



50  
YEARS

HIGHHOPES

50 Years of Empowering Lives





## High Hopes Therapeutic Riding 2022–2023 Annual Report

**Founded in 1974** by Sis Gould and a dedicated group of volunteers, High Hopes Therapeutic Riding has grown into a premier accredited therapeutic riding center. The mission of High Hopes is to foster a vibrant community where horse and human interactions improve lives. We serve people with physical, emotional, and developmental disabilities.

Our One Health approach recognizes that the health of people is interconnected with the health of animals and our shared environment. We've watched participants bring newfound confidence back to their communities, we've witnessed the shared pride between horses and participants, and we've felt the wide environmental impact of caring for our trails and wetlands.

Our year-round programs in equine assisted services include therapeutic riding, carriage driving, and equine learning. We also offer experiential learning through outreach programs, an integrated summer camp program, and a variety of volunteer opportunities.

Our training and education opportunities attract students from all over the world. We provide continuing professional education for anyone seeking increased education and lifelong learning.

High Hopes envisions a future where equine assisted services and programs transform and enrich the lives of our participants and volunteers promoting a more engaged, resilient, and fulfilled life.



## 50 Years of Empowering Lives

Message from Board Chair, Peter Watt  
and Executive Director, Kitty Stalsburg

There are milestones in every organization that inspire a reflective pause and celebration. March of 2024 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Lower Connecticut Valley Educational Riding, Assoc. (or more fondly known as LCVERA) and today, what we know and love as High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, Inc.

The privilege of serving the community through the years, watching lives change, children grow, volunteers smile and horses trotting around the arena has been profound. The ability to impact so many in different ways, and to empower and improve lives, has been the driving force behind this organization.

This annual report provides a reflection of progress through the decades and a path to the future with the unveiling of a new Strategic Plan. We look forward to an impactful future serving the evolving needs of our community. We are deeply grateful for the support of our donors, volunteers and staff who empower the High Hopes mission.





## Annual Report Message from 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Co-Chairs

50 years of empowering lives. Our humble beginnings in 1974 began with a single horse and an idea. Today, we celebrate each milestone over the past 50 years. 2024 will be a year of remembrance, reunion and community. From historical photos on social media to recordings of our oral history, we are capturing the journey from Lower Connecticut Educational Riding Association, (LCVERA) to High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, Inc. From nomad to permanent home, from children and adults with disabilities to volunteers of all ages, High Hopes has touched the lives of thousands over the past 50 years. Each week will bring more memories, each event more opportunities to gather and share. We hope you enjoy the ride through history as shared in the annual report. High Hopes invites you to be a part of the celebration. Whether from near or far, share your story or come for a visit. Keep an eye on the website for events throughout the year. Happy 50th!

Jane and Keith Bolles  
Holly and Jeff Ridgway  
*50th Anniversary Co-Chairs*







The Lower Connecticut Valley Educational Riding Association had life-transforming aspirations. That legacy guides us today and into the future.

