



Camp Carsey

Testimonials



2025



About Casey

Casey Foote was not much different from other 10-year-old girls. She loved the outdoors, had an active imagination and adored animals. Unlike most children though, Casey was battling bone and brain cancer and died just after her 12th birthday.



During the last few years of her life, Casey was introduced to a horse farm where she spent many afternoons grooming and riding her favorite horse. Even as chemotherapy, surgeries and the emotional weight of cancer kept Casey physically weak, she never let her illness get in the way of bonding with horses and friends.

Connecting with horses allowed Casey to be a kid again and kept her and her family strong during their difficult fight.

Watching Casey interact with horses was therapeutic for her family as well.

When Casey was at the barn, they were able to witness an instant transformation as her hospital gown was replaced with boots and breeches. Casey would have loved for other children and their families to experience the joy that horses once gave her. We are proud to keep Casey's legacy alive and enable children, like Casey, to apply the strength gained from our program to their fight against cancer.



Who We Are

Camp Casey is a nonprofit organization that provides cost-free horseback riding programs to children with cancer, sickle cell disease, and other life-threatening illnesses. Camp Casey seeks to empower families and volunteers through its four programs that promote building bonds within families, communities, and those going through similar circumstances.

What We Do

Horsey House Calls: We deliver camp to the homes of children who are often too sick to attend summer camp.

Cowboy Camp Outs: We provide all-inclusive weekend getaways at a resort for the whole family!

Horses in the Hallway: Camp Casey is piloting a new program, Horses in the Hallway, and hopes to offer this program to all Camp Casey families in the future.

Outlaw Outings: We retain relationships with previously- served families by inviting them to one-day recreational activities throughout the year.

Thank you for believing in Camp Casey's mission and the children we serve. Your support makes moments of joy, courage, and connection possible. Please enjoy these heartfelt testimonials from our 2025 campers, volunteers, seasonal staff, and community partners.

-Camp Casey Team



In Health and Horses



Cowboy George

"Camp Casey was a light in a dark time. It gave all of my kids a really fun experience and something they will always remember and still talk about. Having camp Casey to look forward to, knowing my son would have a fun experience, was also helpful for me as I watched him go through chemo."

-Meghan, mother of 6-year-old George, diagnosed with lymphoma from Huntington Woods, Michigan





Cowgirl Sophia

"It was such a blessing for my daughter to have been given this experience! It helped with her confidence which she needs as she continues to undergo treatment! She still talks about it!"

-Elise, mother of 4-year-old Sophia, diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia from Mount Clemens, Michigan





Cowgirl Bailee

"It was an awesome experience. All of the children and even myself learned some really cool stuff about horses. We loved the experience!"

-Camea, mother of 13-year-old Bailee, diagnosed with brain cancer from Detroit, Michigan





"Camp Casey visiting our home was an amazing experience for us. We got to forget about our son having cancer for a day. And just hang out with our family and feel "normal" again, We are so appreciative of what you do for families like ours. It helps us have a day of normalcy again. So thank you from the bottom of our hearts!"

-Deidre, mother of 11-year-old Xander, diagnosed with neuroblastoma from Taylor, Michigan

Cowboy Xander





Cowgirl Makenzie

"The experience was as amazing and sparked a new interest in my now cowgirl Makenzie. Camp Casey thank you for this opportunity to enjoy a portion of what you do with families battling issues either physical, emotional, mentally etc; the Horsey House Call we received with the staff (who are phenomenal!) made me stop overthinking and over protecting my child and just let her live and have fun worry free for a moment."

-Myisha, mother of 5-year-old Makenzie, diagnosed with sickle cell disease from Detroit, Michigan



Cowboy Ziggy



"The horsey house call was one of our favorite days of the entire summer. Everyone had the best time, the kids still talk about the day they rode a horse and kids that were nervous about it but hopped up and did it ended up having the best time of them all! It was truly a perfect day and the volunteers were amazing and made us feel so special."

-Kaitlyn, mother of 4-year-old Ziggy, diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia from Clinton Township, Michigan



"I thank you, everything was very nice, the children were very happy and had a lot of fun, the staff were excellent, friendly and very active in general, everything was fantastic, thank you and may God bless you for this beautiful work."

