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Healing With
A Lil' Bit of Help From Our
Friends

Katie's Story

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Little did we know that everything that was happening to us, was ultimately making us who we are today and continues to mold us.

Our daughter named our surprise baby Lil' Bit and our business name fell right into place for us because we were growing!

I am an active in Central Florida communities. I provide volunteer services to Lake County 4-H for the past 10 years. As a 4-H Leader of G.R.I.T.S. 4-H Club our group has grown to be very active within our community sharing her miniature animals with these children and families. Assisted Living Facilities love the presence of the animals and this need lead to her to form Lil' Bit of Life where her and her husband Rod frequent Assisted Facilities, Schools and Community Events to share their knowledge and enjoy the smiles and conversations these little animals bring out in people.

When I am not volunteering or playing with her four legged friends, I head to my part-time job as a licensing coordinator in Orlando.
"When I arrive home, the peace and tranquility of the animals makes a hectic work day disappear! That's what I want to do for others!"


Lil' Bit was a dwarf mini and passed away peacefully just before her 3rd birthday December 10th, 2015

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Our st visit to an assisted living facility AS OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE project with our animals and G.R.I.T.S. 4-H Group.

Miss R. stole my heart with Lil' Bit. SHE STAYED IN THIS POSITION THE ENTIRE TIME WE WERE THERE.

Miss R. has long passed away but it is a day we will never forget.




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IN THE MEANTIME KATIE was IN A HORRIBLE CAR CRASH while running barn errands on March 30, 2016

Avid horse trainer, rider, barn manager


- This young lady at the age of 28 is about to fight to get her life back.



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Our visits to Katie's window

- One day while bringing our mini zoo to the residents and staff at Neulife, I overheard the staff asking each other if we would walk our mini around to the window of the new resident that just woke up from a coma.
- This began our mission. I walked them up daily before I would go to work and after work. All to get her to slowly look over and give us a thumbs up and sometimes down.
- The kids and I had so much fun dressing up the mini, themselves and joining me. They were just as concerned and eager as I was about helping this young lady.
- Although kind at times it was so worth the try to get a thumbs up!



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Our visits to Neulife every other Sunday for the residents and staff continue and Katie's love for Dora was obvious

- Katie would hold her so tight. Run her fingers through her mane and over her face. It was hard for me to pull away and give the others the opportunity to enjoy the mini.
- Dora sensed that this was something important because she never wants to stand and just be held.



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What we have learned from Katie:

- 1) Great things take time
- 2) To push harder
- 3) Wake up and make everyday the BEST
- 4) A reminder that life can change in the blink of an eye
- 6) Trust in the power of horses
- 7) Be Thankful
- 8) Stop Whining
- 9) Live life like someone left the gate open!



My 4H Moms keeping Katie in check!

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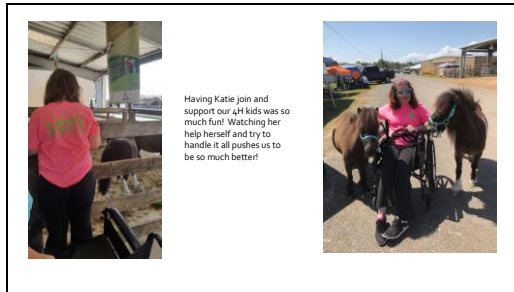
“There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man.”

— Winston S. Churchill

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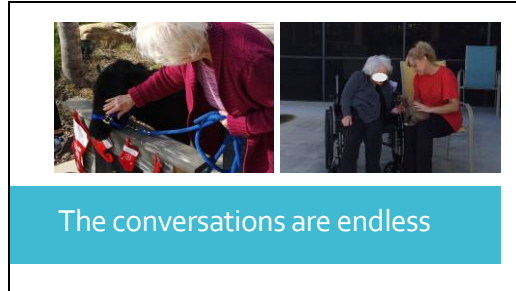
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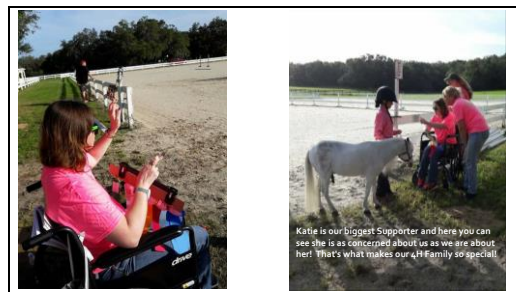
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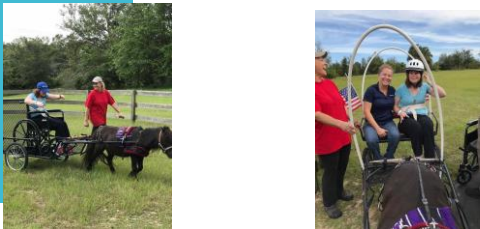


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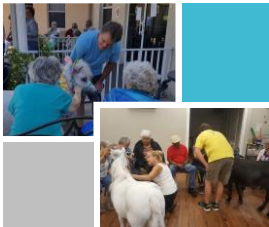
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We took the residents carting at NeuLife
We have a handicapped cart and a seated cart



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We frequent assisted living facilities for miles of smiles!



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Katie said,
"I am working my way towards independent living again. Li Bit of Life has helped me immensely.
It brought you and healing. In a time of life that we think all is lost. Great friendships and bonds in a time that we think is not possible to go back to normal living."
If i can, you can
#ifcanyoucan