# Inspiring Hope

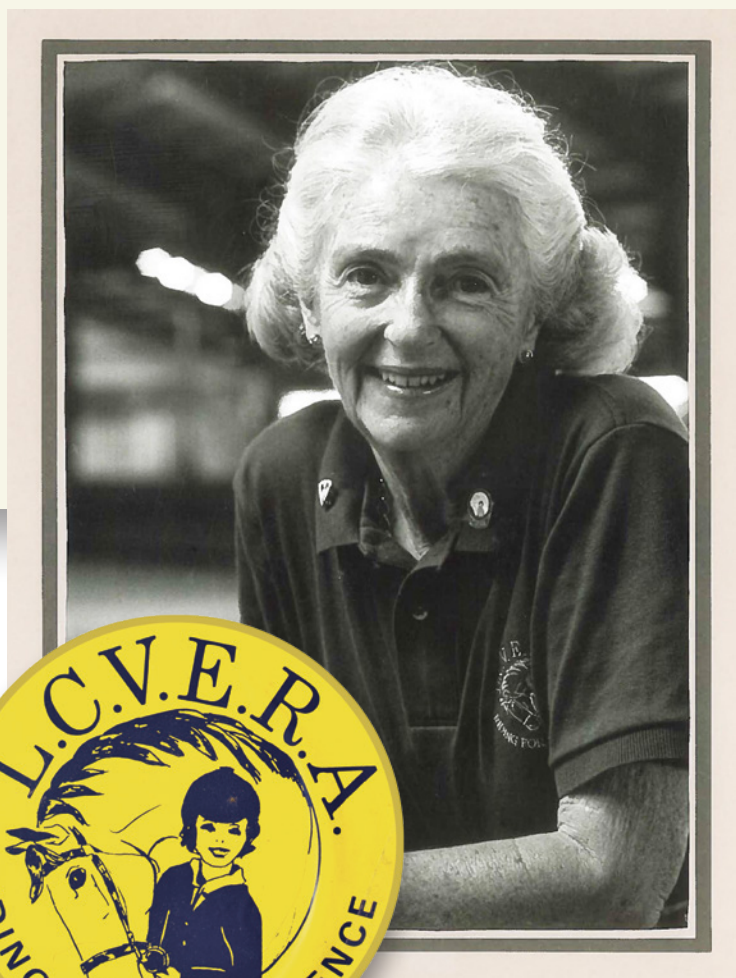
## 1974-1983

### Major Events

- ★ 1974 – Lower Connecticut Valley Educational Riding Association founded by Sis Gould. Eight riders from Essex Elementary School, 10 volunteers, eight riders and borrowed horses.
- ★ 1977 – High Hopes passed a rigorous review to receive a provisional accreditation by PATH International (formerly NARHA).
- ★ By 1979 High Hopes had 28 riders, 32 volunteers and a paid riding instructor, operating in three separate rented locations. In 1979 High Hopes also became one of the first therapeutic riding centers in the country to receive full accreditation from PATH International (formerly NARHA)
- ★ Spring 1979 – inception of volunteer training program. First seminar was a four hour session. “A well-trained core of volunteers is the single most important key to the success of this program.”
- ★ Expanded to three locations in 1979 – three CP children receiving therapy at the Gould’s, six learning disabled children from Essex Elementary School at Crickelwood Farm in Lyme, and 18 children from Madison/Guilford at Race Hill Farm in North Madison.



Sis worked tirelessly to make the experience of horses and horseback riding available to all people, especially those with physical, mental, or emotional needs. She was convinced that horses, riding them and caring for them, could do wonders for confidence and self-esteem.





