

Reining Horse Foundation

Thanks to the Givers

This is the second year NRHA Professionals have the choice to donate to the Reining Horse Foundation (RHF) when they complete their membership renewal. In 2020, the first year for this option, the group raised \$6,000 for the RHF Dale Wilkinson Memorial Crisis Fund.

NRHA Professionals are an important part of RHF fundraising and have been for years. They have instructed at Reining Boot Camps, which are mini clinics for NRHA members and potential members that also help provide financial support for the Crisis Fund.

In 2019, the NRHA Professionals introduced dummy roping fundraisers, which launched an enormous amount of fun. Last year, dummy ropings were on hold because of social distancing requirements, but I would be remiss if I didn't thank show manager Cheryl Cody for her great support helping our pros organize the Reiners Rope dummy roping at the 2019 NRHA Derby. Cheryl has been instrumental in other Foundation fundraising, as well.

The Buy-A-Pro Auction is an important annual fundraising event organized by NRHyA in cooperation with many NRHA Professionals. Buy-A-Pro gives members an opportunity to bid on two private lessons with one of many trainers. The lessons are fun learning opportunities that otherwise would be difficult to experience.

Money raised from the Buy-A-Pro Auction goes to support NRHyA programs. And, beginning in 2020, a portion of the proceeds also benefit each professional's designated affiliate. This program represents another generous

donation of time from our NRHA Professionals, and the RHF and NRHyA express their appreciation.

We are also seeing increased giving from our international members, and we thank you! It's a great time to remind our reining community that the Foundation's programs are international.

Crisis Fund grants and RHF scholarships are made to international members. We honor NRHA Hall of Fame inductees from around the globe. The RHF also has international representation on our Board of Directors, including João Marcos from Brazil, a member of the RHF Executive Committee, and Andrea Stillo, originally from Italy.

It is my hope that by the time you read this, we are about to start a busy derby season. I wish all of you the best of luck. I kindly invite you to participate in our Show-Entry Donation program at events you attend. \$10 at a time, the RHF received \$19,820 through this program in 2020, and it has become a very important part of our fundraising. We appreciate every show that offers it and every person who participates.



Tim Anderson
RHF President

To donate, visit reiningfoundation.com, email rhf@nrha.com or contact RHF Director Leslie Baker at 405-946-7400, ext. 106. You can also donate by texting "RHF" to 405-300-5919.



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