



# 2025

## ANNUAL REPORT

The Shea Center is dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities through therapeutic horse-related programs.



*The* **SheaCenter**  
*for Therapeutic Riding*

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## 2025 IMPACT AT A GLANCE

### \$7.6M ANNUAL BUDGET

85% funded by generous donors

### 71¢ OF EVERY DOLLAR

Invested directly in programs

### 1,400+ CLIENTS SERVED

17,200 hours of life-changing services

### 800+ VOLUNTEERS

30,000+ hours of volunteerism  
in Shea Center activities

## 2025 AT THE SHEA CENTER: LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD

The year 2025 brought meaningful success both programmatically and financially. It began with intentional adjustments to our staffing and budget to conserve resources and sharpen our focus on the priorities that matter most. Those decisions, coupled with determined focus, positioned us for a strong year, culminating in a record \$7.7 million in total operating revenue, 85% of which was philanthropic support. This enabled us to deliver more than 17,200 hours of service, improving the lives of our clients, their families, and the communities we serve.

As we look ahead to 2026—the Year of the Fire Horse—the words *bold* and *uplifting* feel especially fitting. It marks a striking shift from 2025’s Year of the Snake, a time associated with shedding old layers to make way for renewal and growth. We adjusted and grew in 2025, and we look forward to continuing that momentum in 2026 and beyond.

In 2025, we also launched a strategic planning process that will guide our thoughtful expansion—deepening and broadening our programs to meet the evolving needs of our clients, their families, and our community with intention and maximum mission impact.

Through it all, the *Four Ts of Philanthropy*—*Time, Talent, Treasure, and Ties*—will continue to propel our work. These principles form the foundation that allows us to come alongside our clients as they build the skills, confidence, and optimism needed to thrive and pursue brighter futures.

Thank you for the role you play in these successes. The remarkable progress of Shea’s clients is made possible by a community whose advocacy, volunteerism, and generosity sustain and advance this work. We are profoundly grateful.

*Greg*

**Greg Talbott**  
Board Chair, The Shea Center

*Dana*

**Dana Butler-Moburg**  
CEO, The Shea Center

# Our Clients

17,218

total client hours for all services

10,513

total client service hours for core programs

2,841

total client service hours for military programs

1,020

total service hours for our mental health program

1,426

unique participants served including:

(Some clients participate in more than one service.)

229

therapy services

211

adaptive riding & horsemanship

397

summer camps

459

program events

192

special programs

83

different diagnoses managed including autism, cerebral palsy, genetic syndromes, PTSD, and anxiety

77%

of clients received financial aid

72%

of clients are age 17 and under

Client ages range from 2 - 94 years old



Watch this compelling video highlighting Sloane's journey at The Shea Center.

# Goals Met

Each year, the client services staff sets achievement goals to measure progress of The Shea Center's clients and the effectiveness of our program services. Several factors can affect client achievement including health, attendance, and consistency.

## THERAPY GOALS



- 46% new/in progress
- 35% goals met
- 18% partially met
- 1% not met

## ADAPTIVE RIDING SKILLS ATTAINED



- 68% goals met
- 22% new/in progress
- 8% not met
- 2% partially met

# Programs & Services

Individuals of all ages with disabilities experience a broad spectrum of equine assisted services.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Event Partnerships
  - Exceptional Family Member Program at Camp Pendleton
  - First Responders Program
  - Jesse Rees Foundation: NEGU
- Military/Veterans
- Shea Summer Horse Camp
- Summer Camp Partnerships
  - Emerald Cove
  - Stepping Forward
- School/Field Trips
  - Capistrano Unified School District
- Seniors
  - The Covington
  - Southern California Council on Aging

## CORE SERVICES

- Physical/Occupational/Speech Therapy
- Equine Assisted Psychotherapy
- Adaptive Riding
- Equine Assisted Learning
- Personal Training



**GET MORE  
INFORMATION  
ON PROGRAMS  
& SERVICES**

**“The Shea Center exceeded our expectations. We came for therapy and got healing.”**

*– Ann Marie Jennison*

**“Our family, particularly Charlie and Jane, would not be where we are today if it weren’t for The Shea Center.”**

*– Jeff Jennison*

Watch this beautiful story of Charlie and Jane and how The Shea Center has shaped their lives.



# Our Volunteers

LIFE AS A SHEA CENTER VOLUNTEER



**30,107**

total volunteer hours

**800+**

annual community volunteers

**888**

hours of training for volunteers

Our community volunteers comprised of committee, corporate, barn support, board, facility, lesson, event, and office volunteers, help make it possible to serve our clients. In 2025:



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**204**

average lesson volunteers per week

**307**

new lesson volunteers recruited

**6**

onsite corporate volunteer workdays hosted 120 employees

**Meet Greg Talbott**, board chair of The Shea Center, lesson volunteer, and the recipient of the Michael Lewis Friends of the Disabled Award at the 2025 Annual Gala.

