

Virginia Horse CenterTM Foundation

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY
2024-2025

Our Mission

The Virginia Horse Center Foundation provides a world-class facility hosting regional, national, and international equestrian events.

The Vision

The Virginia Horse Center Foundation envisions a unique, bucolic landmark to honor and celebrate the timeless, special bond between mankind and the horse through safe, fair, and spirited equestrian competition.

With the support of the Foundation, the Virginia Horse Center serves as an economic and cultural asset for the benefit of the Rockbridge County community and the Commonwealth of Virginia. An important resource for the East-Atlantic equine competition circuit, the Virginia Horse Center hosts all disciplines of equestrian sport, standing at the forefront of Virginia's \$1.2 billion equine community.

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From the President



This report is dedicated to the memory of two extraordinary men, G. Otis Mead III and William “Bill” Northern. Their roles in the founding and shaping of the Virginia Horse Center cannot be overstated. All those who enjoy showing their horses or attending one of the many community events the Horse Center regularly hosts are indebted to their vision and generosity of spirit. Although these two men had different careers, both prospered in business and in life by any measure. They are ultimately linked by their mutual interest in the success of the Virginia Horse Center.

More than 40 years ago, Otis spearheaded a committee of some 90 people from the area to help attract the attention of the Commonwealth of Virginia to our current site, making the case that it naturally had everything a major equestrian venue needed. Without Otis’ leadership, the Horse Center as we know it today would not exist.

During his lifetime we were humbled and proud to honor Otis with the naming of Mead Hill, one of the highest points at the Horse Center where visitors can take in the vistas—acres of blue Horse Center roofing with the ancient Blue Ridge Mountains as magnificent backdrop. In June 2023, we again honored Otis and his fellow committee members for their foresight at our Founders Dinner.

Before Bill Northern answered his true calling in dowsing (the ancient art of locating water underground) which led him to use these same gifts for animal communication, he founded a successful business and office supply company in Warsaw, Virginia, part of the Northern Neck region.

As a horse psychic and animal communicator, his work took him all over the world including to his beloved New Zealand and Hawaii as well as horse shows along the East Coast. His life was purpose-driven by his conviction that animals, horses and dogs particularly, have voices worth hearing. Today, exhibitors and spectators can enjoy and appreciate Bill’s legacy of love for the horse at the Northern Ring and warm-up area, named for his generosity.

We are grateful that these men are forever part of the tradition and history of the Virginia Horse Center. You are among them as well, as supporters of our mission and efforts. We are humbled to recognize them and you in these pages.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roxanne Booth'.

Roxanne Booth, *President*



From the CEO



As I reflect on my first full year at the Virginia Horse Center, I am continually filled with gratitude and appreciation for our community of horse enthusiasts as well as those who choose to spend time on our grounds at non-equestrian happenings including Balloons Over Rockbridge, Taster's Choice, or Chamber of Commerce-led events.

Without the visionary leadership of gentlemen such as Otis Mead and Bill Northern, carried forward by our dedicated volunteer Board of Directors, it would be nearly impossible to have realized their aspirations for the Horse Center. Although their dreams may have evolved over time to meet the moment of present-day situations and challenges, it is my sincerest hope that Otis and Bill would be proud of all that we have accomplished in our first four decades of existence. I know that they would be humbled by your generous support of our Horse Center.

To those who invest in the Horse Center, I am thrilled to say that we embarked upon several significant improvements that make life for horses and humans better. The most crucial of these are the footing upgrades in Wiley Arena and Wiley Warm-up; Northern Arena and Northern Warm-Up; Tardy Arena; Reel Arena; and The Big Lonely Warm-Up Arena. These arenas join the already refurbished DeeDee Arena, effectively providing for state-of-the-art multidiscipline footing in over half of our rings. I would be remiss if I did not thank those who took a special interest in this project by supporting it.

Additional improvements include a new Horse Center-owned golf cart fleet that allows us to provide newer golf carts at a savings to those who rent them. The new fleet also includes battery-powered carts that are quiet and cost-effective.

Other improvement highlights include the installation of Big Ass Fans in the East Complex for overall comfort during summer months and a makeover for the Show Office, made possible by our long-time friends at the Virginia Dressage Association.

We are not done yet, however. There is more work to do, so please join us on the grounds in 2026 and see what we have in store for you at the Virginia Horse Center!

Stephen Shank, CEO



G. Otis Mead III

A TRIBUTE WRITTEN BY ERNEST M. OARE

It was in March 1985, when the Virginia Legislature passed the bill which brought the Virginia Horse Center to Lexington and Rockbridge County. Ground was broken in August 1986. However, it was years prior when Otis Mead began his tireless task to make this happen.