# Foundation of Hope 1984-1993

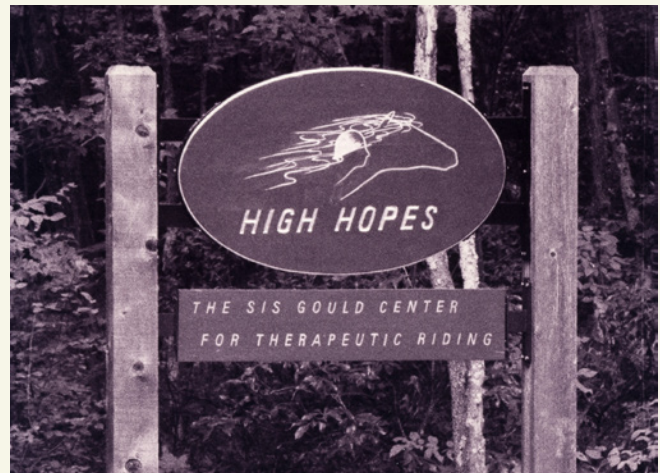
## Major Events

- ★ 1985 we purchased two horse trailers, hired an executive director, hired a part-time physical therapist and added a volunteer instructor/physical therapist to our therapy team. We were serving 69 riders with 74 volunteers. Operating out of four different locations made it difficult to deliver our services and care for the horses.
- ★ Friday, June 27, 1986 first Symphony in the Meadow, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton in Hadlyme. New Haven Symphony Orchestra performed. Mrs. George Bush was honorary chairman of the event.
- ★ In 1986 we were able to lease a facility in Lyme, Connecticut.
- ★ October 4, 1987 designated National Ride-A-Thon Day in the state of Connecticut by Governor William O'Neill in tribute to the members of the Lower Connecticut Valley Educational Riding Association and in support and appreciation of its work.
- ★ Leased with option to buy Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts' land on Town Woods Road with State of Connecticut approval for use.
- ★ April 1989 – name change contest – 77 suggestions winnowed to four. The winner was Cookie Strong with "High Hopes."
- ★ 1990 – Named for the founder of High Hopes, the Sis Gould Center for Therapeutic Riding opened in Old Lyme in 1990, providing a single permanent home for High Hopes. We began operations in the new center with nine staff members and 13 horses, serving 85 participants per week with help from 150 to 200 volunteers.





In 1989 new logo is executed by Lionetti but the design was by former board member Bruce McGhie.



- ★ October 1990 – Dedication ceremony and opening day celebration at 36 Town Woods Road. Executive Director Judith Lovelace. Served 80 participants ages 2-56, with 210 volunteers and 12 horses.
- ★ November 1990 – Delta Society awarded High Hopes the International Model Therapeutic Riding Program Award, recognizing High Hopes for “setting a standard of excellence to which all other therapeutic riding programs should aspire.” Delta Society is an international organization dedicated to promoting the animal-human bond through research and education.
- ★ 1992 – An anonymous challenge grant of \$100,000 is given to High Hopes and met! The Scholarship program is initiated. Ronald McDonald Children’s Charities gives High Hopes a major grant to pave stable aisles, build a new mounting ramp and purchase an overhead lift – all to facilitate handicap access.
- ★ 1991 – first winter program - 5 weeks indoors
- ★ Host site for the 1993 Connecticut Special Olympics Equestrian Games on June 11, 1993. Over 40 athletes from Connecticut competed.
- ★ 1993 – Opening ceremonies for the newly rebuilt Baldwin Bridge. We rode across on horseback.



# Organizing Hope

## 1994-2003



### Major Events

- ★ High Hopes was the first independent therapeutic riding center approved to teach the PATH Intl. instructor training course. Only five centers nationwide are approved to teach this course which is designed to prepare students for NARHA's three-level instructor certification exam.
- ★ 1995 – High Hopes loses its founder, Sis Gould.
- ★ 2000 – High Hopes program director, Kitty Stalsburg is elected President of NARHA Board of Directors; Kathy Heller named 2000 NARHA National Adult Independent Rider of the Year; Anita P. “Tia” Smith named 2000 NARHA Region I Volunteer of the Year; Cody 2000 NARHA Region I Horse of the Year.
- ★ 1999-2000 – Acquired an additional 62 acres of land contiguous to existing property for a total of 125 acres, thanks to both Daitch and Guitar families.





In 1995, High Hopes hosted the Equestrian events in the Special Olympics World Games, attracting 174 riders from 22 states and 30 foreign countries, resulting in national recognition beyond the therapeutic riding industry.



- ★ 2000 – Completed \$2.6 million Capital & Endowment Campaign for the renovation and expansion of the Sis Gould Center for Therapeutic Riding.
- ★ By 2001, High Hopes had completed another milestone campaign that provided the funds to expand the facility to include a classroom, therapy room and office space for its growing staff.
- ★ July 2002 – Hosted the NARHA Region 1 Conference attended by 150 professionals and volunteers from other therapeutic riding centers in the Northeast. Conference was kicked off with our first ever ITC reunion.

- ★ 2002 – The Cain family established a fund for High Hopes in member of George Cain, FDNY Ladder 7 firefighter who lost his life in the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001
- ★ Teddy named PATH Region I Horse of the year.
- ★ Sarah Miller named PATH Region I Credentialed Professional of the Year.



