



## Colorado Hunter Jumper Foundation 2018 Annual Report

The Colorado Hunter Jumper Foundation is a 501(C)3 charitable organization which was incorporated in 2010. The foundation offers educational scholarships, supports equine charities, provides achievement opportunities and makes available emergency financial support to individuals and families in the Colorado Hunter-Jumper Community.

2018 was a very successful year for CHJF. In January, a Silent Auction was held in conjunction with the 2017 CHJA Awards Banquet. The auction, coordinated by Franci Martin, netted \$8,054.43 to be used to support CHJF activities.

The first Kris McConnell Award was also presented at the Awards Banquet. The award was established by CHJF to honor a CHJA member who has provided outstanding service to a charitable organization. The award was presented posthumously to Kris, along with a \$1,000.00 donation to The Right Step, a therapeutic riding program that was Kris's passion.

To support the Foundation's goal of providing achievement opportunities, CHJF sponsored the prizes for the CHJA Hunter Challenge winners which were presented at the Awards Banquet.

Sadly CHJF lost its president, Barbara Arkin, in January 2018. Leadership was assumed by Vice President Val Williams. In March 2018, a new CHJF Board and officers were elected:

Val Williams, President  
Rebecca Johnson, Vice President  
Carol O'Meara, Secretary/Treasurer  
Syd Ayers, Board Member  
Karen Bannister, Board Member  
Mark Molther, Board Member  
Kris Nixon, Board Member  
Dan Schiefen, Board Member

Sarah Watson was appointed as the Silent Auction coordinator.

Also in March, CHJF made a \$1,000.00 grant to Rosie's Ranch, where horses inspire children with special needs. In addition, the Foundation donated \$2,500.00 to a longtime Colorado horsewoman who lost her home and all of her belongings in the Kiowa fire.

In June 2018, CHJF was pleased to award \$5,000.00 in scholarships to four CHJA members to assist them in pursuing their college educations. One of these received the inaugural Jim Calareso Scholarship which was established by CHJF in 2017 to honor the passing of Jim, a longtime active member of CHJA and supporter of CHJF.

October 2018 marked the presentation of the first Barbara Arkin Award, established in the memory of the Foundation's late president. This award was presented to the Junior Rider with the highest score on the Horsemanship Challenge Written Test at the CHJA Medal Finals.



## CHJF Financial Summary 2018

### Income:

Silent Auction	9,054.43
Donations	490.00
Bank Interest	12.34

**Total Income**                      **9,556.77**

### Expenses:

Scholarships	4,000.00
Donations	4,500.00
Awards	600.85
Silent Auction	1,000.00
Bank Charges	24.00

**Total Expenses**                      **10,124.85**

Cash Assets as of 12-31-18	17,786.50
Liabilities as of 12-31-18	0.00



## IN THEIR WORDS What Support from CHJF Means

### Mary Stathes, Rosie's Ranch

Rosie's Ranch opened its heart and its front gates to children with special needs in 2011. It was founded by Mary Stathes and her husband Kirk, following Mary's retirement from 40 years of teaching special education in the public school setting. She wanted to pursue her dream of bringing together children and horses to reduce the barriers of social injustice. Rosie's Ranch, a 501(C)3 organization, was formed to provide therapeutic riding and equine assisted learning activities in an inclusive setting.

"An inclusive setting means that children with diagnosed special needs attend our program along with their neighborhood friends *without* special needs," according to Mary. "Both groups learn respect, acceptance and kindness for each other. Our exceptional horses are the catalyst for the development of this friendship. The children's differences fade as they are bound together by the love they share for horses. Everyone learns horsemanship and riding skills, which helps foster stronger community awareness."

Rosie's Ranch offers several programs including day camps, lessons and volunteer opportunities for community programs and student service hours. While Mary has been a member of CHJA for many years, she continues to appreciate all that CHJA – and now the Foundation – have meant to her through the years, especially now with Rosie's Ranch.

"We are very grateful for CHJA's generous support," Mary added. "We used the funds to provide partial and full scholarships to children with special needs. The funds also helped us get hay and feed for our four horses and two very, very special ponies who provide therapeutic riding services without hesitation.

Now as a past hunter jumper rider and current director of Rosie's Ranch, Mary is thankful for the friendly community of riders who often volunteer and donate their gently used tack and riding gear.

"I deeply appreciate CHJA's unique ability to provide support and partnership for all the phases of my life. I'm looking forward to many more years of working together."





## CHJF Awards Foundation Scholarships

The Colorado Hunter Jumper Foundation has awarded its annual scholarships to four very deserving members including Olivia Barden, Claire Aden, Rachel Benson and Lexie Karet.

Olivia will be attending Colorado State University this coming fall with the intention of majoring in Business or History with a minor in Chinese. She earned the \$500 Spirit of Excellence Scholarship in honor of Grace McReynolds, the \$500 Spirit of Excellence Scholarship in honor of Gianna Lantieri and a \$1,000 Category A Scholarship from the Colorado Hunter Jumper Foundation.

Claire will receive a \$1,000 Category B Scholarship from the Colorado Hunter Jumper Foundation. She attends the University of Nebraska at Lincoln where she is studying elementary and special education.

Rachel has been pursuing a degree in law enforcement through Metropolitan State University. As she approaches her final year of school, she is applying to work with police departments including Lakewood, Arvada, Westminster or the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department with her sights set on becoming a K9 officer.

Lexie (shown below) was awarded the inaugural \$1,000 Jim Calareso Scholarship. She is pursuing a degree in English with a minor in Merchandising.

