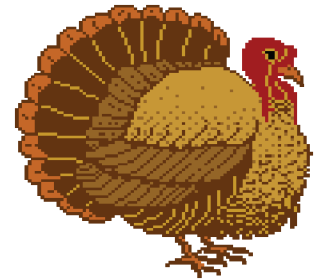




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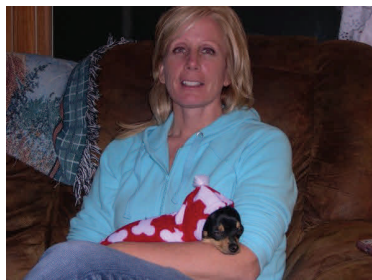
## A Message From Connie

Hello all,

As I bid a fond farewell to CMHR I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has a hand in making this rescue the success that it is. The wonderful board of directors, fosters, adopters, donators, and volunteers. It is because of all of you that CMHR is able to help so many horses in need. I joined CMHR back in November of 07 and have fostered several horses myself. What great satisfaction to help a little one in need. It wasn't long after that when I was voted onto the board in a director at large position and was then voted in as President a short while later. I hope I have brought some positive changes to the rescue and pray that someone will step in where I left off to help many more miniature horses in need. I must move on and focus on family and business. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to make a difference.

Warm Regards,

Connie Parr



Lyon!

## ADOPTION FAIR

Thank you once more to Heather Trouglauer, owner of [www.marestore.com](http://www.marestore.com) for hosting our Adoption Fair for us.

Unfortunately, it was not as successful as we had hoped however, we did get one

horse adopted as a result of the fair.

Lyon was adopted at the Fair by Jody from Indiana. Jody is actually a "repeat offender" (LOL) as she adopted Cherry from us this summer. We are so



very happy that Lyon now has found his forever home. Thank you so much Jody and best of luck to you all. Lyon will be home for Thanksgiving.



## 2011 Mission of Thanks



For the past several years, a very special lady named Carolyn Pope has run a very special fundraiser for CMHR during the month of November. The fundraiser is held on [www.lilbeginnings.com](http://www.lilbeginnings.com) courtesy of Mary Lou Mceachern, owner of LB. Please jump in there right now as it is in progress as we speak.

Carolyn works very hard on this for us, asking for donations, issuing challenges, offering up prizes, all in efforts to bring in badly needed funds for

CMHR. Doing something of this magnitude is very time consuming, but it is something Carolyn feels she has to do every year for us.

As a result, the 2011 Mission of Thanks brings CMHR the bulk of our treasury.

Carolyn also adopted a horse from CMHR a few years ago that is very hard for anyone to forget. A tiny filly we named Little Miss Tennessee, was probably

the most tragic and horrific case CMHR had ever seen. The minute Carolyn saw Miss Tennessee she filed her adoption papers that very same day and live happily ever after together.

How do you thank someone that does so much? All we can say to you Carolyn is that you are very deeply treasured. Because of your efforts year after year, a lot of little horses live and thrive today. CMHR GIVES YOU THANKS.

## Transportation Issues



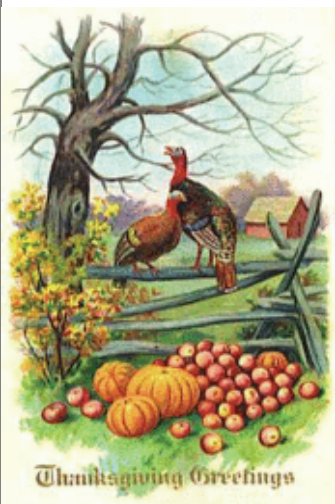
Part of your donations are used for transportation to pick up our rescue horses and bring them to a foster home. We used to have a pretty good deal with a transport company who would go the extra mile for us (literally) and give us a valuable discount, however they have gone out of business. Now we shop around for the best bang for the buck and that has been very difficult. We not only need the least expensive ride for our horses,

but we also need the best care for them along the way. Timing is also an issue as we do not want to have to wait weeks to pick up a horse in dire straits. It would be great if anyone out there would like to offer hauling our rescue horses for us. CMHR does pay gas and mileage in accordance with our 501C3. Please by all means if you have a safe truck and trailer, let us know if you would like to haul horses for

us from time to time.

Also:

We have been telling everyone who wishes to adopt a horse from us that we have an anonymous benefactor that will pay \$100.00 of that transportation fee, so please take advantage of that when considering adopting a CMHR horse.



