

# Be Creative in Your Giving

I've been involved in the Reining Horse Foundation and other charitable organizations across different parts of the horse world for many years. Through that involvement, I've learned that horse people join together in times of need. I've also learned that no matter at what level you give, your contribution makes a difference.

All of us struggle with our everyday demands, responsibilities, needs, and even our wishes, but I believe that each of us can give at some level.

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Over the years, Tim and I have learned to be creative in the ways that we give. Stallion donations, cash, services, and even special projects at our horse shows have allowed us to contribute to RHF. We've also enjoyed planting the seed for charitable contributions by giving honorariums in our grandchildren's honor. We have to teach future generations the importance of philanthropy.

One of the most encouraging efforts that really took off in 2019 was the Show-Entry Donation Campaign. The next time you're entering a show offering this, I encourage you to give \$10. We

offered this option at the National Reining Breeders Classic and the Tulsa Reining Classic, and both shows raised significant amounts for your Foundation. What I love most is that it involves more people, and that means more NRHA members learn about RHF and its impact. There's no pressure to give beyond your comfort level—simply check the box to opt out and find a way to participate that means the most to you.

It's been a dream of mine that we'll see the day when our champions at the NRHA Futurity and other major events announce they are giving a percentage of their winnings to RHF. That will mark a new level of leadership giving back to our sport and our reining community.

The best thing about philanthropy is how it makes you feel. Each of us have our own ability to give to RHF and help care for our reining community. Whether you give as an individual or as a group, you can be creative and contribute. Please consider how you can be a part of the Reining Horse Foundation and make a difference today. ❖



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