In 1969, then-Governor Mills Godwin established a task force to study ways to stimulate the growth of the equine industry in the Commonwealth. Otis, a popular real estate broker in Lexington and a self-declared “non-horseman,” decided the proposed Horse Center should be located in Rockbridge County and the rest is history thanks to his tireless effort. It was not until 1984 the General Assembly selected the site. Otis chaired the Rockbridge County area committee which was formed in 1984. He had no equestrian experience but was loaded with desire and passion for generating economic development. Under his leadership, 77 Rockbridge committee members worked tirelessly to win out over seven other state-wide applicants.

When the legislative delegation made their visit to the Lexington site which was the last stop of the seven area inspections, Otis arranged a helicopter tour of the site—giving the delegation a bird’s-eye view of the dream for Rockbridge County.

Governor Chuck Robb signed the bill into law in 1986, and Governor Gerald Baliles attended the groundbreaking on August 13 the same year. I became involved as a public Board Member during the planning process during construction, but Otis had already exhausted hours and hours to make the home of the Horse Center in Rockbridge County; hence he became known as “the Godfather” of the VHC. Otis continued his tireless effort many years after the groundbreaking. Even after



G. Otis Mead III

“We got the horse center because we needed it, we wanted it and we decided we were going to get it. We used every fiber of talent and enthusiasm in this community. And we overprepared for every step of the way.”

— G. OTIS MEAD III
Remembering G. Otis Mead II,
The News Gazette, June 2025



declaring he was “boarded out,” he continued to attend Board meetings and kept his creation on track.

In 2007, the public-private partnership with the Commonwealth was dissolved and the Center became a private 501(c)3 charitable foundation. Of course, \$11.5 million in debt came with it and problems multiplied. However, even though he retired from the Board, here came Otis with his refusal to let the creation go.

A 2020 Economic Impact Study estimated a \$55.1 million annual impact on Lexington and Rockbridge County, which would support 585 jobs. These numbers have only increased, and his mark will be evident in the community forever.

We lost Otis this year, but his memory will always be alive at the Horse Center as well as many other local community projects. My involvement over more than 40 years with the VHC is dwarfed by Otis’ creation. It is easy to take an enviable facility like the VHC for granted, but every time we do, we need to remember Otis Mead, “the Godfather.”



William “Bill” Northern

A TRIBUTE

Bill Northern’s lifelong love and appreciation for horses began in his hometown of Warsaw, Virginia. His compassion for animals and humans took him all over the world as he sought to heal horses and locate water through the ancient technique of dowsing.

From humble beginnings and enduring his father’s death at the age of seven, Bill began working in his uncle’s restaurant at age 12, juggling school with work shifts. Although he attempted university studies twice, his business success came with the founding of Wardico, a janitorial supplies company based in his hometown, which he ran for 25 years before retiring. During this time in his life, Bill was drawn to the world of horse racing and worked as a judge at racetracks. He also owned horses—between 30 and 35 trotters—during his lifetime.

Bill’s next chapter saw him following his true vocation as an animal communicator. He began travelling throughout the eastern United States, attending horse



shows during the summer. In 1989, he began travelling to New Zealand, where he enjoyed the warmth of the climate and people alike.

The Northern Ring and its warm-up arena were officially dedicated at the Virginia Horse Center on October 29, 2011. During remarks that day, Bill was recognized for helping “countless animals and humans find resolution and bridge the gap where words failed. In a similar spirit, Bill has made a gift of support to the Virginia Horse Center.” Since that day in 2011, all those who enjoy competing at the Horse Center have Bill and people like him to thank for the experience of the unbreakable bond between horses and humans.

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As a non-profit organization, the VHC is one of only a few equestrian centers in the US reliant upon private philanthropy to achieve the vision of our founders. Via this campaign, which began this year, we are seeking 40 new friends to pledge \$10,000 each, payable over 1-4 years, to add to our staunch support base of people who help guarantee that our facility remains top-notch for generations to come.

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July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

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July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

