHA membership and the general public.

# 2009 NARHA Volunteer Committees and Task Forces with Number of Members

Accreditation Committee	
Center Advancement Committee	
Certification Oversight	
Competitive Riding Task Force	
2010 Conference Host Committee Task Force	
Driving Certification Subcommittee	
Education Oversight	
Educational Publications Task Force	
EFMHA Board of Directors	
Equine Advocacy Task Force	
Equine Specialist Certification Subcommittee	
Equine Specialist Curriculum Task Force	
Health and Education Advisory Group	
Horses for Heroes Task Force	
Membership Oversight	
NARHA Board of Trustees	
Programs and Standards Oversight	
Riding Certification Subcommittee	
Vaulting Certification Subcommittee	

#### **Mentor Training**

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NARHA's Mentor Training Workshop is designed to assist Instructors In-Training link with highly qualified NARHA Certified Instructors to fulfill the required twenty-five mentored hours for the certification process. This is accomplished by training current NARHA Certified Instructors about the needs of mentees and responsibilities of being a mentor. This developing mentor list will consist of Certified Instructors across the United States and the world.

**Distance Education:** An important and ever growing component of our website is the distance education program. Three courses, Center Accreditation Training, Instructor Self-Study and Volunteer Training, are currently offered through this program.

NARHA Affiliate Partner Program: This program is designed to create partnerships between NARHA and non-commercial organizations that share NARHA's vision and support NARHA's mission. NARHA was proud to welcome The American Hippotherapy Association, AHA, Inc. as its first nationally recognized Affiliate Partner.