

Cracker Box Palace – Farm Animal Haven 2017 Annual Report

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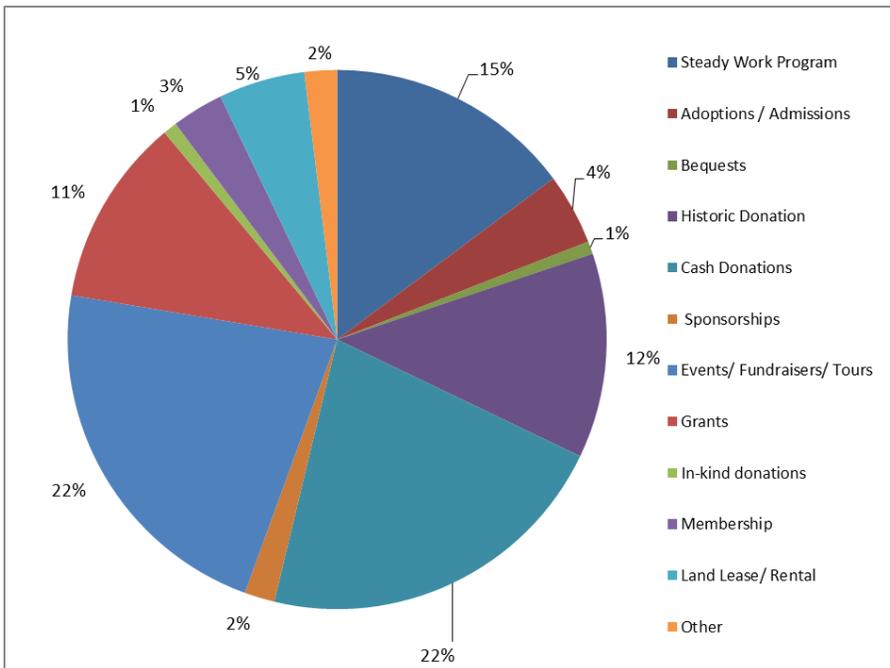
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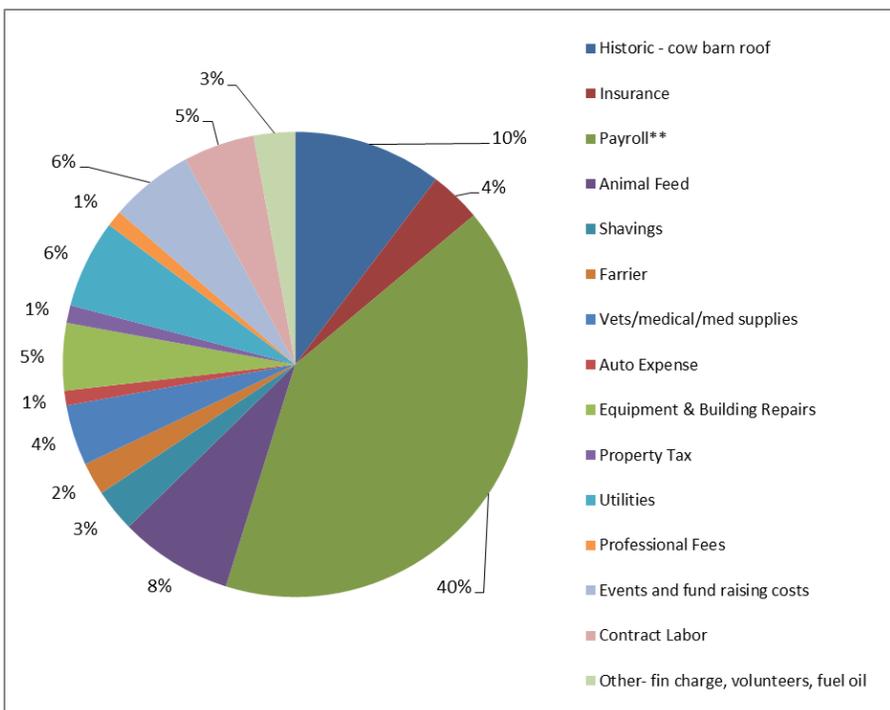
Advisory Board: Barbara DeRoo, Dr. Amy Ortez, DVM.