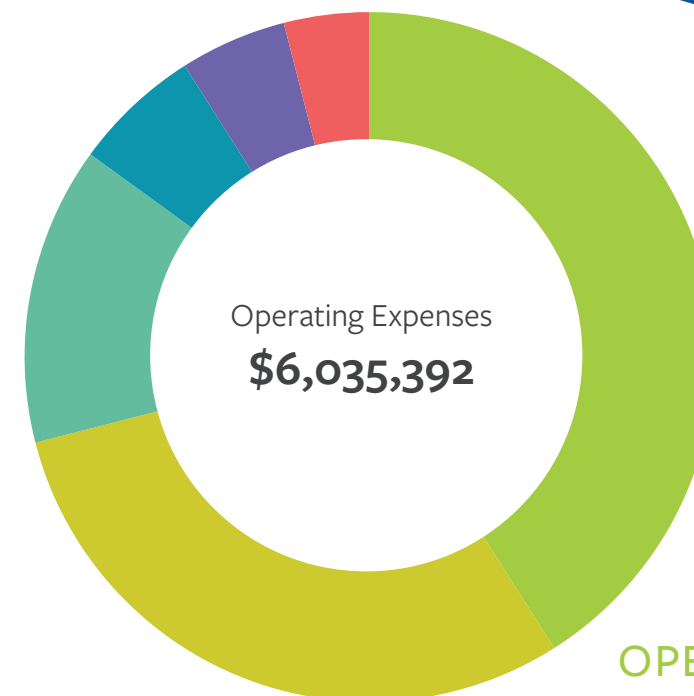
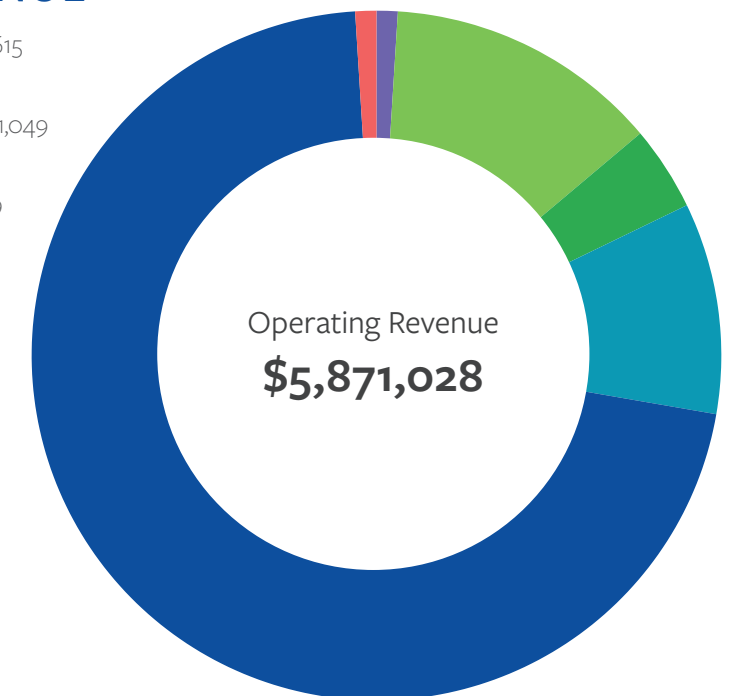
Our primary revenues are generated by shows that we own, followed by revenues generated by third party shows which rent our facility.

	2025	2024
	(Audited)	(Audited)
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,231,284	\$ 3,326,587
Grants receivable	–	46,264
Contributions receivable	45,718	–
Other assets	232,839	149,501
Property and equipment, net	19,502,145	18,990,984
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 23,011,986	\$ 22,513,336
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	\$ 984,756	\$ 844,613
Notes payable and long term debt	8,836,843	9,664,756
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 9,821,599	\$ 10,509,369
NET ASSETS		
Total net assets	\$ 13,190,387	\$ 12,003,967
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 23,011,986	\$ 22,513,336

NOTE: The information above is derived from the Virginia Horse Center Foundation's audited financial statements. For a complete version, including the Independent Auditor's Report, please contact the Foundation's office.

OPERATING REVENUE

- All Shows and Events • \$4,217,615
- Contributions • \$736,690
- Hay, Feed, Shavings Sold • \$591,049
- Food and Beverage • \$242,970
- Facility Sponsorships • \$42,879
- Other • \$39,825



OPERATING EXPENSES

- All Shows and Events • \$2,497,234
- General Facilities Operations • \$1,782,746
- Management and Staff • \$862,334
- Hay, Feed, Shavings Sold • \$343,973
- Sponsorship and Development • \$306,256
- Food and Beverage • \$242,849

Support VHCF

The Annual Fund is critical to the Virginia Horse Center’s success. Gifts made to the Annual Fund make an impact every day in every area and are used to bridge the financial gap between income derived from our horse show operations and the cost of annual operating, maintenance, and program expenses.

SPONSORSHIPS

Donors may sponsor classes, trophies, divisions, and hospitality events at any VHC-owned horse show. Facility sponsorships, including signage, are also available.

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A restricted gift is money or property given directly or indirectly for a specific purpose.

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In-kind gifts are contributions of goods or services other than cash. VHC welcomes in-kind donations and values our volunteers.

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Virginia Horse Center Foundation
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Give to Virginia Horse Center on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. The Virginia Horse Center relies on supporters who are committed through multiple years for support. This type of giving is critical for future planning and financial security.

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2024 – 2025

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