

February 14, 2025

Dear Friends & Supporters,

This year we're commemorating our organization's 20th anniversary! Please mark your calendars and come celebrate with us: our 6th Annual Farmyard Party is Saturday, October 4th from 4:30- 9:00 PM here at Shepard Meadows.

Now is the time that we solicit event sponsorships for this grand celebration. Available at several levels, sponsorships all come with special visibility and acknowledgement opportunities, including our email blasts, social media, event signage and credits, and seats to the event. As a special offering this year, our "Event Sponsorship" level includes recognition of an annual horse sponsorship. Interested? You even get to pick your horse!

We're busy building on our accomplishments: last year we had over 375 individuals take part in our programming, our team provided over 2,000 hours of programming opportunities, and we had the support of 5,000 hours of volunteer service. Our herd is our most valued resource – uniquely selected and trained for our healing work – and we all continue to expand our programming for mental and emotional wellbeing. Because equine programming revenue represents a third of our actual costs, we rely on donations and contributions to keep our horses happy and healthy.

**Please consider becoming a sponsor for this incredibly special event.** All the information you need is on the attached sponsorship form, but if you have any questions, please contact us at <a href="mailto:info@shepardmeadows.org">info@shepardmeadows.org</a>.

We cannot think of a better way to spend a fall evening than on our farm with live music, auctions, games, a great meal, and refreshments of your choice. Bring your friends and host a table while helping advance our impactful mission!

Thank you for your support and we look forward to celebrating with you on October 4th.

Gratefully,

Shelly Whitlock-Pope, Ed.D.

**Executive Director** 

Linda McLaughlin

Director of Development

Kimberly Rencurrel

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**Event Chair** 

Our vision is to make a difference in the world, one person at a time, through creative, non-traditional, and experiential equineassisted services that are impactful and transformative for the self, family, and larger community. We envision connecting with, challenging and empowering individuals through a holistic lens while bringing mindfulness and joy to all ages.