



Old Friends

2023 Annual Report

Horse Racing's Living History Museum

Old Friends provides a dignified retirement to Thoroughbreds whose racing and breeding careers have come to an end. By promoting these once celebrated horses through a campaign of education and tourism, our goal is to raise awareness of the importance of equine Aftercare.

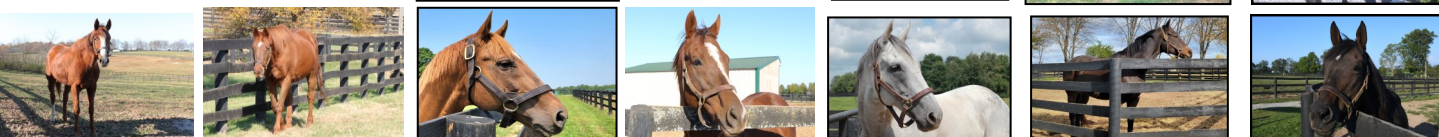
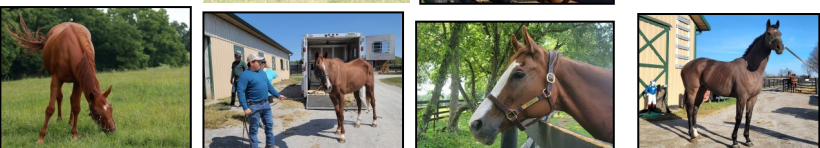
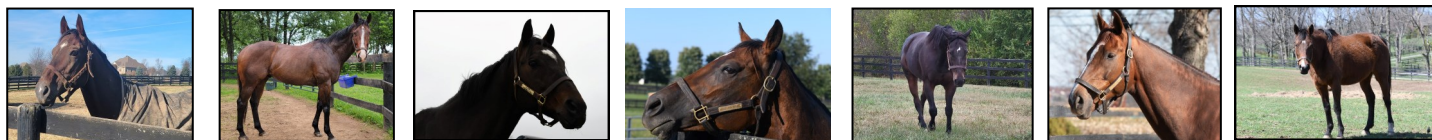
Message from Michael Blowen

In 2023, I made a big decision—to step down as president of Old Friends. Twenty years ago, Old Friends started out with Diane and I and a golf cart and feeding the horses; a little mom and pop operation on the corner. Today it's a multi-million-dollar enterprise, and it needs somebody that can handle that kind of operation. I'm very confident that under new CEO John Nicholson's leadership, a few years from now when we look in the rear view mirror, we'll see an Old Friends with more horses, more fans and a stronger foundation. I can never thank you enough for what you have done for Old Friends and these magnificent athletes.

Meet our **33** New Old Friends

In 2023, because of you, 33 horses found their forever home and a safe, secure retirement!

Alpha • Analyze It • Any Given Saturday • Bold and Bossy • Charlie'sboywins • Channel Maker • Cora Mesa • Dixieland Squall
Even the Score • Fearless • Foliage • Free as a Bird • Hallucinogin • Jack A Rose • Javerre • Mike Man's Gold • Nana's Hope
Nicer Than Ever • Noble Indy • Own Agenda • Rated R Superstar • Red Knight • Say The Word • Setna The Wise • Shadow Cast
Shepherd's Delight • Spooky Channel • Tackle Eligible • V.E. Day • Weekend Hideaway • Welder • Wet Your Whistle • Wood Art



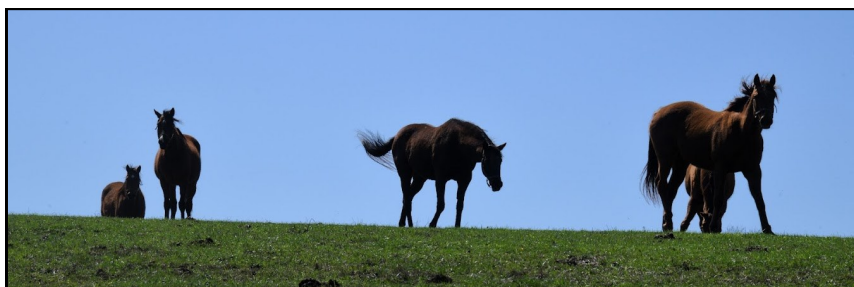
A Home for Mike Man's Gold

"I was there when Mike Man's Gold was foaled. (Thirteen years later) the farm was being sold. I wanted Mike Man to be safe and have the retirement he deserved. I applied to Old Friends, which my friend, Joe Steiner, spoke highly of. I am so grateful he was accepted. I can't wait to go see him and feed him his peppermints."

Karen Angelos, Owner

In 2023, we sadly said good-bye to these treasured Old Friends. It was our privilege to care for them.

*Afternoon Deelites • Amazombie • Disturbingthepeace • Eye of the Tiger • Favorite • Hussonfirst
Inaspecial Way • Jonesboro • Kudos • Lady Grizzley • Miss Saigon • Mystery Trip • Nicer Than Ever
Saratoga Episode • Sarava • Star Plus • Sun King • Thornfield • Tom's Ready • Work All Week*



December 31, 2023

285 Retirees in Residence • Dream Chase Farm (159) • Satellite Locations (126)

Old Friends 2023: A Leader in Kentucky Tourism

A year filled with racing fans, friends, and visitors excited to meet our Thoroughbred Heroes!



12,302 visitors from 42 states and 7 countries
with 27 volunteer guides & concierges = 1,461 tours

Our tour guide was fantastic. All the horses we met were beautiful and we think this service the farm provides is wonderful. Each visit helps support the mission. Well worth your time if in the area.
Liz—Birmingham, AL

The Josephine Abercrombie Center

For making our dreams come true, our sincere and deep gratitude to The Pin Oak Foundation, Corey Johnsen, Boyd Browning and Fasig-Tipton, John Backer, Clifford Barry, G. D. Hieronymus, Populous, and Derek Engineering.



Mane Events of 2023

Special Events shared with our fans and friends!

Valentines for Lava Man • Silver Charm Celebrates Kentucky Derby Week • 18th Annual Homecoming • Old Friends Purse at Pimlico Memorial Day Remembrance • Silver Charm Halter Fundraiser • J. David Richardson 2022 Industry Service Award • Reinterring Timely Writer

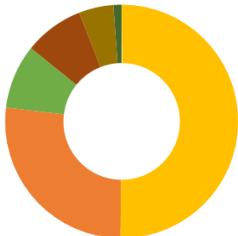


By The Numbers

Follow the money: How it comes and where it goes.

2023 REVENUE

Small Donors Major Donors Grants
Tours Gift Shop / Ebay Sales Events



Old Friends has become near and dear to our hearts. As former race horse owners, what we saw and experienced on every visit, we knew we had to be a part of what Michael wanted to achieve: a dignified, caring, loving and happy environment in retirement for these magnificent, gentle athletes who gave their all on the track. With each visit, we see what our monthly donations have helped to continue to accomplish. The love, loyalty and dedication of the Old Friends Team to these animals is heartwarming. They are there regardless of the weather ensuring their comfort and safety. We have never felt more passionate about supporting a more worthy cause than Old Friends.
Debe & Dave, Hilton Head Island, SC

2023 EXPENSES

Administration Horse Care Hay/Feed
Medical Care Maintenance



Eyes Forward

In January 2024, Michael Blowen announced that after 20 years of leading Old Friends, he is stepping down as President. On February 1, 2024, we welcomed John Nicholson as our President and CEO.

Thank you to our friends, supporters, volunteers, staff, visitors, vendors, and everyone who makes Old Friends go!
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