

## **An Unexpected Opportunity for Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary**



**Take a look at Happy Trails new educational facility;** a big, beautiful home and barn, located on 5 acres connected to Happy Trails current pastures. This exciting acquisition will provide so much: more parking, more pastures, and classroom and office space.

**It has long been our dream to expand the Happy Trails facility with an educational center and spacious grassy pastures for larger rescued animals.**

***Well, our dream just fell into our lap in a big way!***

A very nice home on five acres of land just two doors down from Happy Trails on New Milford Road has been empty for the past three years. An older but sturdy barn stands behind the four-bedroom split-level home and the back four-acre pasture of the five-acre property connects along the tree-line to Happy Trails' wooded area.

We just found out unexpectedly that the property had already gone through foreclosure and would be available for purchase

at a Sheriff's sale within the week. The sale was to take place on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Portage County Court House.

After a great deal of thought and discussion we decided that

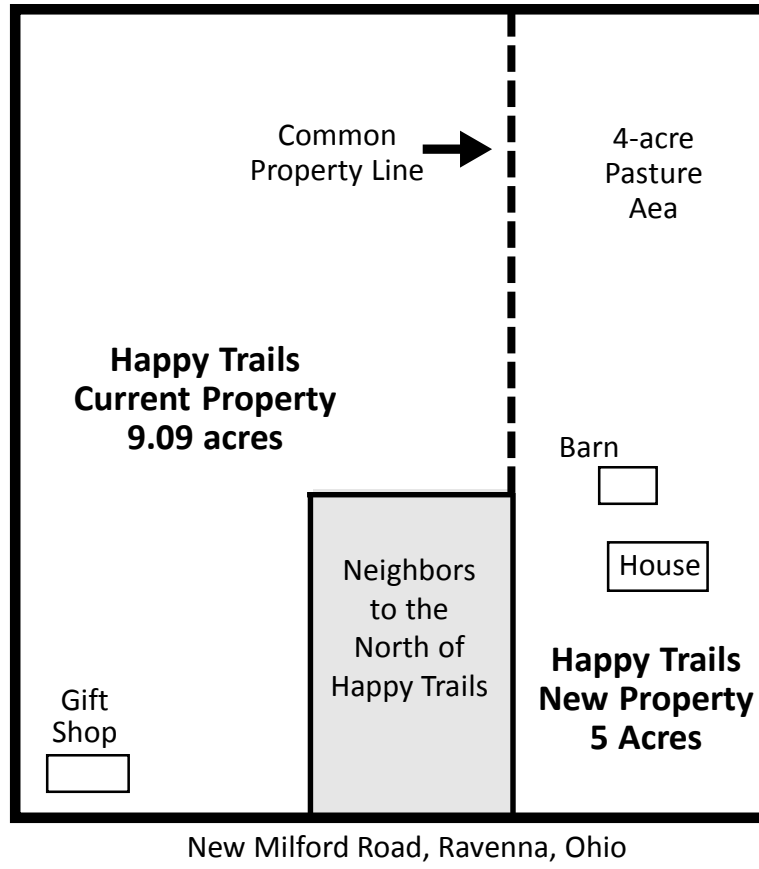
on a year-round basis. This property offered not only the opportunity to increase Happy Trails current services, but to enhance our efforts to be self-sustaining.

We bid on the property at the Sheriff's auction and are now busy securing a loan to cover the sale and for some basic necessary repairs. The down payment, property cost and related auction fees total \$159,500. Now, the goal of our land acquisition campaign is to raise as much of this purchase price as possible within 60 days of the sale (December 15<sup>th</sup>). That's how long we have to complete the transaction. Time is of the essence!

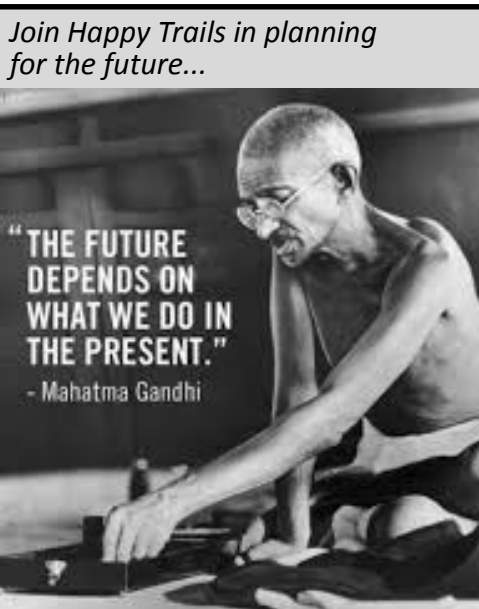
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**Compared to other properties on the market, this purchase had many great things to offer:**

- With the existing home there is no need to drill a well, and a septic system is already in place.
- The older 24' x 32' barn is solid, and the cement floor is in good condition.



acquiring this property would be key to many things for Happy Trails. The flat land out back would be perfect to fence in pastures for rescued horses. The abundant grass available in the spring and summer would offset hay costs. The barn would give us an overflow area for animals requiring quarantine and for emergencies. The large home on the property would be ideal for meeting rooms and classrooms for our ever-expanding educational programs: Horse Health seminars, Compassionate Kids programs, Animal Care clinics, animal-friendly cooking classes, volunteer orientations, and more



