



January Volunteer of the Month

Hello everyone! We are excited to tell you about a new program we're implementing this year! We have so many wonderful volunteers that our Volunteer Appreciation Committee has decided to choose a Volunteer of the Month! Someone that goes above and beyond to help Free Rein. Our choice for January is the Dynamic Duo, Greg and Judy McCathern! After a full day working at their real jobs, they faithfully come to the barn to feed, groom, muck stalls, fill hay bags, turn the horses out to pasture and whatever else needs to be done, no matter the weather. Even when they have a day off from work during the week, whether it's their scheduled day or a Holiday, they are always helping at the barn! They help unload hay bales every time we have a delivery. They helped the Instructors empty out the Arena on several Friday evenings after lessons were over. Greg is also a Horse Leader now for Samuel, who bonded with Greg while doing barn chores together. He also does maintenance on the Mule, the one with 4 tires not 4 legs, and he helps haul horses when they need to be moved. Judy helps in the office on Fridays, her day off, and even helped move furniture around to give us a great new look! She hand cut every Logo for the Heroes Program and ironed them on all of the saddle pads. She also helped Brittany make the new Sponsor Boards that hang on the Arena wall. And recently, she was bringing the horses in from the pasture with a flashlight at 10:00 at night in the pouring rain when the weather changed suddenly and the temperature dropped! Now that's what I call above and beyond! As you can see, Greg and Judy are well deserving of our first Volunteer of the Month Award! Thank you both for your dedication and for continuing to be an incredible example of giving your time and talents to Free Rein! We are so grateful for you both!