Operations: Cheri Roloson, Farm Manager

Partnerships with Genesee Land Trust on the management and preservation of the farm lands and forests and with New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for Historic.



2017 Income - \$280,880



2017 Expenses - \$297,000

Financials and 990 information can be found on Guidestar.org or NYS Charities Bureau

Cracker Box Palace cared for 323 animals in 2017. 57 of them found new and loving homes in adoption and foster situations. Along with a few other animals from individuals seeking sanctuary for their animals, Cracker Box Palace managed to help with 102 new animals coming to the farm in 2017. Sadly, 51 of our animals passed on during the year including our oldest resident for the shelter, Stormy. A beautiful black stallion who came to us in 2002. Stormy was 36 years old when he passed on to Rainbow Bridge.

The Large Animal Response Team Duane Hebblethwaite, LART Team Leader, sends out the call when emergencies arise, organizes regular meetings, researches new techniques, training and equipment needed to make our rescue time and efforts safe and efficient. The team was called out 6 times in 2017 for animals in emergency situations, downed horses, lose animals and to assist with animals here at the shelter. The LART was called upon once for a cruelty investigation assisting Wayne County Sherriff's department and the cruelty investigators. The LART also raised \$7,000 and hosted a Code 3 Large Animal Response Training that educated 30 people in Large Animal Rescue.

Grants received during 2017 included funds from foundations through Rochester Area Community Foundation including Hollowell Funds, Gonsenhauser Funds, Garlocks Foundation, Davenport Hatch Funds, Philip and Elisabeth Robinson, Stuart Foundation and the Peachy Family donated monies for general operations and special projects at the farm.

"Raise the Roof" campaign was established in 2015 to help the Museum Barn and Cow Barn that desperately need new roofs. Over \$6,000 was collected and the Museum Barn's new roof went on in 2016. The Cow Barn's roof was completely replaced in beautiful green tin to match the rest of the barns on the farm this summer thanks to Claude G. and Geraldine A. Wright Family Fund, the Wyman Potter Foundation, along with our many donors that raised the new roof for the Cow Barn this year totaling \$32,000.

The Historic Committee has a new committee member on the board of directors. Hank Stuart has handled the historic aspects of the farm and now has Marsha Regan, who recently joined the board of directors, who will be fundraising and exploring more historic events and opportunities to highlight the history of the farm. This past summer, the kid's tours included a new stop on the farm. Historic Games were played by the kids including jump rope, marbles, jacks and even played 'Mother May I?'

STEADY Work Program, a program brought to the farm by Jay Roscup, a school administrator by trade. This program addresses generational rural poverty by providing meaningful work experiences and developing soft skills through one-to-one mentoring to unemployed, low income youth ages 18-25. In 2016, STEADY Work partnered with Wayne County Catholic Charities to bring opportunities for counseling to the program and the Thriving Families Program. Each participant for STEADY Work is required to attend the class each week for twelve weeks that touches on topics such as becoming a responsible adult, how to handle adult stresses, and responsible relationships. The program has now seen 28 participants enter the program and 21 are successfully working in a career, 3 have enrolled in schools, 1 entered another program, one has recently moved out of state and will be seeking a job opportunity with horses and we lost track of two participants. STEADY Work recently signed on three new participants for the 2018 first session and we hope to be able to enroll another 7 more for the year. We continue to develop new strategies for young adults in the areas of Gift and Tack Shop management, forestry, developing a maple syrup operation on the farm, agricultural and produce sales. Steady Work Program received grants as well from **Wayne County Catholic Charities, Rochester Area Community Fund and the Wayne County Endowment Fund** to continue the program for 2017.

Collaborations: Cracker Box Palace collaborates their efforts with many community organizations including Wayne County Humane Society, Krittr Kris Wild Life Rehabilitator, ASPCA, Wayne ARC, Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES, and many youth, school and church organizations from around the area. Literacy Volunteers, Work Force Development, Wayne County Probations and Corrections Department, United Way for the Day of Caring and ROC the Day and of course, our amazing partners of the farm, Genesee Land Trust and NYSOPRHP.

Thank you to all of the CBP supporters, volunteers and staff that keep the farm running on a daily basis and progressing for generations. For more information about Cracker Box Palace, details about our rescue efforts, making a tax-deductible donation or operations, memberships and events visit www.crackerboxpalace.org or call 315-483-2493

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