-Marian, mother of 7-year-old Tyler, diagnosed with cerebral cancer from Westland, Michigan



Cowboy Tyler



Cowboy Reginald

"Camp Casey was very professional, helpful and respectful! Everyone made this experience a great one for my son! The kids were entertained the entire time! Thank you so much 😊 "

-LaNesha, mother 8-year-old Reginald, diagnosed with sickle cell disease from Eastpointe, Michigan



Congrat Olivia

"Camp Casey went above and beyond to make Olivia feel so special. They created an unforgettable experience not only for her, but also for all of her friends. Every detail showed care and thoughtfulness, and the joy they brought to our family is something we'll always treasure. We are so grateful for the kindness, energy, and love they poured into making this day truly extraordinary."

-Stephanie, mother of 3-year-old Olivia, diagnosed with B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia from White Lake, Michigan





Cowgirl Emilia

"We were thrilled to welcome Camp Casey and their Horse in the Hallway program to our child's school. As a cancer parent, I appreciated the space created for classmates to ask questions. Children are naturally curious, and at this particular age there can be a lot of confusion and misunderstanding about cancer. This program provided a caring and supportive way for them to learn and connect. The horse, of course, was the highlight of the day, bridging education and joy. It's an unfortunate fact that cancer will touch everyone in some way, at some point in their life, which makes an experience like this invaluable to our community."

Danielle, mother of 7-year-old Emilia, diagnosed with neuroblastoma from Northville, Michigan



Cowboy Camp Outs

"We appreciated the flexibility in the itinerary so that we could choose what worked best for our family at the time. This really enabled us to slow down, relax, and enjoy time as a family. The resort was above and beyond what we expected and it really felt like one big party for our daughter!"

-Cowboy Camp Out Parent



"Overall a 10/10 trip! We loved it and will cherish all of the memories. We're so grateful for the experience and the Camp Casey team!"

-Cowboy Camp Out Parent





"We are so grateful for the experiences we had this weekend at Camp Casey, a Cowboy Camp Out for kids fighting cancer. We had a beautiful weekend away filled with swimming, horseback riding, games, movies, making new friends, and more. It was a wonderful family getaway with people who truly understand each other. Thank you to the Camp Casey staff and U.P. Lions!"

-Cowboy Camp Out Parent





Community Testimonials

"Love the mission,
love the staff, love
the experiences. So
happy to be a part
of Camp Casey."

- Volunteer





"As a Board Member, getting to work closely with the Executive Director and her team, I cannot say enough about their commitment to this work.

Both children and parents oftentimes need a happy break from chemotherapy, and the Horsey House Call delivers in every way. I absolutely adore this organization and recommend that you spend time volunteering - You will walk away smiling and knowing that you've done something truly worthwhile."

**-Erik Golbiw, Camp Casey
Board President**





“Horsey House Calls are run with precision! You all have it down pat! It was a great experience and the other volunteers were wonderful to work with—everyone helped each other.”

– Volunteer



"I had such a good time! It was very rewarding to help volunteer for such a great organization that made a huge impact on someone."

- Volunteer

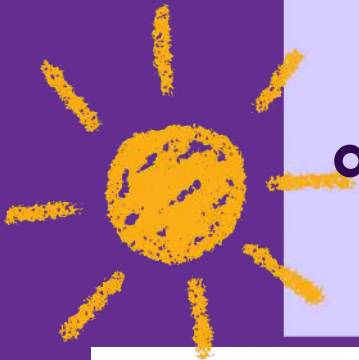


"Glad to help. Looking forward to volunteering again :)"

- Volunteer



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**"I loved the experience and
appreciate what you guys do to
help the kids!"
-Casey Camp, Volunteer**



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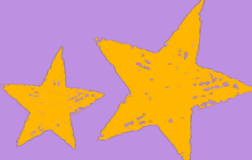
"Volunteering with Camp Casey has been the highlight of my summer for the past two years. This organization is run by a very dedicated and experienced team, and every volunteer is valued and appreciated. The team has a strong focus on safety and overall positivity. I love bringing a few hours of joy right to the front door of a child and family that desperately need it. There is no better way to spend my weekends in the summer."

-Valerie, Volunteer





Community Testimonials



**"I had an amazing
time, I can't wait to
be able to
volunteer again
and again!!"
-Volunteer**



"I think it was great and how impressed I was how it was set up. Lots of amazing people :) "

- Volunteer





Staff Testimonials

"It was wonderful meeting new families and seeing kids get a little joy filled reprieve."

-Seasonal Team Member



"I think it was a successful season and overall everyone had a great time. We are adding light to a dark world ! ❤️"

-Seasonal Team Member



Hero Herd Horse ★ Testimonials

"My job? Stand here,
look adorable, and
help kids feel better.
Nailed it."

