

# This is Your Invitation to Give and Receive

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Serving on the Board of Directors for the Reining Horse Foundation gives me an opportunity to give back to the reining horse family. Think about those friends we have all over these United States—and around the world—that we have made through our sport! I see them at shows and sales and run into them at airports, and there is always a smile, “hello” and “how are you?” They are at the back gate after a good run, with a hug, congratulations or big high five. More importantly, they are there after a not-so-great run with that same smile, a word of encouragement or a funny story about the time they made the same mistake and reminding us, “It is no big deal!”

It also makes me reflect on the special horses we have had through the years and the hopes and dreams we have for the young ones who have not shown yet. There is that big-hearted one that always gives you everything, and those that just get better and better! They all find a place in your heart, and my heart is full because of them.

This industry has given me so much that being able to give back is priceless, and the opportunity to give back is available to anyone. In addition to honoring the sport’s legacy through the NRHA Hall of Fame, the Foundation helps those in need through its Crisis Fund and supports students with scholarships. After Hurricanes Harvey, Maria and Irma and the devastating fires in California, the Foundation helped those reiners who needed a hand.

In the June 2017 issue of the *NRHA Reiner*, page 152, Katy Weaver described the impact on her family when a Foundation Dale Wilkinson Memorial Crisis Fund grant eased their financial burden and demonstrated the reining community’s support. Katy has been through years of coping with a genetic disease. I challenge you to revisit her story and be moved to action.

Donations can be made online at [reiningfoundation.com/donate](http://reiningfoundation.com/donate) or by mailing a contribution to 3021 West Reno Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73107. Consider monthly giving. For more information, contact [rhf@nrha.com](mailto:rhf@nrha.com).

Mother Theresa said, “If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.”

A tax-deductible gift to the nonprofit Reining Horse Foundation will help those in the reining industry. What a great way to start the New Year!

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