

## How can I get involved?

*Majestic Hills starts recruiting volunteers in February each year and it is an on-going process. If you would like to volunteer, or know of a child who could benefit from the program, please contact Vicki Benson at 952.888.6077 or 952.426.5688.*

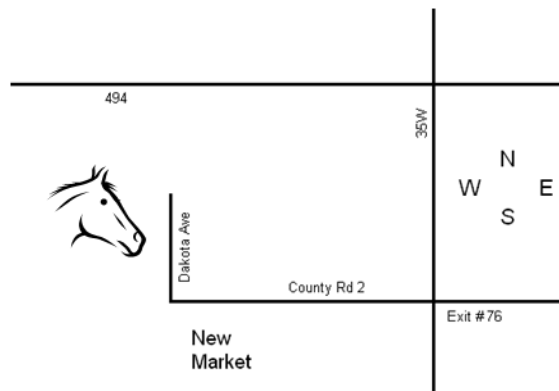
*For more information, please visit our web-site at [www.majestichillsranch.org](http://www.majestichillsranch.org)*

**Donations are always welcome!**



## Directions to Majestic Hills Ranch

- Take I-35 SOUTH past Burnsville and continue on I-35 SOUTH
- Take the New Market/Elko Exit (#76)
- Turn right onto County Road 2
- Continue through New Market
- Turn right onto Dakota Avenue
- Go approximately 1.5 miles. The Ranch is set 1/2 mile off the main road on the left.



### Majestic Hills Ranch

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## Volunteer Opportunities

### “Helping Children Grow”

#### Vision:

To help children with physical and emotional challenges, chronic illness, or symptoms of abuse or neglect, enjoy their lives to the greatest degree possible.



#### Mission:

To provide children with special needs the opportunity to achieve a sense of freedom, accomplishment, and self-esteem while giving their families hope.

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## Tell me about ...

# Majestic Hills Ranch for Children

Majestic Hills Ranch was founded in 1997 and offers a unique, low cost, therapeutic riding program for children with special needs. We serve all children with special needs from the ages of 2 to 18 living in all socio-economic levels in the Minneapolis/St. Paul seven county metro area.

These children are diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, Autism, Down Syndrome, ADHD, ADD, cancer, paraplegia, are developmentally delayed, or face other physical, emotional, or mental challenges.

### A Unique Approach

Majestic Hills Ranch employs a distinct methodology. We adopt abused and mistreated horses or horses that for other reasons may otherwise have to be put down. We give them nourishment, veterinary care, and lots of TLC. Once the horses are healthy, they are put into a training program to assess if they have the right temperament to work with the children. Special needs horses are matched to children with special needs, and together they make miracles happen.



### What is required to volunteer?

Each child can require up to three volunteers to assist them with their therapy session. This means we need 36 volunteers per day or 144 per week. We ask for a four hour commitment from our volunteers whether it is once a week or once a month. The program runs Monday through Thursday from May to October in the evenings and morning sessions are held from June to September. Volunteers new to the ranch are required to complete a 6 hour training session prior to their first shift.

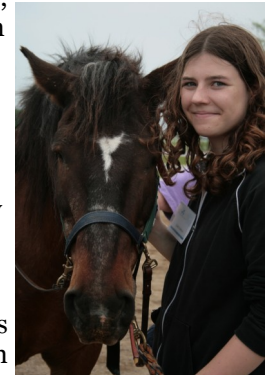
Majestic Hills also needs volunteers to help with events, get the newsletter out and other administrative duties.



### Volunteer Job Description

Volunteers working with the children are either a "Lead" who has more experience with horses and are responsible for leading and controlling the horse during the therapy sessions. In addition, they bring the horses in from the pasture and make sure they are groomed, tacked, and ready for the session. "Sidewalkers" greet the children when they arrive, help them get their helmets, relay instructions from the instructor during the session and assist them with their therapy. For safety they brace them in the saddle when necessary or for the more advanced spot them.

In between sessions volunteers assist with various ranch chores, such as watering and feeding the animals, cleaning stalls, equipment, the office and grounds maintenance. It is a rain or shine job!



*If you are interested in volunteering, or have questions or concerns, please call Vicki Benson at 952.888.6077. You can also visit our website to download a volunteer application in .pdf format at [www.majestichillsranch.org](http://www.majestichillsranch.org).*