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## Miniature Ponies Delight Houston Hospice Patients, Patient Families

The love of caring for patients and their families and the love of animals came together at Houston Hospice on a sunny Friday afternoon. Three miniature ponies, including a two and half week old horse, made Houston Hospice garden a brighter place to be for patients and their families thanks to A Place for Peanut Equine Therapy & Rescue of Cypress, TX. Organization Founder Megan Cardet and her volunteers brought the warmth of her horses up close for people in the garden to experience.

Cardet oversees the rescue and adoption of horses and ponies from all over the state. She connects horses to loving homes while caring for them in her sanctuary. The horses she rescues face unspeakable plights.



From left, Megan Cardet and Coleen Skipper with volunteers Christine Dawson and Jerry Lewis of A Place for Peanut.

Cardet started the organization after saving a miniature filly named Peanut who she discovered on a farm where breeders dump their unwanted horses. Cardet, whose sanctuary acreage is home to more than 40 miniature horses, well-trained Arabians and Quarter Horses, Tennessee Walkers, Belgian Drafts and Mustangs, hosts adults and children of all ages to learn about the upside of rescue. She also plans more visits to Houston Hospice, sharing the love her horses bring with hospice patients.

About Houston Hospice: Nonprofit Houston Hospice was founded in 1980 and has grown from an alternative, grass roots concept to a leader in hospice care for people of all ages and walks of life. Care is provided to patients and families in private homes and in residential facilities throughout Austin, Brazoria, Colorado, Fort Bend, Harris, Jackson, Matagorda, Montgomery, Waller and Wharton Counties. Inpatient care is provided through the Margaret Cullen Marshall Hospice Care Center located in the [Texas Medical Center](#).

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