*Happy Trails is a leader in animal rescue and in helping people connect with animals. Our vision of promoting peace and healing for both people and animals is crystal clear.*

***The very essence of leadership is that you have to have a vision.***  
~Theodore Hesburgh

*In our mission to serve others, we always ask ourselves this question...what more can we do for you?*



*Life's most persistent and urgent question is...What are you doing for others?*

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

- An attached garage provides the option for additional machinery or equipment storage, or to convert the space into more educational rooms.
- Since the property adjoins our existing property, it's a natural addition to the sanctuary allowing easy access to existing pastures where the rescued horses are currently turned out.
- It will offer additional parking to compensate the lack of parking at Happy Trails main facility.

*Together, we are changing the world...*

*People who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do.*



- Apple Computers

- It gives us the opportunity to expand and grow right where we are.

We had not planned to acquire property *now*, at the end of the year or to coordinate a land acquisition campaign in December, but this was one of those once-in-a-lifetime opportunities that we simply could not pass up. How often would an opportunity arise to purchase adjacent land that will advance HappyTrails services in so many ways?  
*Probably never!*

**Please consider partnering with Happy Trails to secure this additional property for the sanctuary with a donation today. We are grateful for this opportunity, but we need your support. Your donation is tax deductible.**

***In a world full of people who couldn't care less, choose to be someone who couldn't care more...***

*Happy Trails has faith this purchase has tremendous meaning for the sanctuary and the services we provide. We took that first step. Now we ask you to walk together with us to grow the sanctuary. Carefully. Cautiously. Optimistically. Enthusiastically.*

**Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the full staircase.**

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

## DONATION INFORMATION

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### I am enclosing.....

\$55   \$75   \$125   \$250   \$500   \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept this donation toward the purchase of the new property adjacent to Happy Trails. I realize this land acquisition will have a huge impact on the services and outreach programs provided.



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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### OTHER WAYS TO DONATE

- Donate on-line — [www.happytrailsfarm.org](http://www.happytrailsfarm.org)
- Call in your charge card information to Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.

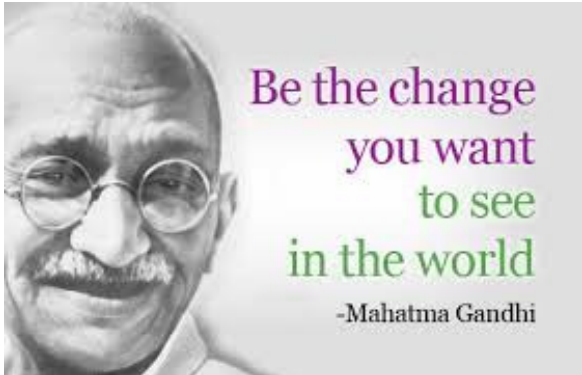
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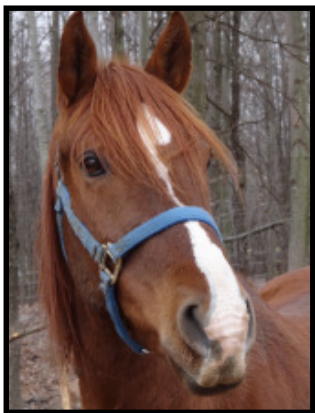
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**Life's About Making Choices. Choose to Make a Difference.**

This land acquisition campaign to help Happy Trails purchase property connecting to the sanctuary is a campaign of service to others.

The sanctuary's growth and expansion will allow us to serve you better by providing more educational programs; by offering animal-related support groups in a comfortable indoor setting; by creating a convenient and extended parking area and by fencing more spacious pasture for the rescued animals. This campaign will do all this and so much more.



**Happy Trails mission is to serve.** By addressing animal abuse in all forms and by providing animals with a safe haven for rehab and recovery, safer communities are created for all. At your request, we are creating animal educational seminars ranging from basic horse care to animal-friendly cooking classes.

Thank you for considering a donation toward Happy Trails land acquisition campaign. **Every donation is important.** We do amazing work — you and Happy Trails. **Together we are changing and saving lives.** We are grateful for your support and appreciate the opportunity to work together with you.

*Happy Trails always works with what we have. We always do what we can. And with expanded facilities, we can do so much more.*

**“Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.”**  
 – Arthur Ashe

***You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you...***  
 - John Bunyan

*The rescued animals repay us with their gratitude, love and companionship. In many rich and wonderful ways, we are indeed repaid.*

## Our Mission

Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that rescues, rehabilitates, and provides an adoption program for abused, abandoned, and neglected farm animals such as horses, ponies, potbelly pigs, farm pigs, chickens, ducks, turkeys, sheep, goats, and cows. Happy Trails serves the entire state of Ohio and any other state requesting our help, and works in cooperation with county humane societies, animal protective leagues, and local and state law enforcement officers. Animals in our program must have been removed from a situation of abuse, neglect or abandonment by law officials, and cruelty charges must be filed against the person(s) responsible for the crime.

**Call us at 330-296-5914.** We'd love to hear from you. **Thank you for making a difference!**