

# The Foundation is for All Members

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I have been privileged to sit on the Board of Directors for the Reining Horse Foundation (RHF) for several years. People have no idea how rewarding it is to serve on the Crisis Fund Review Committee with a group of men and women trying to do their best to award relief grants to someone hit by bad luck.

Over the years, we have seen many different cases resulting from auto and horse accidents, tornados, floods, fire and cancer, just to name a few. I don't remember one case where we granted funding that was not deserved. Did we wish we could give more? Absolutely. But as you can imagine, we have to manage Dale Wilkinson Memorial Crisis Funds in the best of interest of the Foundation and its donors.

We need the Crisis Fund and the other core programs, such as the scholarships, to be more recognized by all NRHA members and reining enthusiasts. These programs are for NRHA members, and yes this includes our international members. As someone who hails from Quebec, Canada, and supports the Foundation, this is especially important to me.

I know we are all solicited every day of our lives, but rest assured the money you give to the Reining Horse Foundation is well stewarded. Ten percent goes toward administrative fees, which is much lower than many nonprofits. Your donations will be well spent to fulfill our mission of caring for the reining community and honoring the sport's legacy, and if we can increase our reserves we will be able to distribute more.

We've made it easier to give online at [reiningfoundation.com](http://reiningfoundation.com), and you can even give monthly. We also have a new text-to-give option. Simply text the letters “RHF” to (405) 300-5919.

I have two goals today: the first one is to get RHF programs used by reiners around the world. It would be nice to see students apply for scholarships from Europe, Australia, Brazil and so on. The same holds true if you are in Mexico, Canada or any other place in the world. If you need help, apply to the Crisis Fund.

Secondly, I hope that in helping all NRHA members know about what the RHF offers, they will see a good reason to donate more. Be generous. At the end of the day it is returning to you.

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