

## **A Note From Allyson - January 2015**

### **“It Takes A Village”**

I've always liked this saying. It reminds me of the strength of community and the power in numbers. Never has this expression meant more to me than this past month at Pegasus. A dedicated group of people pulled off the rescue of a horse named Lexi, and it was nothing short of a miracle.

In early December, Mike and I were on a much-needed vacation far away from Texas. I'm not one to leave my world behind, so thankfully, I continued to monitor my emails and messages. Via an email from an assistant DA in our county, I received a desperate plea from a Texas State Trooper regarding a horse in bad shape, who needed our help. The horse was located on the border of Mexico, more than 12 hours from the Pegasus ranch. That distance, combined with the fact that we were far away from Pegasus ourselves, was discouraging.

Rather than succumb to doubt, I put out a plea to the Universe and a request for help on Facebook. Miracles began to happen!

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In just a few hours, a generous woman from Denton, Texas (who we did not know previously) offered to pick Lexi up since she was going to be in South Texas the following week. Next, various supporters of Pegasus began sending money to help pay for the fuel to get Lexi to the Pegasus ranch and to cover her initial veterinary bills. Twenty different people donated, some from as far away as Sweden and The Netherlands! In less than 24 hours, this sweet little filly's problems were solved by a "village" of people.

Back in Starr County, Texas where Lexi was located, the State Trooper and her connection at the local Tractor Supply made sure the horse (who was standing tied to a dilapidated trailer) continued to receive food and water. They had already been tending to the horse for the two preceding months. Then, two other women agreed to meet the transport truck along I-35 (ten hours into her journey) to bring Lexi the additional two hours to Pegasus. Ten days after the initial email from the DA, Lexi stood safely at our ranch, peacefully munching hay.

If you ever get the feeling that you can't impact the situation, that you are just one small person in a sea of problems, remember Lexi's story. Let it inspire you to take action. Let it motivate you to be a part of the solution. Everyone who participated in Lexi's rescue was an integral part of getting her to safety. Each person was important, whether he or she fed the horse, hauled the horse, shared the story, or donated money. You CAN make a difference. The horses are counting on it!

(Lexi is featured in this eNewsletter as our Horse of the Month in the *Ready to Fly* column. You can read her complete story and view her photographs there.)

If you have questions or comments regarding this matter, or if you have suggestions for future topics of discussion, I welcome you to contact me at [allyson@mypegasusproject.org](mailto:allyson@mypegasusproject.org).

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