The Magic Horse Therapeutic Riding Center

News Update

We've moved! It took three weeks of moving stuff and several weeks before that preparing the new site, but we've done it!!

The program is now located at: 15665 El Monte Road, Lakeside, CA 92040 at Mountain View Ranch

Our mailing address is the same as it was: 13642 Vecinio Del Este Place, Lakeside, CA 92040

Mountain View Ranch is a beautiful site against the hills framing the San Diego river bed. El Monte County Park and some Designated Open Space are two neighbors allowing a sense of expansiveness, as well as closeness to nature. Shelly and Jason Thompson, and their family, welcomed The Magic Horse to their ranch and graciously allowed us to create our own arena and bring all of our "stuff". Now The Magic Horse has a new home. The other boarders at the ranch have all been so welcoming; it's great to have them as new friends. Their beautiful horses are fun to see when our students take a trail ride around the property.

So many people rallied to help and made the move faster and simpler that it would have been without them! ***I appreciate their hard work more than they could know!***

Here are some "before and after" shots:

First, the trees had to be trimmed.

The trees had been burned in the fire of 2003 and had grown back bushy with multiple trunks, leaving lots of dead branches and trunks.

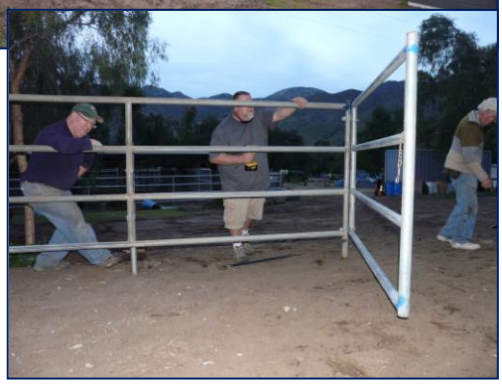
We removed over 4 trailer loads of trimmings and over 1 whole load of fire wood cut from the dead trunks damaged by the fire.

We rented a bull dozer and Heather's dad, Ron Rideout, spent a weekend leveling an area for our own lesson arena. It's right behind the barn the horses are in, close to the tack room, cross ties, and parking for the program.

Then everything from the old site had to be taken down, loaded up, hauled, unloaded, and placed at the new site.

Corral panels, roofs, rubber mats, tack room & storage containers, travel trailer, mounting blocks & ramps, barrels & poles, truck & horse trailer, refrigerator & countertop, salt blocks & barrel feeders, bird feeder, wood & good junk, hoses & hay... Did I forget anything? *The Horses!*

I think it was 3 loads of pipe corral panels Jeff moved on this trailer, loaded with the help of Mark Fortie's tractor, and many backs and hands.



With everything moved (including the horses), and our extra stuff neatly stored at the new site, our new arena could be set up.

In between and in the midst of rain we all worked *really* hard and fast to get *sooo* much work done, and done well! **Thank you to everyone who helped!**

My family: Larry Pawl; Bob & Elizabeth How; John & Diane How; Pat Dineen & his trailer.

My regular volunteers and their significant partners: Marian & Larry Happ, their trailer, and brother-in-law Steve; Sheila & David Bird; Cindy Hallet; Michelle Brady; Cindy Ornelas; Heather Rideout; Connie Noble; Caitlin Halsey.

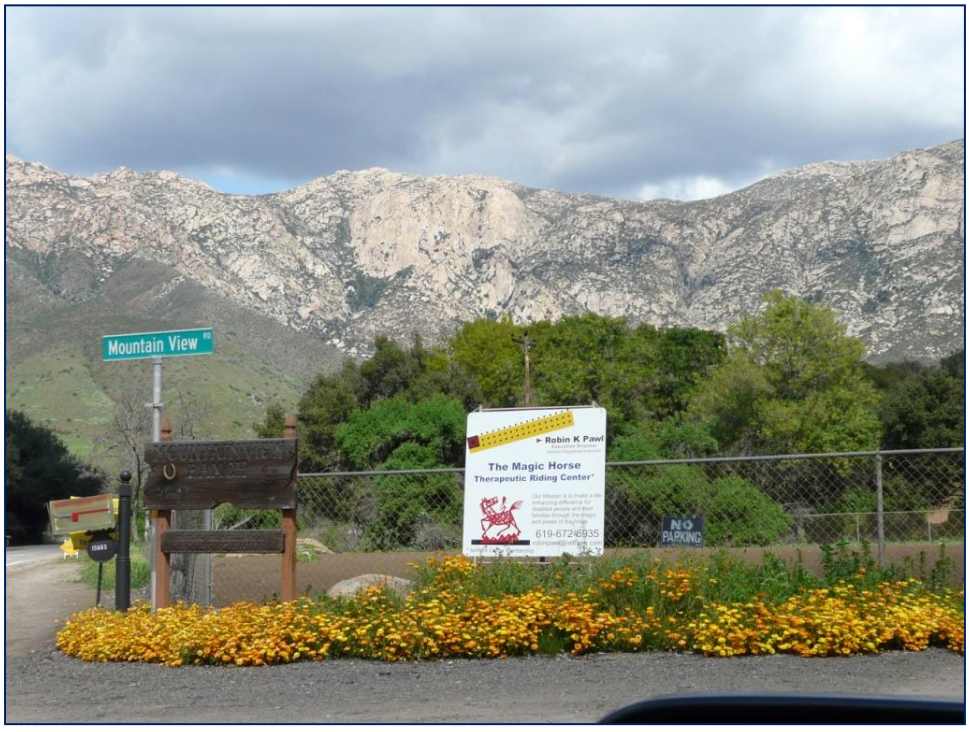
The Mount Helix Toastmasters: Bob Decker; Scott Anderson, his son Hunter and two nephews; Ruben Gonzales; Montie Montiel; Scott Montgomery; Doug Rumer; Lahib Romaya; Hanu Miconen & his relative from Finland; Joe Alonzo.

Other people who helped: Lauren Wagoner with his chainsaw skills; Mark & Vickie Fortie with their tractor & trailer; Jeff Schraeder, his daughter Lauren & a long trailer; Ron Rideout with his bull dozer skills & his helper Fidel; LJR "Larry" & his buddy and truck to move the containers; Jason & Shelly Thompson, their trailer, suggestions, and willingness to let The Magic Horse move in.

Inadvertently I may have left some one's name out. I apologize. Know in your hearts you are all appreciated and have helped make a huge difference for The Magic Horse and our riders.

TaDahh!!

We're here in our new home!



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