The award, created in honor of our first rider, celebrates the life-changing contributions of individuals, organizations, families and companies who positively impact the lives of people with disabilities at The Shea Center and/or in the greater community.



# Our Herd

We have 13 different horse breeds in our herd, all with different shapes, sizes, gaits, and personalities to meet the various needs of our clients. Click the button **"Become a Horse Sponsor"** to learn more.



## Did You Know?

- Our herd of 28 horses and ponies represents 13 different breeds and includes 20 geldings and 8 mares.
- Average of 14 client lessons per week per horse (288 total herd hours weekly)
- Hoof care every 5–6 weeks; full herd receives annual dental care
- Our equines consume 81 tons of hay and feed per year

*Special thanks to The Shea Center veterinary experts who support us each year.  
Richard Markell DVM, Larry Kelly DVM, Jacqueline Johnson DVM, and Danielle Keating DVM.*

**BECOME A HORSE SPONSOR**

## 2025 NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR HERD



**BEAR** – I'm the first Belgian/Quarter Horse to join The Shea Center.



**PUNKIN** – My coloring is a rare genetic combination that gives me a dark body and light mane and tail.



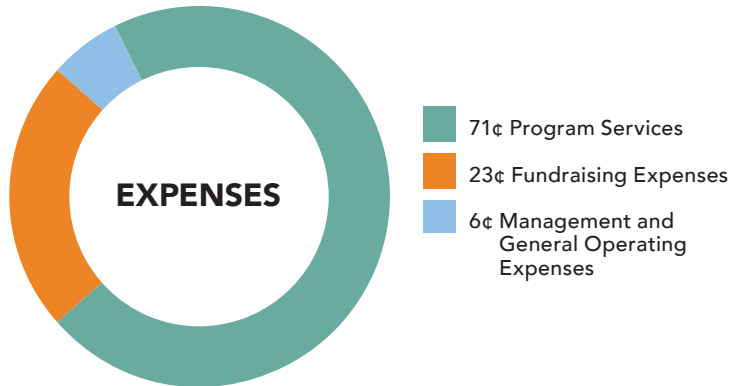
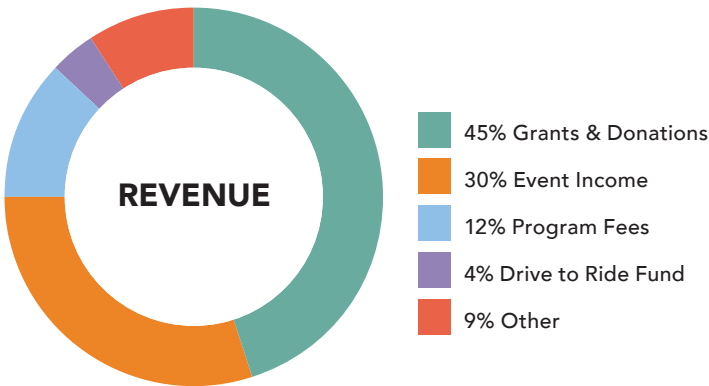
**PIXIE** – In her stall, Pixie loves to play with toys and she often puts them in her water trough!

# Your Investment Transforms Lives

Thank you to our donors who provided **85%** of our operating financial support in 2025.

- **\$7.2 million** annual operating expenses
- **71¢ of every dollar** spent on program services
- Non-event revenue at **47.2%** of total operating revenue
- Reached over **\$7.7 million** in endowment fund

**BE PART OF THE IMPACT.  
GIVE TODAY.**



For a complete 2025 financial report, contact Dana Green at (949) 628-1137 or [dgreen@sheacenter.org](mailto:dgreen@sheacenter.org).



“Each new milestone—whether balancing more steadily or expressing himself more clearly—reminds our family just how far Savva can go with the support, expertise, and encouragement of The Shea Center team. Thanks to this incredible community, Savva is thriving—and his story is only just beginning.”

— Natalia, Savva’s mother



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### MEMBERS AT LARGE

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Program Services Director

**Holly Hadden**

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**Janelle Robinson, PT**

Chief Program Officer



# Donors

**Thank you to all of our donors. Your support is vital to our clients' success.**

In 2025, 1,596 contributors—including 662 new donors—supported The Shea Center. Thank you for every gift, and to the friends below who contributed \$5,000 or more during the year.



