

Katherine Holman, Founder of OTRA MAS

Compassion Award

For many horses, an injury can mean the not only the end of their purpose, but the end of their life.

For many people, depression, loss, and abandonment can rob them of their very being.

Katherine Homan has found a groundbreaking way to address both of these tragedies with a life-affirming solution that transcends species.

As founder of Otra Mas (“one more” in Spanish), Katherine rescues and rehabilitates aging and injured horses and gives them a second lease on life. Trained and reintroduced as therapeutic horses, these majestic animals participate in experiential exercises that help people heal and, ultimately, thrive.

Otra Mas’s equine-assisted learning (EAL) and equine-assisted psychotherapy (EAP) offer an experience that promotes new beginnings by facilitating powerful emotional bonds that can only be experienced between a horse and a human. Above all, people find healing and friendship that follows them wherever they go.

In the end, the story of Otra Mas is simple, yet powerful. Horses need people. People need horses. Thanks to the deep kindness and innovative compassion of Katherine Holman, this need has been uniquely fulfilled in a beautiful and life-changing way.

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