- Lacye, Hero Horse



"I love being a
professional hug
machine with hooves."

- Pennie, Hero Horse



"I may not speak
your language, but
I feel your heart—
and helping you
feel safe is the best
part of my job."

- Della, Hero Horse





Cowboy Campouts





Horses in the Hallway

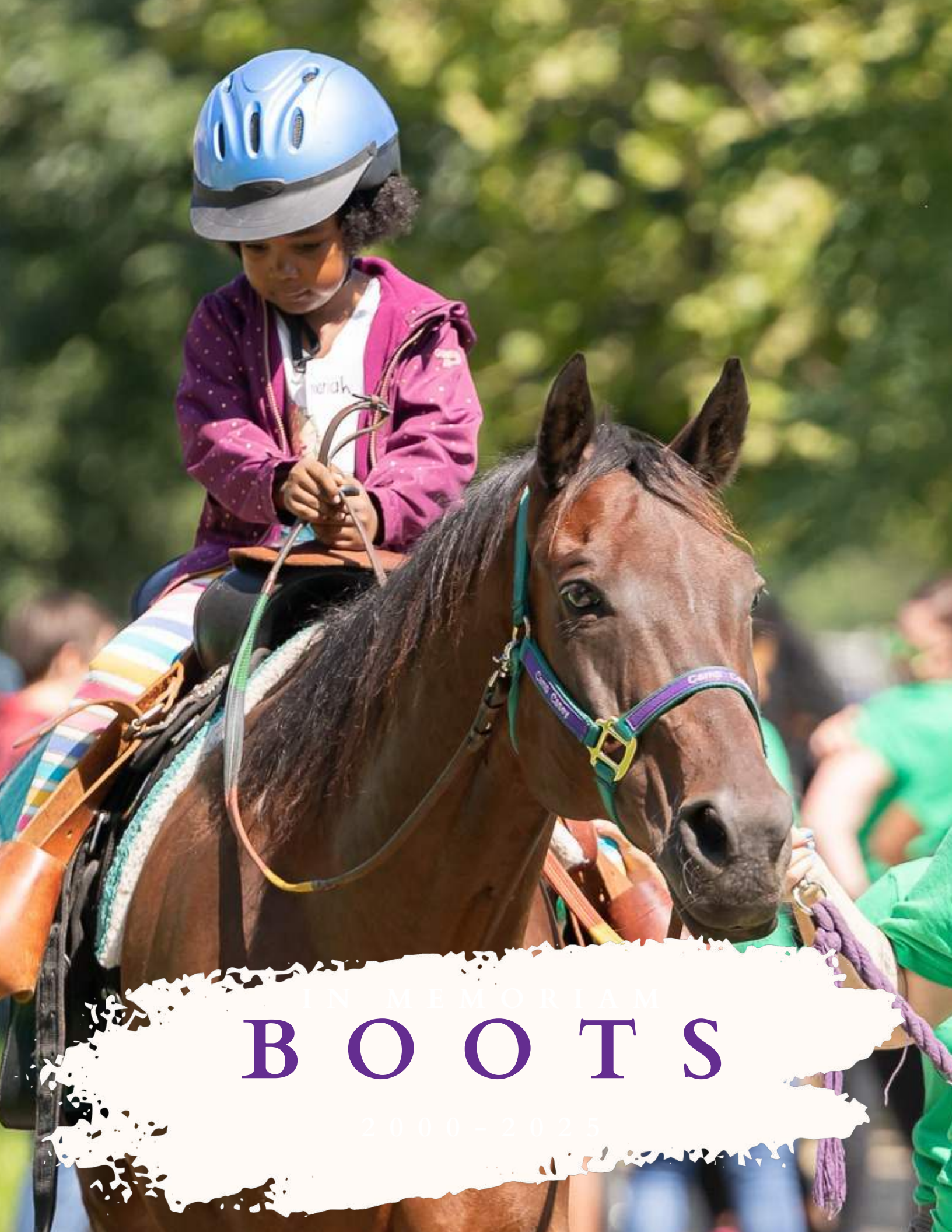




Outlaw Outings







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BOOTS

2000-2025



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BOY, ALWAYS READY
WITH A SMILE AND A
NEIGHED "HELLO"

HE TRULY LOVED
THESE KIDS AND
LOVED HIS JOB.





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