Freedom Ride



A Heros Circle to Freedom

## How Can We Help Them Continue to Help Our Heros and Their Families

- 1. Just what does Freedom Ride do you ask? Freedom ride is an organization which provides equine therapy for Veterans and families.
- 2. They support returning Verterans and provide mental healing to them in the formation of the relationship between the horse and the Veteran who suffer from PTSD or other challenges they might have while integrating back into society.
- 3. They provide emotional support to children who are special needs ranging from a variety of issues such as downs syndrome or Autism.
- 4. They also function as a rescue of sorts for horses which come to them with their own set of issues.

This is not all that they provide through their integrated riding and emotional healing programs. Freedom ride faces a large overhead due to being forced to move to new facilities a few years ago. They try to provide free services to veterans with no charge to them. However, may soon without your support be forced to begin charging due to the desperate need to grow. Currently they are providing therapy to over 500 Veterans per year. We have recently received some information of some of the needs that they currently have.

- 1. A New Arena and or paddocks.
- 2. A new 8 Stall Barn to house new horses as many have gotten older and have transitioned to the therapy side from the riding program.
- 3. New horses to replace those who have aged out.
- 4. A new fire Hydrant to supply water to the new sprinkler system that the County now requires in all barns.
- 5. A new 60-foot Turn around for the Counties largest Firetruck to be able to access the barns and property.
- 6. Financing to continue to pay off their 1.3-million-dollar mortgage. Which will allow someone who takes part in this to be a part of the Freedom ride name.
- 7. Funding to help cover the cost of Veterinary cost, feed, medications, Farrier cost to keep their hooves healthy and shoed.
- 8. Fundraising opportunities in the community to help them cover the cost of operational overhead.
- 9. AND VOLUNTEERS!! Which we know we are the best at providing.