# Building Hope

## 2004-2013

### Major Events

- ★ 2005 – September 29, 2005 declared High Hopes Volunteer Day throughout the state of Connecticut by proclamation from Governor Jodie Rell.
- ★ 2007 – We are named a Horse Farm of Environmental Distinction per the Connecticut Horse Environmental Awareness Program.
- ★ 2009 – First High Hopes Hoedown.
- ★ 2009 – First year of Horses for Heros veterans program.
- ★ 2009 – First year collaborating with L&M Hospital. Project was first year of week-long Autism Immersion camp.
- ★ 2009 – First year for Horse Sense summer program.
- ★ 2009 – High Hopes received a Connecticut General Assembly Official Citation with congratulations in recognition of the 35th anniversary.
- ★ 2012 – High Hopes chosen as a “Champion in Action” by Citizens Bank. Award includes a \$10,000 grant.
- ★ 2012 – Created the Legacy Society.
- ★ 2013 – Camp Harkness pilot program. Half Pint, Buddy, and Hummer were chosen for riding lessons. Candy and Lightning were the carriage driving horses.





Horse Sense was created in 2009 to meet an increasing focus of High Hopes' program development to meet the needs of young people in crisis.



# Planning Hope

## 2014-2023

### Major Events

- ★ 2014 – We have a new, 21st century logo.
- ★ 2019 – Successful completion of \$3 million Share Hope endowment campaign.
- ★ 2019 – Recognized as a 2019 Equus Foundation Guardian.
- ★ 2020 – 3/17/2020 at 12pm, High Hopes closes due to Covid-19.
- ★ 2021 – Tailgate Big Barn Bash
- ★ 2023 – First Nature Day in collaboration with Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, Friends of the Forest, and Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center.
- ★ 2023 – April – Wellness retreat for 30 women – with therapeutic journaling, yoga and mindfulness with horses.
- ★ 2023 – May – First Responders/Veterans Open House in collaboration with Groton and Southern Police Departments, IHeart Radio and featuring seven police comfort dogs.
- ★ 2023 – Summer – piloted new “Healing Hearts” program for women with stress/anxiety/depression/PTSD/grief – a weekly unmounted program.
- ★ 2023 – Equus Foundation awarded High Hopes the Guardian Seal of Transparency.
- ★ 2023 – Equus Foundation awarded High Hopes the Horse Whisperers Award.





From 2019 to 2023 High Hopes is named a PATH International Premier Accredited Center.







# Annual Giving



High Hopes greatly appreciates the individual donors who have invested in our mission.

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<https://highhopestr.org/about/annual-reports/2022-2023-individual-donors/>





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 SP Richards Co  
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 Stryten Energy  
 Sunset Farm  
 SuperSeedz  
 Supreme Hot Dog  
 Sweet Seidner's  
 Taylor Rental Party Plus  
 Terra Firma Farm  
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 The Capitol Grille  
 The Chocolate Shell  
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     Architecture, LLC  
 Yali Stonington  
 You, Me and The Sea Essex





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Barbara & John Kashanski  
Cemmy and Michael Ryland  
Churro  
Clay Gilbert  
Cole and Warrior  
Debbie and John Welles  
Ed and Mary Jane Fegan  
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## In Memory Of

Aileen Livingston  
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The Legacy Society recognizes donors who have established a planned gift. These meaningful intentions ensure High Hopes can deliver on our mission for years to come. The Legacy Garden overlooking Hartman Pond is a tranquil place celebrating members of the Society.

## Legacy Society

Anonymous  
 Matt Abrams and Dr. Barbara Abrams  
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## A Vision for the Future

As a former Board Chair and a former Executive Director, we were honored to Co-Chair the Strategic Planning Task Force. Over the past 18 months, the Task Force, High Hopes staff and Board have worked diligently to gather and analyze information from internal and external sources. These activities enabled us to identify four strategic initiatives which determine organizational focus into the future.

