

CIRCLE F ANNUAL REPORT 2019



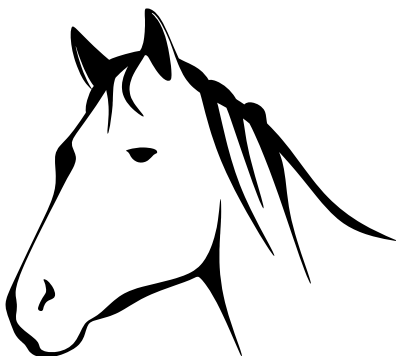
A YEAR IN TRANSITION

This year saw many challenges and many changes at Circle F, but it was also the year of a new beginning for us. The challenges included very nearly having to close our barn to needy horses due to a crisis in our finances, which in turn, precipitated having to operate without a Barn Manager for the first time since Circle F's inception. We also struggled with the vagaries of social media and how an organization's reputation can be affected in almost the blink of an eye if social media accounts are not carefully managed. These various challenges, however, along with our dedicated members, volunteers, and donors, also offered the Circle F Board of Directors the opportunity to make important operational changes, preparing the way for a new decade and a renewed focus on our original mission of helping horses in need.



MISSION AND VISION

To take in abused, neglected and unwanted horses. To support owners through horse ownership, and to educate our community on Horse Welfare.



Surrendered 6

Adopted 6

Humanely Euthanized 2

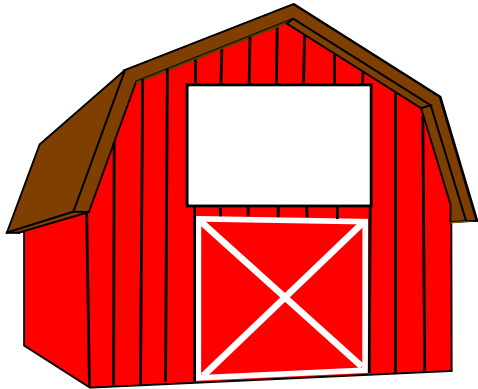


IMPACT



18,048

Hours Volunteered



1

Barn



47

Volunteers & Members

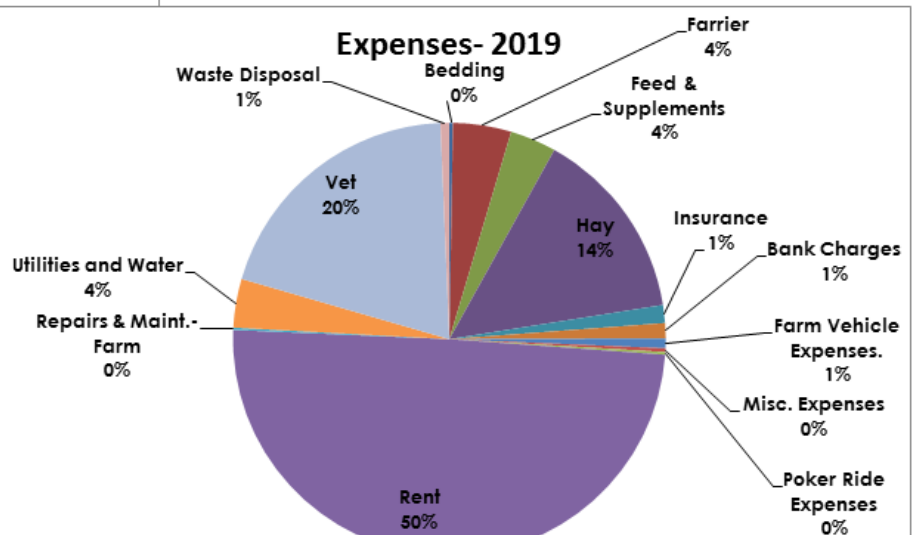
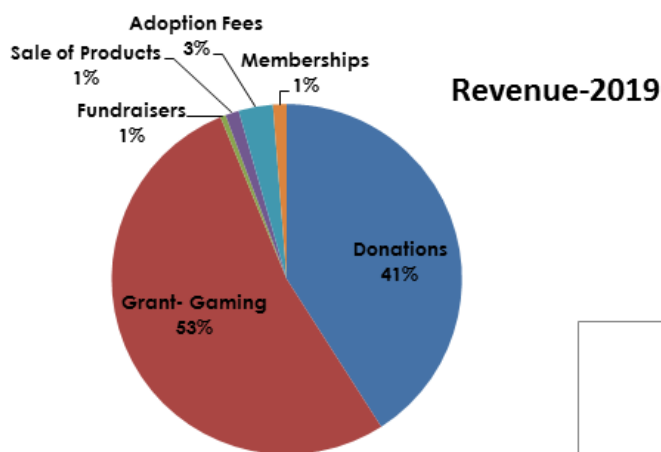


1.7K

Social Media Followers

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

In 2019, Circle F was in trouble - on the verge of being forced to declare bankruptcy. Using the last of Circle F's "emergency fund," we were able to repay outstanding debt of approximately \$8,100, but with all our reserves used up, our Treasurer went to work searching out, applying for, and securing grants and donations. It was through the sheer determination of the board that Circle F survived, but the labour paid off with the repair and revitalization of numerous relationships with other equine and animal rescues, donors, and philanthropic organizations. The most important development - one which made the difference in our society being able to carry on - was decision of our Treasurer to apply for a Gaming Grant from the Province of British Columbia. Thanks to Celina Battye's hard work, Circle F was successful in its gaming grant application for the first time in several years. This was a huge win for Circle F and allowed the Board to suspend the looming closure of the rescue. Thanks to the help of a few unwavering members, donors, and Board Members, Circle F stayed afloat until the good news of the successful gaming grant was received in late November. There were many tear-filled eyes, sighs of relief, and congratulations as all who had worked so hard to ensure Circle F would not be forced to close its doors celebrated the good news.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Brian Teed

Vice-President: Elena Battye

Secretary: VACANT

Treasurer: Celina Battye

Directors:

Shelagh Niblock

Heather Marsh

Gail Collinson

Thank You!

We graciously thank all our Circle F donors, members, and volunteers over this past year, as without their donations, dedication, and support, Circle F would not still be working to find horses their forever homes.