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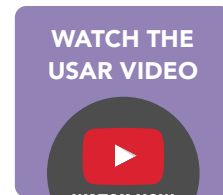
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# 2025 Highlights

## AWARDS

- Awarded by *ParentingOC*
  - Best Special Needs Therapy on Horseback
- *The Capistrano Dispatch* Best of San Juan People's Choice Horseshoe Awards:
  - Best Local Nonprofit
  - Best Stable
  - Best Annual Event
  - Best Riding Lesson



## SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

In 2025 we hosted on-site events or training for:

- Jessie Rees Foundation: NEGU
- Exceptional Family Members Program from Camp Pendleton
- Orange County Fire Authority Urban Search & Rescue
- Emerald Cove Day Camp
- Holiday Community Health Fair in partnership with Orange County 5th District Supervisor, Katrina Foley; Unidos; Cal Optima; and Orange County Social Services Agency.

## STAFF

- 52 full-time and part-time employees and contractors
- 1,117 staff continuing education hours

# Buildings & Grounds 2025 Improvements and Upgrades

**Did you know that all the arenas and round pens at The Shea Center together hold more than 500 tons of sand?**

And did you know that this sand is a carefully engineered blend of at least nine different particle sizes to achieve the ideal balance of cushioning, stability, and traction? Smaller particles fill the gaps between larger ones for better compaction, while angular particles lock together to provide grip. This special blend helps reduce the risk of injury to horses and humans and gives horses firm yet forgiving support across riding disciplines.

Another 2025 arena improvement was replacing the 20-year-old fluorescent ballast lights in the covered arenas with new LED fixtures. These upgrades reduce energy

consumption by about 35% and lower annual maintenance costs thanks to the longer lifespan of LED tubes.

These important projects were made possible by a Build OC Fund grant from the Samuelli Foundation, and we're grateful for the positive impact these investments make for Shea programs. Read more fun facts about arena footing composition, including the addition of GGT fiber to improve water retention and reduce dust and [view more photos on our blog](#).



Another 2025 Buildings & Grounds two-part project included building a hay-soaking station on the west side of the back cross-ties and installing a new concrete pad for safely storing and organizing shavings pallets. DPR Construction generously donated all labor, materials, and equipment to make both projects possible—thank you, DPR!

If you didn't know, we soak hay for many of our horses to reduce its sugar content, which makes it healthier and easier for our horses to chew and digest. Watch the installation video to see the new setup and learn more.

# Event Highlights

## 2025 ANNUAL GALA

Held at Montage Laguna Beach, the evening included live entertainment, music for dancing, a live auction, an online silent auction, and a gourmet dinner followed by the Michael Lewis Friends of the Disabled Awards.

2025 GALA HIGHLIGHT VIDEO



## 2025 GALA COMMITTEE

Jennifer Arundale	Kirbette Griffin	Debbie Martin
Sally Bull	Emma Hebert	Janet Mitchell
Susie Roof	Casey Hill	Diane Reed
Bonnie Eastman	Wendy Hooper Ross	Georgia Redoglia
Penny Fosheim	Maggie Kerns	Stephanie Rogers
Julie Frost	Jenny Klein	Sara Sullivan

Purchase Sponsorships and Tickets for the June 20, 2026 Annual Gala now!

## 2025 ANNUAL BBQ & FAMILY FAIRE

Held at The Shea Center, this family event included a fabulous BBQ dinner, rider demonstrations, country faire games and prizes, a live auction, an online silent auction, music, and dancing.

2025 BBQ HIGHLIGHT VIDEO



## 2025 BBQ IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

Nolina Beauchamp	Kirbette Griffin	Connie Merritt
Jennifer Corea	Darlene Jamroz	Lauren Palley
Debbie Dickey	Kathi Kanan	Greg Talbott
Bonnie Eastman	Betsy King	Brent Turner
David Eastman	Jenny Klein	Preston Wilson
Danny Espinosa	Amber Landeen	
Eric Espinoza	Laura McFeaters	

## 2025 BBQ SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

Bryan Coniglio	Erin Hoefler	Greg Talbott
Jeff Cunningham	Paul O'Mara	Aron Taylor
Bonnie Eastman	Steve Paulin	Cori Vernam

Purchase Sponsorships and Tickets for the September 26, 2026 BBQ now!

# 48 Years of Service

## Thank you for your support of The Shea Center!

Please help us meet the ever-growing demand for our programs by supporting these three areas:

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For information about Shea Center tours or to book engaging speakers, email [info@SheaCenter.org](mailto:info@SheaCenter.org).



Founded by Nancy and Derek Lewis for their son Michael, The Shea Center began as the Orange County Riding Center (OCRC) in 1978. As the first paid staff member and executive director, social worker and equestrienne Fran Joswick worked alongside the Lewis family to launch the OCRC. Today, The Shea Center serves over 1,400 participants each year.



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