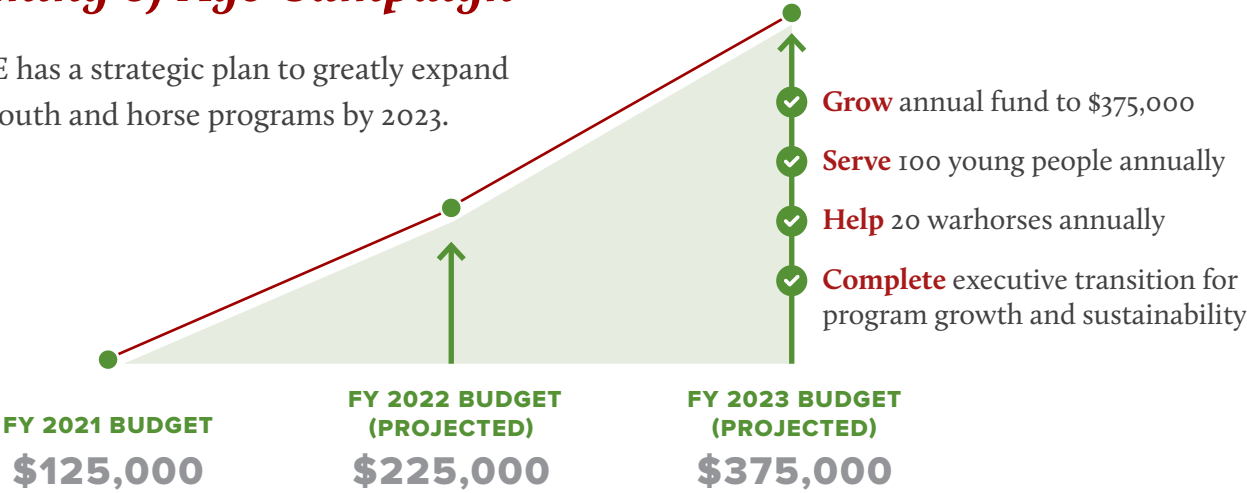


# Coming of Age Campaign

LOPE has a strategic plan to greatly expand our youth and horse programs by 2023.



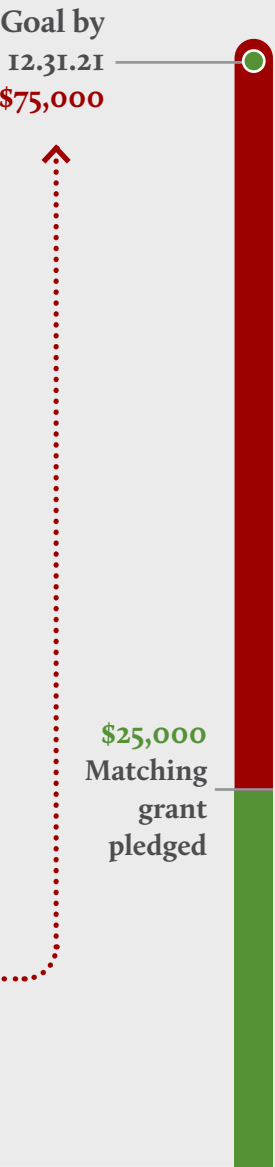
## LOPE Goals for 2022

With your continued help, we can reach even bigger goals in 2022:

- Launch beginner workshop series for youth program in FY22; Expand to serve 60 children annually in FY23
- Launch at-risk youth mentoring program in FY22; Expand to serve 20 at risk youth annually beginning in FY23
- Grow current teen internship program to serve 20 teens in FY22
- Increase warhorse intake by 25% in FY22; increasing to 50% in FY23; grow permanent lesson horse herd by 30% in FY23
- Expand warhorse program to assist 20 horses per year by FY23
- Create scalable model of our youth and warhorse teaching program; launch workshop series to teach national charities how to adopt our model



LOPE is setting an ambitious two-year goal to grow our annual fund to \$375,000 by FY23 so we can serve 100 young people and 20 horses annually. **To start, we are raising \$75,000 by December 31 toward this.** Thank you for helping LOPE come of age.



# Coming of Age at LOPE

## Investing in Growth in a Time of Change



## Warhorses & Teens Learning Together: The Heart of LOPE



THEN  
Lynn leads Zuper, one of our first warhorses, circa 2004.

Since our founding in 2003, many things have stayed the same at LOPE. From the start, OTTB warhorses have captured our hearts. We always learned so much from the warhorses!

And we took that knowledge and passed it on to our young volunteers. Those volunteer lessons eventually evolved into our current youth internship program.

