



Colorado Hunter Jumper Foundation 2021 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. In spite of the ongoing issues with the Covid-19 Pandemic, 2021 was another successful year for CHJF.

Our traditional Silent Auction in conjunction with the CHJA Awards Banquet could not be held due to the pandemic. However, Sarah Watson created and implemented a Fundraiser for CHJF in conjunction with the Awards Pick Up Event. \$1050.00 was raised for Scholarships. In addition, CHJA donated \$2000.00 for the Spirit of Excellence Award Scholarships. We were very thankful to receive these funds.

The 2021 Kris McConnell Award was presented in January to Mary Stathes for her work with Rosie's Ranch. The award is given to a CHJA member who has provided outstanding service to a charitable organization and includes a cash donation to the organizations. Mary is a Lifetime CHJA Member. She dedicated 40 years to educating children with deafness and helping them listen and speak. She received numerous state-wide and national awards for her work. After her retirement, she and her husband built Rosie's Ranch, a very special equine facility for children. Rosie's Ranch provides an inclusive therapeutic environment where children, with and without special needs, are able to connect with an equine partner and each other. Under the guidance of qualified staff, the children build self-confidence, literacy, and language skills through educational and equine assisted activities. CHJF was pleased to recognize Mary for her work and to make a \$500.00 donation to Rosie's Ranch.



Mary Stathes Receiving Kris McConnell Award

In April, CHJF donated \$5000.00 to assist long time CHJA member Betty Weber. Bini Abbott, another long time CHJA Member, administered the fund on behalf of CHJF. Also in April, CHJF received a very generous \$10,000.00 donation for scholarships from CHJA and a \$25.00 donation from a CHJA member. In May, Gold Crest Sport Horses donated \$1380.00 raised at the Gold Crest Charity Challenge Horse Show. These donations were all greatly appreciated.

Thanks to our donors, we awarded \$16,000.00 in Scholarships in June of 2021. Scholarships were awarded in several categories. Category A scholarships went to students just starting their post-secondary educational programs. Category B scholarships went to students who are continuing their educational programs. Spirit of Excellence Scholarships were given in honor of the 2020 Colorado Hunter Jumper Association (CHJA) Spirit of Excellence Year End Award Winners. The Jim Calareso Memorial Scholarship and the Hammerman Foundation Scholarships were also awarded.

The 2021 Scholarship Recipients were:

Rachel Benson Rachel received a \$2000.00 Category B Scholarship to continue her studies in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology at Metropolitan State University.

Lexie Karet Lexie received a \$2000.00 Category B Scholarship to continue work on her Master of Science Degree in Exercise Science and Nutrition at Concordia University Chicago.

Isabella Lombardo Bella received a \$2000.00 Category B Scholarship to continue her studies at Virginia Tech where she majors in Biology and minors in Business.

Lucy Metzler Lucy received a \$1000.00 CHJA Spirit of Excellence Scholarship and a \$1000.00 Category A Scholarship to pursue her studies at University of Lynchburg where she will major in Bio medical Science.

Halley Moak Halley received a \$2000.00 Hammerman Foundation Scholarship which she will use to begin a program in Equestrian Studies at Midway University.

Ailey Pittman Ailey received a \$1000.00 Spirit of Excellence Scholarship and a \$1000.00 Hammerman Foundation Scholarship to study Evolutionary Biology and Ecology at University of Colorado Boulder.

Ellie Schell Ellie received a \$2000.00 Category B Scholarship to continue her studies at West Texas A and M University where she majors in Equine Industry and Business.

Karley Winder Karley received the \$2000.00 Jim Calareso Memorial Scholarship. She studies at Arapahoe Community College and will bridge to University of Denver to major in Finance.

In October, CHJF Sponsored the Barb Arkin Award at the CHJA Medal Finals. The award is given to the Junior with the highest score on the Horsemanship Challenge written test. The \$500.00 Award went to Sophie Dupont.

In November, we received \$448.00 donated by Gold Crest Sport Horses. December brought a \$3000.00 donation from the Hammerman Foundation to be used for 2022 Scholarship. We were grateful for these donations to help us fund our work in 2022.

CHJF Officers and Board Members for 2021 were:

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

CHJF 2021 Financial Summary

Income:

January Fundraiser	1050.00
Donations Received	16853.00
Bank Interest	1.14
Total Income	17,904.14

Expenses:

Scholarships	16,000.00
Donations Made	5,500.00
Awards	500.00
Bank Charges	72.00
Miscellaneous	112.20
Total Expenses	22184.20