

Colorado Hunter Jumper Foundation 2025 Achievements and Community Impact Report

As we look back on the activities of the Colorado Hunter Jumper Foundation (CHJF) for 2025, we are proud of our success in achieving our purposes of providing educational scholarships, supporting equine charities, providing emergency financial assistance and providing achievement opportunities to the Colorado Hunter Jumper Community.

Success in accomplishing our purposes starts with fundraising. In January of 2025, we held our annual Silent Auction at the Colorado Hunter Jumper Association (CHJA) Banquet. With Sarah Watson at the helm, we raised \$5900.00 thanks to the CHJA members, families and guests who supported the auction. To support the 2025 Spirit of Excellence Scholarships, we received a generous donation from CHJA of \$4000.00. Jenny Alsberg and Gold Crest Sport Horses once again made us the beneficiary of two horse shows, resulting in donations of \$3520.00. Rebecca Johnson at In Stride Inc. gave us \$300.00. The Hammerman Foundation was our top 2025 donor, bestowing \$8000.00 to be used for 2026 Scholarships! None of the work of CHJF would happen without the generous support of our donors and they are all greatly appreciated.

Educational Scholarships are one of the most visible purposes of CHJF. For 2025, scholarships were awarded to several deserving CHJA Members:

Hailey Buzzard received \$2500.00 to study Animal Science/Pre-Vet at CSU.

Lauren Caldwell received \$2000.00 to continue her study of Environmental Science

Amelia Parsons received \$2500.00 to study Equine Management and Training at Delaware Valley University.

Lainey Tuttle received \$2000.00 to complete her degrees in Biology and Spanish at Colorado Mesa University.

Hailey Moak received \$1000.00 to work on her MBA at Midway University.

We were pleased to support these outstanding students and look forward to receiving applications for the 2026 Scholarship Program.

Providing Emergency Financial Assistance is another important part of the work of CHJF, and we appreciate members of the Hunter-Jumper community who inform us about those in need. In 2025, we were able to provide financial assistance to two community members with medical issues.

Supporting equine charities and providing opportunities for achievement are the two other purposes of CHJF. The 2024 Kris McConnell Award, given to a CHJA member for outstanding service to a charitable organization, allowed us to do both. Presented at the CHJA Banquet in January 2025, the award went to the very deserving Bini Abbott for her many years of work at Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue (RMHR). A contribution in honor of Bini was made to RMHR as part of that award. The 2025 Barbara Arkin Award, given to the Junior CHJA member with the highest score on the Horsemanship Challenge written test at CHJA Medal Finals, was won by Isabelle Mendoza. Barb was a former member of the CHJF Board, and the award was established in her honor to encourage horsemanship among the junior members of the hunter jumper community.

As we close our 2025 Annual Report, we offer special acknowledgement to Sarah Watson, who served as our Silent Auction Chair from 2019-2025. Thanks so much to Sarah for all of her work!

CHJF is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The 2025 Board was:
Valerie Williams, President
Rebecca Johnson, VP
Carol OMeara, Secretary-Treasurer
Sydney Ayers, Board Member
Kris Nixon, Board Member

2025 Financial Summary:
Assets as of December 31, 2025: \$32,701.02
2025 Income : 21,726.04
2025 Expenses: 12,795.08

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