Both the warhorses and the young people are helping each other prepare for the next phase of life.

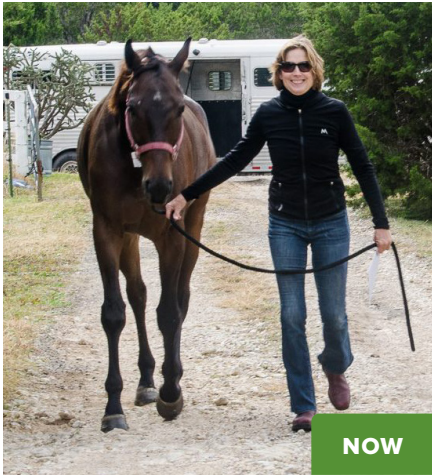
Recently, I realized that it isn't only the teens and warhorses who are coming of age. So is LOPE. We are 18 years old, the perfect age for a big leap into the next phase.

Since 2003, LOPE has evolved from a tiny horse rescue to a full-fledged community institution and nationally accredited charity. All on a budget of \$125K with a single full-time staffer, a cadre of eager interns and a dedicated network of enthusiastic fans, friends and supporters.

It's time for investment in our infrastructure. Each year, we turn away deserving horses and youth in need — whose lives would be dramatically changed for the better, if they could come to LOPE.

We are seeking key social investment for our strategic growth plans. We've had tremendous success over the years in our current role. But it's time for LOPE to grow into the next phase, to come of age as an institution. And we need your help to do that.

Will you help us make this transition?



NOW  
Lynn greets a new warhorse to our Driftwood farm.



# A Tale of Two Horses It Takes the Time It Takes

## Nubin Ridge — The Slow Lane is Hard



Nubin Ridge (aka “Ben”) came to LOPE one year ago. As a warhorse, Ben won over \$600K before a sesamoid injury ended his career.

When Ben arrived, we thought he would be adopted soon. He was so handsome! But Ben was very anxious and tense. Slowing down and doing new things made him nervous.

We put Ben into our “slow lane” program. He went back to the basics (like learning to lead quietly). With time, Ben began to relax and gain confidence in ground work.

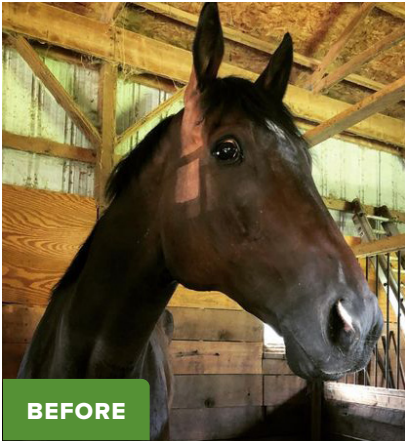
Today, Ben is back under saddle! He has finally learned to slow down and enjoy less speedy rides. For LOPE, it was 100% worth that time to help Ben transition mentally into a new way of life.

## Doctoriat — The Unexpected Fast Track

Doctoriat was a 10 year warhorse with a tendon tear. He was tall, edgy and could be grumpy at the track. We expected a slow adjustment for him. But Doctoriat had other things in mind.

He relaxed quickly at LOPE. Doctoriat liked our peaceful farm and the routine of being handled daily here. Then a dressage rider contacted us, in search of a dressage prospect. She visited Doctoriat — and adopted him immediately.

Doctoriat was at LOPE for only three weeks. True to his warhorse record, Doctoriat decided to take the fast track to a new life.



# A Tale of Three Interns

“The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.” —Lao Tzu

## Daelynn — Coming Full Circle

We first met Daelynn at a LOPE horsemanship clinic when she was twelve. A couple years later, Daelynn joined the LOPE internship program. By then, she had acquired her own horse.

Daelynn became a serious student of horsemanship at LOPE. She worked with LOPE horses, learning about ground work exercises and how to assess horses. We encouraged her to mentor and teach.



Daelynn is now in college. She works for LOPE as an official staff member. At her barn, she often teaches other boarders about ground work and horsemanship. At age 19, Daelynn has been with the LOPE the longest of all our interns. We are honored to have been part of her journey into horsemanship (and adulthood)!

## Layla and Claire — The First Steps

Layla and Claire have just been invited to join the LOPE internship program. They are both in middle school and have been riding for just about a year. They both love horses and each just got their very first horse. They are excited about learning ground work and horsemanship at LOPE!

Both Claire and Layla are just starting their journey at LOPE. The LOPE team (especially Daelynn) is excited to see how far they travel — and we are eager to help them succeed along the way!

