



## Holiday Tea for all, sponsored by the Ambassador Club

*All employees and volunteers are invited!*

Wednesday \* December 15 \* 2–4 p.m. \* Beech Auditorium

Enjoy holiday goodies and a variety of entertainment!

### My other life

## RN nurses sick horses too

Nurses are people who have big hearts, and **Ande Miller's** heart reaches out to everyone in need — even those who have four legs and weigh over a thousand pounds.

Ande is the founder and leader of Hope in the Valley Equine Rescue and Sanctuary. She takes in horses who have been abused or neglected and cares for them on the 75 acres near Valley Center where she lives with her husband, Eldon, and teenage daughters, Aubrie and Bailey. At any given time, Ande has 30 to 40 horses to feed and care for. “God put me here for a purpose, and that’s why I’m here.” she says.

It all started in 2005 when Ande, a horse-lover since she was a child, saw a horse named Jim at an auction. Jim was skin and bones, and she couldn’t stand to see him suffer from starvation. So she bought him and brought him home to join their family’s four horses. With plenty of food and TLC, Jim became healthy and lived for several more years.

Since then, Ande has taken in 135 horses and found homes for 45 of them. Others were returned to their owners,

some had to be euthanized, and others are awaiting adoption. The horses come from auctions, from individuals who can no longer care for their horses, and from animal protection agencies. Some have even been let loose out in the country to fend for themselves. They range in age from newborns to 30 years old.

“I couldn’t do it without help,” says Ande. Hope in the Valley is a 501c(3) organization, which survives solely on donations. Ande and her volunteers supply the manpower to feed and care for the horses.

A Wesley R.N. for 25 years, Ande currently works full-time in the Radiology Dept.

You can learn more about her work at [www.HopeInTheValleyEquineRescue.org](http://www.HopeInTheValleyEquineRescue.org). ♦



Ande Miller with Buddy, an abandoned race horse. He is now healthy and ready for adoption as a companion horse.

### My other life

Do you or your co-workers have a very interesting “other life” outside Wesley? Please let *In Touch* know! We would like to highlight employees’ talents and endeavors that are not related to their jobs at Wesley. If you have a suggestion, please MOX or email it to [sherry.buettgenbach@wesleymc.com](mailto:sherry.buettgenbach@wesleymc.com).

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