

☀ Welcoming New Faces at the Ranch ☀

Hey, seasoned ranch hands! Look for our new volunteers and prospective members as they come help out with the rescues!



Janice Chapman and Mary Gainor →

My name is Mary Gainor. I believe in the rescue of animals and am looking for a volunteer opportunity that involves horse rescue. I have helped out at the facility on a couple of occasions with Janice Chapman. I have significant volunteer experience working at homeless shelters, battered women's shelters and a youth emergency shelter.

← **Sarah Mellard, Mary Anne Eason, Laura Mellard**

My mom and I have always loved animals, and although I have worked around many different



types of animals all the time as a zoo keeper, there is just something extra special about spending time with horses. I have volunteered for several different therapeutic riding programs, and now my mother and I come out on Tuesday mornings to spend time with the minis. I hope I can be helpful in any future therapeutic programs that you offer. My mom Laura really loves to spend time with the minis and enjoys and appreciates the mission of the ranch and hope to be a value to the organization as a member as well as a volunteer.

Linda Waago ↓ and **Di Harvey** →



My name is Di Harvey. I have been a volunteer with CVMR since January 2013. I have also volunteered in other endeavors such as the adult literacy program with the local libraries, Meals On Wheels, and Pegasus Riding Academy. I am currently a mentor with the Ophelia Project at Indio High School. I am drawn to opportunities I care about and where I feel I can make a difference. I feel I can make an impact on the decision making and goals of this organization, help in the fund raising efforts and any other opportunities to help CVMR grow.



Jessica Friedman ↓

My kids and I love coming to the ranch. It's a place where I can forget about the worries of the day and just focus on my task as a volunteer. 4-H has also been a big part of our experiences so far at the ranch. I am a co-leader and it is great helping the girls build their confidence working with animals much stronger than they are. I love the fact that we are outside, getting our hands dirty, with no iPods, cell phones, or iPads.

Linda Waago: I have been in love with horses ever since I can remember. I love the smell of horses and just being around them. When I saw a newspaper article a few years ago on the Coachella Valley Mounted Rangers, I called Annette. We met, and I knew that I wanted to be involved in some way. I have applied to become a member and hope, in some small way, to help the ranch grow and prosper and take care of horses who just need love!!!



Mitchell Atlas ↓

Volunteering with CVMR allows me to be close to the animals which have given me more joy and peace than I could have ever imagined. I believe it was Churchill who quoted that "the outside of a horse is good for the inside of man". Assisting these dependent beings who had been previously abused is my way of giving back to a breed which has given me so much joy. There aren't many things more heinous than abusing or neglecting those that are so helpless in assisting and feeding themselves without the help from humans.



Shannon Wallett ↓

I was first introduced to the ranch through classes for my 10 year old daughter (Rio) through the Parks and Recreation Center. Three of my four children have had riding lessons. Rio and I wanted more time and more hands on experiences with horses. We now volunteer once a week. Rio is also in the 4-H program at CVMR. I love being with the horses. They are intuitive, beautiful animals. I also really enjoy learning something new every day. The horses and everyone at the ranch are great teachers. When I have an open mind there is so much to learn, see and do there. Working with the horses teaches Rio to stay in the moment, be kind and gentle, but firm, responsible. I would like to become a member so that I can become more involved and give more as the ranch has given us so much!

Bill Hegarty ↓



In June, I was told about the rescue and was immediately interested in seeing what it was all about. Once I came to the rescue to see for myself, I saw the contributions that could be made. Since then, I've developed a love for horses and find fulfillment in serving the rescues. It's on my heart to contribute to the cause and be part of the rescue family.

Shannon Wiksey ↓



I volunteer weekly with the minis. My children also come and help. We love spending time at the ranch and enjoy our time with the horses. I am teaching my children by example to serve the community, care for animals, be responsible and do it all with joy and a good attitude. We are very grateful for the ranch allowing us to serve and be a part of the team.

