



The Steadfast Sings Benefit Concert was a joy-filled evening that blended music and community under an electric summer sky. On June 27th, champion fiddler Connor Civatte played to a sold out crowd at Peace Pavilion. Attendees enjoyed Scottich tales of old and the lively tunes they represent. As the melodies danced through the cool evening air, Steadfast families and volunteers served warm meals from Longhorn Steakhouse and refreshing homemade pies, embodying the spirit of joy and steadfast service. With every note and every smile, the evening was more than just a concert—it was a shared experience, united by the harmonies of Connor’s musical storytelling and surrounded by God’s handiwork: horses grazing peacefully nearby, gentle rain clouds overhead, and dramatic lightning that lit up the sky in rhythm with Connor’s fiddle. It was truly a night to remember.

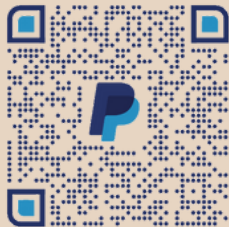
As we reflect on the evening and its success--not only as a delightful gathering but also as a meaningful support to the ministry—we can’t help but reflect on this truth:

***“He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.”***

We are immeasurably thankful to everyone who makes up this Steadfast Family and supports the ministry in various ways. Whether through prayer, service, or financial support, we are abundantly grateful to all who form the Steadfast “Herd.” May the joy of the evening continue to resound in our hearts, and may we sing His praises in all seasons.

Please mail financial gifts to:

**Steadfast Family Farm  
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# THE **STEADFAST GAIT**

JULY 2025



## **Silas’ JOY ~ Tod Bethea**

***The JOY of the Lord is my strength ~ Nehemiah 8:10***

This summer at Steadfast we have been learning about joy. God wants all of us to have joy and He has given us all that we need to experience it. The key is to **Just Open Yourself** to what He has given us. As blessed as I am, I’m still guilty of occasionally losing my joy. On one such day, I happened to be watching one of the



horse herds, and our horse “Silas” specifically. Silas, despite his age, is one of our most agile horses. As the herd peacefully ate, Silas impishly ran around nipping at the others. Some of these horses were much larger and more dominant, but Silas’ supreme confidence in his God given gift of agility rendered him fearless. As this continued, the initial irritation experienced from the playful nipping transitioned into a bout of happy frivolity among all the horses. Before long, the entire herd was joyfully running and bucking across the pasture. It brought such joy to my heart that I actually laughed out loud. Remember we all have need for joy. We just have to open ourselves to it and enjoy its contagious repercussions.

# Steadfast Spotlight - McCurry Family Care Team

At Steadfast, our volunteer Care Teams play a vital role in the heart of the ministry by providing exceptional care to the horses who, in turn, serve in our ministry programming. These dedicated volunteers give their time, energy, and love each week—ensuring the horses are well-fed, healthy, and cared for with consistency and compassion. With 12 volunteers across 6 active teams, they contribute over 625 hours a year, tending to each horse’s specific needs, rain or shine. Their service goes far beyond meeting basic care, they build deep understanding and trust with the horses, allowing them to thrive in their role within the ministry. One of our Care Team’s is a family of four, the McCurry’s, and below are their responses to some Steadfast questions!

**When you are with a horse, how does that make you feel?**

**Safe, relaxed, peaceful - Hannah**  
Confident and happy and free  
- Lydia  
**Loved and noticed - Julie**  
I feel like I can forget everything else and be in the moment - Kevin

**What is your favorite thing about Steadfast?**

The people and the animals - Hannah  
**Horse lessons and learning something new every time - Lydia**  
The opportunity to minister to people and animals - Julie  
**The love and the kindness of the people - Kevin**

**Why Steadfast?**

**Steadfast is a safe Christian environment - Hannah**  
Learning new things and learning more about horses and their different personalities  
- Lydia  
**The Christian environment and doing the care team as a family is so rewarding - Julie**  
Steadfast is such a strong resource in our community that helps on many levels. I love the care teams because I can come and do a task and it’s enjoyable.  
- Kevin

**Name a favorite Steadfast moment.**

Taking time to groom, bathe & feed the horses. Seeing them happy afterwards - Hannah  
**Doing liberty with Silas in the hayfield & he stayed with me for the extended time - Lydia**  
When we called the horses who were in the back of the hay field and they all came cantering around the corner together - Julie  
**Watching Andre correcting a horse in his herd and the leadership he brought to his herd - Kevin**



# Steadfast Honors

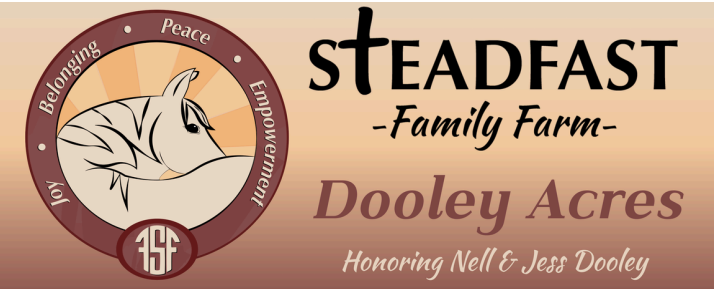
**Honor #1:** Steadfast was one of three area agribusinesses visited as part of the Georgia Young Farmers Tour held June 6-7. We welcomed over 300 visitors from across the state, sharing the Steadfast pillars of Joy, Peace, Empowerment, and Belonging.

**Honor # 2:** Steadfast was chosen as a recognized local charity by Stephens County Sheriff’s Department during their annual Cops vs Kids shooting event. The Toccoa Record reports that the cops were the victors this year!

**Honor #3:** For the second year in a row, Steadfast has been nominated for Stephens County nonprofit of the year. The winner will be determined by popular vote and announced at an awards ceremony to be held September 25.

## STEADFAST EXPANSION - DOOLEY ACRES -

Steadfast is growing! The ministry has been offered the opportunity to expand into the former Reins of Life property on Silver Shoals Rd, now affectionately referred to as “Dooley Acres.”



Dooley Acres, located only one mile from Steadfast Family Farm, offers approximately 35 acres of horse pasture, 15 acres of hayfields, a covered riding area, outdoor arena, and enclosed meeting area/restrooms. The covered riding area has already proven tremendously beneficial for holding ministry sessions during inclement weather. Steadfast obtained use of Dooley Acres in early May. Since that time, we have been busily making a few needed repairs and property improvements. Expenses being incurred to complete these is approximately \$15,000. With the completion of these projects, Dooley Acres will be fully operational and ready for an expansion of our horse boarding services. We are excited to offer quality care and a safe welcoming horse family experience that will also help support the ministry at Steadfast.

## Stepping Forward In Grace

Summer Sessions were HOT, with hearts on fire for Jesus! We are so thankful to see the growth in the hearts and lives of those we have the opportunity to serve. Wednesday mornings were filled with JOY as the ladies of The Grace Foundation came for sessions. It was a sweet and powerful time where we addressed healthy relationships through our new Relational Health curriculum. This curriculum is centered around a foundational relationship with Jesus that empowers us to have healthy relationship with self, others, the present, and the future. Currently we are bringing the 12 step principles to life through natural horsemanship application. Stay tuned as we look forward to share more exciting news about this new curriculum in the future!

