

Our Mission ...

The mission of Forever Amber Acres Animal Sanctuary ("FAAAS") is to provide safe refuge, purposeful rehabilitation and retirement aftercare for special needs horses and other animals to serve military veterans, children, families and seniors dealing with physical and emotional challenges. While our primary focus is horses, we do not discriminate against any animal or breed. All creatures in our care are treated humanely and with compassion. FAAAS is part of a national ad-hoc anti-slaughter network seeking a positive, permanent impact by advocating for animal welfare and humane treatment of equines and all animals.

Our History



Founded in 2008 by Michele Bolinger, FAAAS operated as a private, self-funded charity prior to obtaining 501(c) (3) status in 2014. We are an all-volunteer organization with 100% of revenue from all sources going directly to our programs, the care of our special needs animals and the maintenance of the facility

they call "home." Since 2015, FAAAS has served constituents through our "Barn Buddies" volunteer program. In spring, 2018, program services were expanded with the launch of an EAGALA Certified (www.eagala.org) Equine Assisted Psychotherapy ("EAP") program for under-served military veterans, families and children in N.E. Ohio. There are organizations that rescue horses and organizations that offer a variety of programs to veterans and others. Forever Amber Acres Animal Sanctuary is unique in that it has combined these two noble missions. We rescue the "throw-away" animals suffering disabilities and neglect. Because they are special needs themselves, rehabilitating them to live with purpose in service to others offers the possibility of reciprocal healing to both human and animal.



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Veteran Equine Therapy Services

VETS

A Forever Amber Acres Program

**"Strengthening the bond
between human and horse
to promote healing."**



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Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP)

Available for individuals, groups, families and company team building.

Here at FAAAS, we utilize the EAGALA (Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association) Treatment Model, a distinctive experiential framework designed to allow our clients to discover, learn and grow by engaging the unique intuitive power of horses to help them identify and practice the changes they want to make.

EAGALA (www.eagala.org) is recognized worldwide as the gold standard for mental health professionals practicing equine-assisted psychotherapy. The EAGALA Model is not therapeutic riding. All work happens on the ground with the horse acting as primary facilitator under the guidance and supervision of a registered, credentialed Mental Health Professional and a certified Equine Professional working together at all times to ensure each client receives the therapeutic attention and guidance to explore, process and solve their specific challenges in a safe, supportive environment. Built on the premise that it is the client who can best determine the life changes they need to make in order to improve their lives, the job of the treatment team is to put the EAGALA Model to work to meet each client's goals. Simply put, horses are treatment partners without an agenda.



Who Can Benefit?

EAP can be Implemented either as an adjunct to conventional therapy or on its own to address:

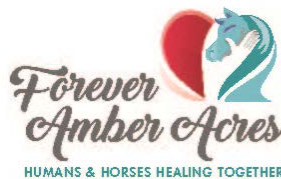
- Behavioral Issues
- Substance Abuse
- Chemical Dependency
- Depression & Anxiety
- ADHD & ADD
- Eating Disorders
- PTSD
- Emotional Disabilities
- Abuse & Neglect Issues
- Relationship Problems
- Parenting
- Anger Management
- Trauma

Programs Utilizing EAP

V.E.T.S (VETERAN EQUINE THERAPY SERVICES)

Our V.E.T.S Program is community-based, client-centered and solution-oriented. It is open to military veterans, families and children for whom conventional therapies alone have not produced satisfactory, sustainable results. The over-arching goal of the V.E.T.S Program is to offer a comprehensive therapeutic experience for those suffering from PTSD and other psychological and physiological disorders. The effects of PTSD on the brain are deeply seeded and extremely complex. Affecting nearly every facet of the mind including emotional, psychological and physical responses, they can rarely be treated separately. When the brain is exposed to consistent trauma as in war and combat, it locks-in the thoughts, fears, images and emotions of that trauma long after combat is over. This is why the action-based, experiential approach of EAP is proving to be so effective in treating post-traumatic stress and related disorders. Acknowledging that the same hyper-vigilant mental state that serves to enhance a soldier's awareness and abilities in war can destroy the returning warrior, our goal is to promote healing and recovery by addressing the cognitive, physical and emotional symptoms of PTSD in the therapeutic process.

Our V.E.T.S Scholarship Fund is available to assist uninsured military veterans and their families by defraying the cost of treatment. For information on available assistance, please email foreveramberacres@gmail.com.



Ways to Give

We are **deeply grateful** for donations of any denomination, and for the dedication of all our hard working volunteers. Please join us in continuing our work by donating your time or treasure.

Four Levels of Sponsorship

Hay Makers	Donate any monthly amount
Gait Keepers	Donate a monthly amount of \$20 or more
The Bridle Party	Donates a monthly amount of \$50 or more
The Winner's Circle	Donates over \$750 annually

FAAAS is a non-profit 501(c)(3). All donations are tax deductible. When you become a sponsor, you'll also gain recognition on our website and social media pages!

Combined Federal Campaign

FAAAS participates in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), an employee-focused philanthropic program that provides federal employees the ability to impact quality of life for all. CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign, with almost 200 CFC campaigns throughout the country and overseas. Pledges made by Federal civilian, postal and military donors during the campaign season support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits worldwide. **Please consider designating Forever Amber Acres Animal Sanctuary through this program. Our CFC Agency code is 90449, and our EIN# is 46-2258065.**



Please visit our website at

www.ForeverAmber.org

or Facebook page to donate your time or treasure.

Our website contains an in-kind "wishlist," which helps us defray costs.



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