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A tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charity for horses and horse people!

Who We Are

The EQUUS Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life of horses, enabling the therapeutic use of horses to enrich the lives of those with special needs and fostering the horse-human bond.

Our goal is to build a more informed and compassionate America that values the horse's unique ability to empower, teach and heal and recognizes magical and powerful connection we have with horses.

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By bonding with these gentle giants, we learn to take control of our lives and become more capable of facing life's challenges.

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The EQUUS Foundation accomplishes its mission by:

- providing financial support through the award of grants to equine charities across the United States;
- operating an online network of equine organizations and equine enthusiasts;
- providing scholarships to reward volunteer service on behalf of horses;
- offering insight on management and horse care practices of equine charities through a thorough review of their operations; and
- conducting information outreach to educate the public about horses.

A Brief History

What started as a local effort is now a nationwide campaign on behalf of horses. The Foundation, established in Connecticut, awarded its first grants in 2003 to seven local horse charities.

Recognizing that horses are enriching the lives of millions of people of all ages every day, in 2008, the Board of Directors made a commitment to expand nationally, and also adopted the name, "Horse Charities of America", to more clearly convey its commitment to all equine charities.

The Foundation has now achieved national recognition as the primary organization in the equine world focused on both horse welfare and the benefits of the horse-human connection.

Grant Awards

The EQUUS Foundation funds a broad range of programs that are directly involved with 1) horse rescue, rehabilitation, adoption, foster care and/or retirement and/or 2) providing services involving horses to the public, such as equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT) or horsemanship programs.

The merits of each grant request and the quality of the applicant organization, including its management and horse care practices, are carefully evaluated.

The selection of the grant recipients by the Board of Directors is based on the amount of funds raised over the course of the year and a set of guidelines designed to ensure that the donations we receive make the greatest possible impact.

Alliance

The Foundation also operates an Alliance to address national areas of common interest in the equine community and the means to support programs of Alliance members that educate the public about horses, provide services that benefit the equine community, and help stimulate advocacy and volunteerism on behalf of horses.

Humanitarian Award

Nominate someone who has made the quality of life of our equine partners paramount. The recipient may select an equine charity of his or her choice to receive a \$5,000 EQUUS Foundation grant. The award is presented at the Pegasus Awards Dinner at the United States Equestrian Federation Annual Meeting.



The Horse Stars Hall of Fame was established by the EQUUS Foundation and the United States Equestrian Federation to celebrate the extraordinary talent of horses and share the stories of their athletic and humanitarian feats.

Horses are Extraordinary — as Athletes and Humanitarians.

What better way to show the impact of horses in our lives than to tell their stories!

Read more about the inductees at www.horsetarshalloffame.org.

equine welfare network

The Foundation strives to provide financial support to every worthy charity; however, less than half of the applicant organizations receive grant awards due to the limited funds available.

There are, in fact, thousands of charities in the United States that are eligible to apply. These service providers are experiencing the same decline in financial support that is affecting nonprofits across the nation. To offset the financial decline, many of these organizations are seeking volunteers to avoid reductions in programs and services.

To meet this need for voluntary support, the EQUUS Foundation operates the Equine Welfare Network (previously named carrots4acause) to bring together interested individuals with equestrian and horse-related organizations across America and build a support base of equine advocates.

Equine-related organizations are provided with a complimentary profile page to educate visitors about their mission and programs, recruit volunteers, and secure essential products and services.

CHAMPIONS

The EQUUS Foundation Equine Service Program



CHAMPIONS is our equine service volunteer program to reward individuals who volunteer for organizations on the Equine Welfare Network. Volunteers who log in a minimum of 24 hours during the calendar year are recognized as CHAMPIONS and eligible to receive CHAMPIONS benefits like scholarships.



Join our network of equine enthusiasts at www.equusfoundation.org/signup!