## Giving Thanks To Our Foster Homes

Our thankfulness for our foster homes comes from the heart. CMHR cannot run without them as foster homes are the lifeline to our program.

Our foster homes go above and beyond for our horses. They administer the best of care to them every day. Once they are physically ready to learn new things. Sometimes it's a matter of teaching manners, general training and socialization, and of

course we love those beauty makeovers. Some of the horses have been trained to lunge, do tricks and drive in our foster homes which of course makes them appealing to potential adoptors. All this takes time which our foster homes do so beautifully.

We are always on the lookout for new foster homes because they are few and far in between. CMHR could take in more res-

cue horses if we can expand our number of homes. Please contact us if you would find it in your heart to offer your services as a foster care giver.

Our foster homes have worked wonders with horses that otherwise wouldn't have stood a chance for a new life.

CMHR gives much thanks and appreciation to our Foster Care givers.



## Giving Thanks to Everyone!

We are so thankful for every donation that comes into CMHR.

We are grateful for those that have offered assistance to us in a pinch when we needed it.

There have been times when we needed a ride and a foster home for a horse super fast and people came through for us in a heart-beat.

For those we can call out at the drop of a hat who will step forward and lend a hand, you are wonderful. You know who you are and for that, we do thank you over and over again.

But its not always a matter of people who give money or time. There are those who simply cannot spare a dime or offer physical assistance which we certainly understand. We are thankful to those who morally support us and our efforts to help the little horses. Its so great to hear that people do stand behind us and give us a little encouragement. For that we thank you!



By Marty Garrison

## Thanksgiving Editorial: Thanking Connie

Since Connie became President of CMHR, she implicated new programs, (including this newsletter) fundraisers, policies, and basically turned CMHR inside out. Her goal was to make CMHR a horse rescue that would run smoothly and efficiently while saving as many horses as possible. It was evident that big changes would be made and it is fair to say that heads rolled, but in a good way. Some of the changes included were that no Board member would act on their own without the approval of the entire Board. If it were an emergency a 911 Board meeting would be called. CMHR would not adopt to one horse homes was another example of change and the list continued. New forms were made and old ones adjusted so there would be a paper trail on all horses in present rescue including written veterinary statements. No horse could be accepted into CMHR or adopted without every single thing on the forms being filled out, no blank places accepted. No horses could move anywhere without proper documentation, "before" pictures were a must have, and farm visits would be made whenever possible. Connie herself traveled hundreds of miles to check on some of our horses and meet our foster care givers and her Board members in person, on her own dime of course. She watched the treasury and insisted that every penny be accounted for. Money was not to be spent for anything without a vote from the Board of Directors; right down to the paper and ink required to print out our miles of forms. Connie also called for the very first audit ever in CMHR history this year. All Board members would be working members who had to produce and contribute if they wanted to keep their seat on the Board.

Connie implicated networking with other rescues and helping wherever we could. While many other horse rescues had gone under for one reason or another, there were times when CMHR actually rescued horses from rescues. In times of seizures involving large herds of horses, CMHR was always there on the sidelines offering assistance to authorities. On any given day, Connie's email sported over one hundred emails which she answered herself or delegated out to various Board Members to respond to, and wanted no email or call for help to get lost in the shuffle or go without response. As you can imagine, holding any office with CMHR is very time consuming if you want things done right.

Somehow, Connie managed to find that balance between thinking with her heart and her head which is very hard for anyone to do when running a rescue. When Connie's husband recently started a new company that required a lot of her attention, she knew she couldn't short change CMHR to work in the business. Besides having her own herd to care for and needing family time, unfortunately for CMHR, she sadly resigns her post as of December 1, 2011. Connie will be a hard act to follow but she left us behind with the tools to succeed.

With deepest appreciation and warmest hugs, Thank You Connie. Your Board of Directors will miss you.



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## HORSES FOR ADOPTION

As this publication goes to press, Shannon is very busy updating our website. Sadly, as usual, we have far too many horses available for adoption. We would love it if just one person could bring a horse home for Christmas. Thanksgiving would be even better!

We have found that it is best when someone inquires about a certain horse, to put them in direct contact with the foster care giver. No one knows their foster horses better than those who take care of them every day. They can give you all the details you need. So please, inquire to any Board member and your letter will be directed to the appropriate person.



Please patronize the CMHR Sales Barn this Christmas. Every purchase made at the Sales Barn will help a CMHR horse in need.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL FROM CMHR!**

**WWW.CHANCESMINIHORSERESCUE.ORG**

