

# FUNDING APPLICATION

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Organization Information

<b>Legal Name:</b> Shiloh Farms Home of Rise Rehabilitation DBA Rise Therapeutic Equestrian Center	<b>Federal Tax ID#:</b> 81-3032303	<b>501(c)(3) Public Charity</b> 509 (a)(1)
<b>Address:</b> 23165 Bat Cave Road	<b>City:</b> San Antonio	<b>State:</b> Texas
		<b>Zip Code:</b> 78266
<b>Website:</b> riserehab.org	<b>Fax:</b> (210) 268-4558	<b>United Way Funded:</b> No

**Fiscal Year:**  
January 01 to December 31

### Head Of Organization

<b>Name:</b> Karen Fergason	<b>Title:</b> Interim Executive Director and Clinical Director
<b>E-Mail Address:</b> karen@riserehab.org	<b>Phone:</b> (210) 268-4558

### Application Contact

<b>Name:</b> Heidi Schmidt	<b>Title:</b> Development Director	<b>E-Mail Address:</b> heidi@riserehab.org	<b>Phone:</b> (414) 587-0650
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**Has the organization applied to the Najim Charitable Foundation in the past and been declined?**  
No

<b>Grant Amount Requested \$:</b>	<b>Total Project Budget \$:</b>	<b>Organization's Annual budget \$:</b>
\$10,000	\$13,000	\$101,621

**Mission Statement:**  
Reaching Inside Souls using Equines, helping individuals with physical, cognitive, or emotional needs meet personal goals.

## PROJECT INFORMATION

**Program / Project Title:**  
Tractor

### PROJECT TIMELINE

<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
04/30/2021	

**Harvey E. Najim Charitable Foundation Priorities:**  
Disabilities/Special Needs

**Program / Project Description:**

In the five years since its founding, RISE Therapeutic Equestrian Center has transformed the lives of children in our community with special needs. RISE is a nonprofit organization that exists to "Reach Inside Souls using Equines". Our mission is to provide equine assisted activities and therapies for individuals with cognitive, physical, or emotional challenges in order to help them meet personal goals, maximize activities of daily living, and improve overall function while experiencing the joy of horsemanship. RISE currently serves approximately 45 clients a week, year round, divided between two different programs. Our adaptive riding program, through the Equestrian Center, focuses on life skills through riding lessons and horsemanship. Our outpatient therapy clinic, RISE Rehabilitation, incorporates equine movement, also known as hippotherapy, into a comprehensive treatment plan which uses purposeful manipulation of equine movement to engage sensory, neuromotor, and cognitive systems to achieve functional outcomes.

A priority need for RISE Therapeutic Equestrian Center is funding for a tractor. Our horses are the foundation of our programs and need optimal conditions of our grounds and arena. They pull together our team of caring and dedicated volunteers and professionals that offer their time and expertise to help reach inside the souls of our riders. A tractor would allow our staff and volunteers to remove manure from our horse paddocks and arena in an efficient and responsible manner, giving our horses a clean and safe environment to both live and work. We would also be able to turn the manure, allowing for the composting process, and use said compost to improve areas on our grounds. A tractor would also allow us to remove excess manure from the property as needed and requested. We have had many requests from our community for manure for composting. A tractor would give us the opportunity to load excess manure into community member's vehicles. Finally, we would use the tractor for arena maintenance. The tractor would be used to grade the special arena dirt to keep it even and to keep it from hardening.

RISE Therapeutic Equestrian Center is respectfully requesting your consideration of a grant of \$10,000 from The Najim Charitable Foundation to fund a tractor. This would practically support our adaptive riding program and therapy clinic that make such a meaningful difference in the lives of the children we serve. A contribution from your foundation will ensure our horses' living and working areas are well-maintained, allowing our horses to continue to provide riding sessions to our riders.

The movement of a horse provides three dimensional input to the rider's pelvis that replicates the movement of our walking. Thirty minutes of equine movement is equivalent to 2,500 steps of normal walking for a child with special needs. This is not only enjoyable and life changing for the child, but it is also a highly effective method of providing modulated sensory input to the brain.

We confidently believe our programs are consistent with the mission of The Najim Charitable Foundation. We hope you will find it in your hearts and budget to support our programs.

#### **Evaluation Plan:**

- By using a tractor, we will see an expedited, efficient, and effective method of ground maintenance while being able to provide the community with compost.
- We will decrease the amount of labor needed by staff and volunteers regarding manure removal by 50%.
- We will achieve optimal, clean living and working environments for all of our horses which will allow them to consistently provide riding sessions to our clients in more space. All trail ride areas that are currently filled with manure will be removed or properly composted.

#### **Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:**

Our tractor will be used daily. The tractor will also receive daily routine maintenance, followed by the maintenance schedule recommended by the manufacturer. Most manufacturers provide a schedule of maintenance by hours of use, followed by annual maintenance. Only trained, experienced staff will operator the tractor on the property in order to ensure safety and proper use.

#### **Children Impacted:**

**How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?**

37

**How many unduplicated children will NCF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?**

37

Please provide the percentage of each group below that will be served by the project in which funds are being requested. Do not leave any area blank. If that specific group will not be served, include zero. The percentage should total 100%.

A. Population Served Age		B. Population Served Ethnicity	
Infants (0-5)	24%	African American	0%
Children (6-13)	68%	Asian American	0%
Young Adults (14-18)	8%	Caucasian	0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>100%</b>	Hispanic/Latino	0%
		Native American	0%
		Other and Define	100%
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>100%</b>

**City Council District for Which Children are Being Served:**

District10, Outside San Antonio

**Counties applicant is in:**

Atascosa, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall

**Line item Budget:**

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Funds Allocation
Fund Drive	\$13,000	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

**OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES**

**For Project being Requested: Funding sources and amounts, pending and committed.**

**PROJECT - PENDING**

Funder Name	Amount Requested
ONLINE DONATION FUNDRAISER	\$3,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>

**PROJECT - COMMITTED**

Funder Name	Amount Requested
NONE	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Other funding sources and amounts, pending and committed not specific to this request.**

**ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - PENDING**

Funder Name	Amount Requested
NONE	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED**

Funder Name	Amount Requested
NONE	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**What percentage of your board contributes financially to the organization?**

100%

**If Board giving is not at 100%, please explain why?**

100% of the Board has contributed financially up until COVID-19 with active participation in our regular fundraisers. We had a board turn-over in 2020 and have not been able to formally fundraise due to COVID-19.

**How are board members expected to participate in your organization?**

Board members are expected to participate with monthly involvement and input to board meetings. Their input is in the areas pertinent to their skills or expertise are critical to our board meetings.

**LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS**

<b>Name &amp; Office Held</b>	<b>Corporate Affiliation</b>
Karen Fergason Interim Executive Director and Clinical Director	Brain Based Rehab
John Fergason President	Brooks Army Medical Center-Center for the Intrepid
Dixie Burner Veterinarian Advisor	Bluegrass Equine Emergency Services
Nathaniel Morris Financial Advisor	Financial Life Advisors
Jeremy Schmidt Medical Advisor	Northeast Endocrinology and Associates

**Signature**

Karen Fergason