### **Workforce Development**

High Hopes will recruit, develop and retain a relevant workforce, (staff and volunteer) to foster the successful execution of its mission and respond to the evolving needs of the organization.

### **Serving the Community**

High Hopes will deliver professional and compassionate programming and services that are innovative, impactful, accessible, inclusive and responsive.

### **Finance**

High Hopes will create a robust and sustainable operating model to support future program innovation and growth through diversification and expansion of funding sources.

### **Communications**

High Hopes will build and strengthen community awareness of its mission and the impact of its evolving services.





*As we look toward the future, the Board and staff have recommitted to the Mission, Vision and Values.*

#### **Our Mission:**

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#### **Our Vision:**

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#### **Our Values:**

Quality  
Teamwork  
Education  
Leadership and Innovation  
Serving the Community



Margaret (Mac) Mummert  
Alison Zack Darrell



# THIS YEAR AT HIGH HOPES

6,151 services provided  
to 1,405 participants  
by 15 instructors  
22 horses



127-acre farm protected from development  
30 acres of pastures, 3 miles of riding and driving trails



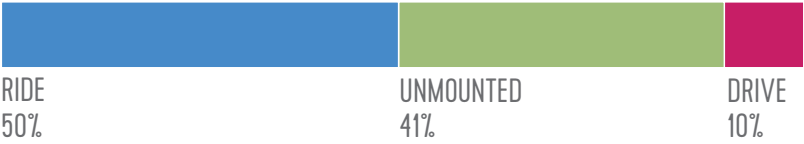
387 volunteers  
12,679 hours donated  
\$438,186 value of donated service hours  
92% – percentage of workforce served by volunteers



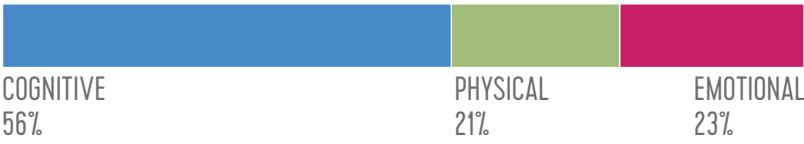
\$1,372,000 new gifts and pledges to support current operations  
\$600,000 new planned gifts to support our future  
1,367 donors  
More than 500 guests and \$372,000 raised at the Big Barn Bash



