



*In an Instant, Life Can Change.
In that Same Instant, **YOU**
Can Change a Life*

In the blink of an eye, life can change.

A sudden loss, an unexpected diagnosis, or a setback beyond one's control can turn everything upside down. At HETRA, we see people every day facing some of the biggest challenges of their lives.

Maeleigh has experienced two extraordinary moments that forever altered her journey. Through true grit, perseverance, and determination, she and her family have transformed hardship into a journey of hope and healing.

In the blink of an eye, **YOU** can change a life. Your gift today gives participants like Maeleigh the chance to heal, grow, and thrive through the power of the horse. Every moment, and every gift, truly matters.



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One Stride at a Time ...
***Maeleigh's Story
of Strength***

At just ten years old, Maeleigh has faced more than most will in a lifetime—yet her determination and smile never fade.

Born premature, she suffered a brain bleed as an infant that required surgery. Despite the odds, she grew into a strong, energetic little girl, running on the soccer field, riding her bike, and laughing with friends.

Then in October 2023, everything shifted.

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It Only Took a Moment to Alter Maeleigh's World

A routine surgery led to complications that **left Maeleigh unable to walk, talk, or even hold her head up**. In an instant, she lost the abilities that had once come so naturally.

When Madonna Rehabilitation recommended HETRA to her parents, they knew it was a sign. "We had already looked into horse therapy. We understood the benefits, and HETRA came highly recommended," Maeleigh's mom said.

Finding Strength, One Stride at a Time

When Maeleigh first arrived at the barn, she wasn't strong enough to sit on a horse. **Her journey began on the Equicizer**, a mechanical horse, that helped her start rebuilding her strength and balance. **Week by week, we watched her grow a little stronger, a little braver, and a little more confident.**

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Maeleigh's full story.



Meeting Her New Therapist

Then came the day she met **Georgie, a kind, patient therapy horse** with big, understanding eyes and an even bigger heart. Georgie became one of Maeleigh's therapists, probably one of her favorites! Together, they've created something truly special, **a bond built on trust, love, and the quiet magic that happens when horse and human connect**.

"She was nervous, but she loved her first session. Now we're seeing more core strength, better neck support, and even improvements in her speech, likely because of the diaphragm muscles she's building while riding." - Maeleigh's Mom

