

Founder: Patty Mozal

In 2010, Patty transformed her lifelong dream into reality by founding Hooves to Heal, NFP, establishing a welcoming environment where individuals of all abilities could learn and grow. Her mission extended beyond assistance; she dedicated her life to making the world a better place through the healing power of horses. Patty cherished every rider, friend, and volunteer, recognizing and embracing the unique magic each brought to HTH.

Growing up on a dairy farm in Hebron, Illinois, Patty's passion was deeply influenced by her brother, Leroy, who had Down syndrome and adored John Wayne movies and the horses featured in them. Her love for Leroy, combined with her own equine experiences, inspired her to create an inclusive equine therapy community, leading to the birth of Hooves to Heal.

Patty's equestrian journey began as a child and continued into adulthood. Miss Patty loved to tell one of her favorite stories, about Spotty Girl, the first horse she purchased on her own for \$500, complete with bridle and saddle. The very next day, she entered Spotty Girl into a speed show, marking the start of a lifelong commitment to horses and the individuals who find healing through them.