



sanctuaryone

at Double Oak Farm

Sanctuary One is where people, animals, and the earth work together for mutual healing.

The care farm offers a unique and beautiful rural setting for environmental education that teaches about the interdependence of humans, animals and the land to all ages and abilities. We provide a safe, loving home to approximately 100 rescued farm animals and domesticated pets with specific focus on rescuing animals who are less likely to be adopted in traditional settings—including elderly, injured, chronically ill, or abused animals. We have been fortunate to help animals just like Prince who came to us earlier this year unable to eat and needing extra love and attention. Prince, and others like him at the care farm, is now thriving because of the care he received at Sanctuary One. Most animals are available for adoption to qualified homes, though if an animal is never adopted Sanctuary One guarantees a lifetime of care.

2021 SUCCESSES

Our efforts go towards changing lives—the lives of people in our community and the lives of animals that need our help—animals like Prince who need us most. It's because of the generosity of people like you that we can continue our work and expand our care to more people and animals in need. So far this year, we have found homes for 102 animals, breaking last year's number of 92. With more adoptions lined up we're likely to break our 13 year record of 103 adoptions from 2015. We can do even more with your help!



Field trip students engineer their own bird nest after studying nature

Sanctuary One's Mission: To provide a refuge for animals and a healing place for people while promoting environmental stewardship.

OUR PRIORITIES



People: As a care farm, mental health benefits are a significant part of why we do what we do, not only for children, but for adults as well. Your support helps fund field trips for children and teenagers, often in vulnerable populations, as well as programs like our Three Amigoats where we bring the farm to those who cannot come to us, such as assisted living centers and other facilities.



Animals: To date in 2021, Sanctuary One has found forever homes for 102 animals. When you support Sanctuary One, you're saving lives. Your gift provides care for animals in need and a safe place for them to live until they find their forever homes. If we cannot adopt them out, they will have a forever home with us and their friends on the farm.



Earth: The earth is life-giving. It's connected to us all and we take our jobs as stewards very seriously. We know that in caring for the earth, it will provide for and sustain us. We believe that education is the first step towards the interconnectedness of people-animals-earth. That's why we provide educational and volunteer opportunities at Sanctuary One. The connection from earth to people continues as all produce that comes from Sanctuary One is donated to those in need.

We've had an outstanding year. Some of the highlights include:

- Beginning community group volunteer days again after the pandemic shutdowns.
- Awarded and recognized with the Guidestar Gold Transparency Award.
- Awarded the GreatNonprofits 2021 Top-Rated Nonprofit Award.
- Awarded the Nepris 2021 Trailblazer Award.
- We reached 656 students in 22 classrooms across 10 states virtually this year alongside our in-person groups of field trips and service learning at the care farm.
- Received our first grant from a local health care agency, recognizing our mental health work as a care farm.
- Expansion of people programming as we look to hire our first full-time bilingual educator assistant early next year.
- Increased our intake capabilities and the number of adoptions every year for the past six years. In 2022 we're on track for bringing in animals who'll help us mark 1000 animals coming through our gates.

FUTURE PLANS

We are always striving to increase our reach. We want to welcome as many people from our community as possible, especially those in vulnerable populations, to learn and enjoy all that Sanctuary One has to offer. We also want to increase our capacity for animal care and our number of adoptions to forever homes. Our four-year plan is ambitious and we're ready to pursue these with the help of our community.

Continuing our second year of our four year strategic plan, our goals include:

- **Continue Being Fiscally Solvent**—Diversify financing, growing our monthly Care Family, increasing regional and national grants, growing business partnerships, and more.
- **Expand Community Engagement and Accessibility**—Including creating meaningful tabling and community partnership opportunities, having Spanish language tours and Spanish speaking volunteers, increasing volunteers on the farm, and participating in the Pear Blossom Festival as the Grand Marshall.
- **Increase Reputation as a Well-known, Respected Agency**—Including earning Top-Rated Awards of 2022 from Great Nonprofits for the 3rd year in a row, moving from Gold to Platinum Guidestar rating, and beginning the process of earning the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries verification/accreditation.
- **Research and Develop Capital Projects/Infrastructure**—With funding and equipment, we can redesign our 20-acre irrigation system for better water conservation.



- **Assessing quality and sustainability in all three prongs: People, Animals, Environment**
 - **People:** Hire a full-time assistant, research and identify key relationships to grow, increase our service learning numbers by 23%, create long term service-learning projects, increase field trips (including virtual), expand our resources for the Latinx community.
 - **Earth:** Increase produce donations by 15%, launch our Tree Sponsorship Program, research expanding the fruit forest into a food forest, explore partnerships for these initiatives.
 - **Animals:** Work to create law enforcement training, continue upgrading fencing around the property, maintain a population of 60-70 animals, increase adoptions by 15%, increase intake by 20%, create systematic enrichment programs for animals, grow/cut hay in 20-acre field.
- **Diversify and Grow the Board of Directors**—Expand to 15 members, evaluate effectiveness of board with board self-evaluations, create Animal Committee and Garden Committee, expand committees with non-board volunteers.

We Can't Do It Alone. We Need Your Support!

Megan Flowers, Sanctuary One Executive Director

It's because of people like you that we can continue our mission. Community support is vital for our continued success and growth. We are thankful that we are able to provide people with a respite from the often stressful and taxing world around them, to provide animals like Prince a loving home, whether with an adoptive family or on our Sanctuary, and to continue to be stewards for the Earth by tending our gardens and educating our guests.

Together, we can make a difference. With your continued support we can help even more animals, people, and the Earth. Together we can change lives.

 **What does your donation support?** 

 \$25 = bale of hay  \$60 = feeds 4 cats for a month  \$100 = a farrier visit for all horses  \$250 = sponsors a low income school field trip	 \$1,500 = covers the cost of one day on the farm  \$5,000 = supports three service learning groups for a year  \$10,000 = covers vet care for half the year  \$20,000 = purchase of a tractor to cut our own hay
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❧ PRINCE'S TRANSFORMATION ❧

Before Prince's guardian died of cancer, she gave the care of 35-year-old over to others. Sadly, Prince suffered during this time. He became thin and emaciated, due to the poor state of his teeth he could not chew and was unable to graze or consume hay. Our vet also determined he developed Cushing's disease and was anemic. After coming to Sanctuary One, he was put on three meals a day made up of a combination of certain feeds, supplements, and medications, all soaked in water so it's soft and easy to eat.

Volunteers and service-learning groups were immediately part of the Prince fan club at the care farm. Service-learning youths and adults checked in on him each trip, eagerly watching him grow in strength and spirit. **As he helped people learn that we all have the ability to recover if given the opportunity and support, they in turn helped him relearn to trust people and gain a sense of security.**

When Prince regained enough weight and muscle a few weeks ago he was introduced into the pond pasture with our other two horses and other pasture friends. Watching him run now, you would never believe he's 35 years old. **At Sanctuary One Prince was able to not just exist, but to *live*—to experience love, safety, nutritious food, excellent medical care, and the security that he can remain on the care farm for the rest of his days.**