

# MEET PAM SANDERS, HARTH'S FEATURED VOLUNTEER OF MARCH!

**"I was born to be a country girl and was raised in the city,"** Pam smiled, prior to serving as a horse handler for a morning therapeutic riding session at HARTH. Pam has been volunteering with HARTH for about a year and a half and we are so thankful for her assistance! She is an extraordinary member of our volunteer family and our Featured Volunteer of March.

Pam is originally from Huntington Beach, California, however she has lived in Kingsland for the last 16 years, making her a true **"Texan!"** Prior to volunteering at HARTH, Pam discovered she loved being around horses from her time spent at a dude ranch. Since then, she knew she **"wanted to be involved with horses"** in some way. So after reading about HARTH in the Burnet Bulletin she decided she wanted to come check out the farm. After her first visit, she described how she **"fell in love!"**

At HARTH, Pam loves learning more about horses while spending time with them and learning more in our Horsemanship Class Series and our new riding program, "Life Is Stressful." She also explained how:

**Once you see the kids on them [the horses] and working with them... it's addictive to be around.**

Pam summed up her experiences at HARTH in three words: **"It's just magical."**



## PAM GRADUATING HORSEMANSHIP II

As a volunteer, Pam helps with Wednesday morning barn chores and also serves as a horse handler in between volunteering at Heart of Texas Lab Rescue and Service Dogs, Inc.! At Service Dogs Inc., Pam takes home service dogs on the weekends so they can enjoy time off from their weekly service duties. As you may be able to tell, Pam has a huge heart for animals which explains why her favorite thing to do at HARTH is grooming the horses. She also shared more about her favorite horse:

**Elliot is one of my all-time favorites... He has a little mischievous personality!**

One of Pam's favorite HARTH memories is from our Christmas Party we held in 2019. She enjoyed when all the kids came out and participated in crafts and decorating cookies. Pam appreciates the welcoming aspect of HARTH and described how:

**the whole atmosphere of the people, the horses, the kids, and the cats**

make HARTH Foundation truly unique. She went on to encourage those who may be thinking about becoming a volunteer:

**Oh, do it! If you're wanting to work and get rewarded by grooming horses and hanging out with wonderful people, come on!**

Sherry Atherton, HARTH's President and Founder, affirmed Pam's personality saying:

**She is great to have around; loves the horses and the clients! She's always positive and has a great sense of humor!**

We are so grateful Pam read about us in the Burnet Bulletin a year and a half ago as she was looking for a place to spend time with horses. We are thankful for her kind heart and love for animals, as she is an integral member of our volunteer family and HARTH's incredible Featured Volunteer of March!