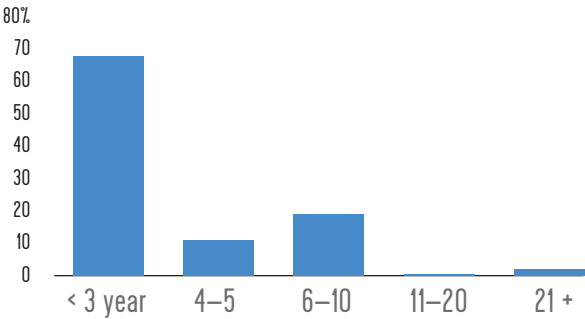
### Equine Assisted Activities



### Primary Declared Diagnosis

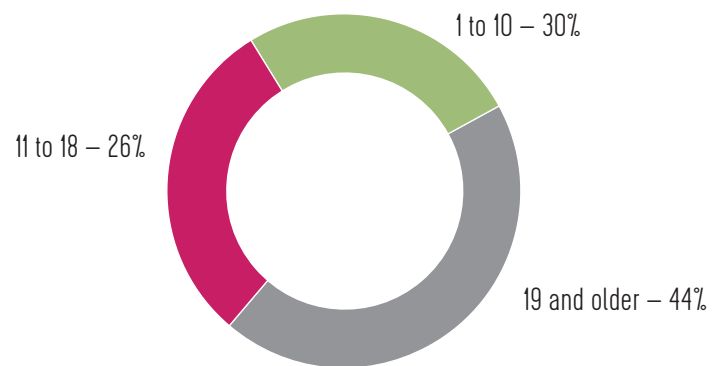


### Volunteers: Length of Service



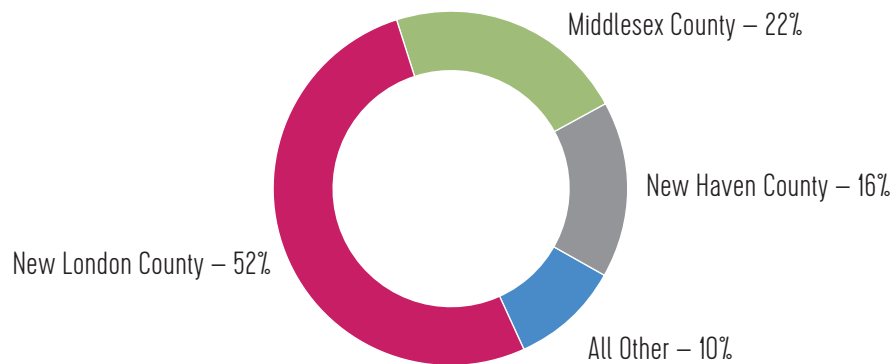
## Ages of our Participants by Percent

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## Home Locations of Participants

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# Statement of Financial Position

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

## Assets

### CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$167,598
Pledge and Other Receivables	365,756
Prepaid Expenses	2,664
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$536,018</b>

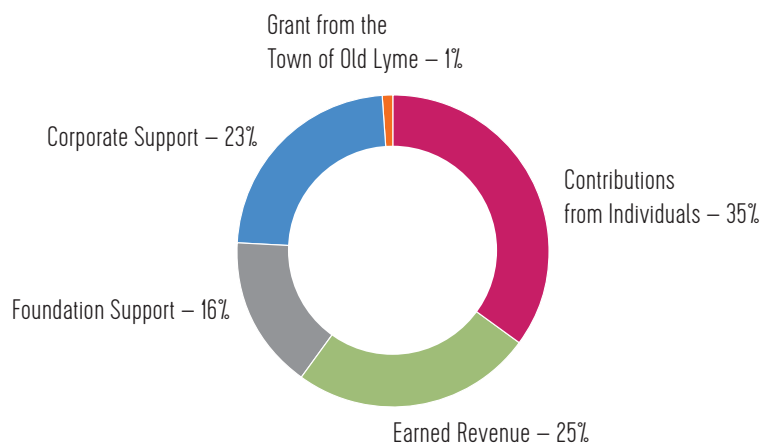
Property and Equipment – Net	\$1,375,998
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### LONG-TERM ASSETS

Investments	6,473,249
<b>TOTAL LONG-TERM ASSETS</b>	<b>\$6,473,249</b>

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$8,385,265</b>
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## Support and Revenue





## Liabilities and Net Assets

### CURRENT LIABILITIES

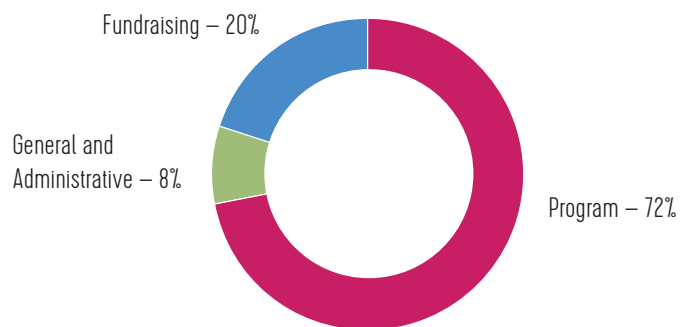
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$83,402
Note Payable	5,204
Advance Fees for Services	46,117
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$134,723</b>

### NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions	\$1,427,476
With Donor Restrictions	6,823,066
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$8,250,542</b>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$8,385,265</b>
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## Functional Expenses



# Trustees

Sarah Hill Canning  
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