

# Be a Mosquito

*“Volunteer – a person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service.” —Merriam-Webster*

As it has been shared in this column time and time again, the Reining Horse Foundation’s (RHF) mission is: We care for and honor our reining community. What an exhilarating time it was to witness and to share in this firsthand at The Run For A Million (TRFAM), presented by Teton Ridge, in August!

When the RHF Raise A Million Auctions were announced as part of TRFAM, it was tremendous to watch how the Foundation’s Board members immediately began finding a variety of items for the auction. To personally ask for donations to help the RHF “raise a million” was a joy for me.

My most memorable experiences from Las Vegas were spent helping with things like setting up the RHF booth, and manning the silent auction with NRHA/RHF staff and fellow Board members. To show bidders the headstall from NRHA Corporate Partner Bob’s Custom Saddles and the bracelet from NRHA Corporate Partner MS Diamonds TX/Sleipnir during the live auction was truly exhilarating!

But, the most electrifying moments at the event were when I witnessed so many folks stepping up and working *together* to provide the RHF with an amazing opportunity that will enable the Foundation to financially provide our youth with scholarships, help our NRHA members in crisis with financial respite and promote our sport’s history through the NRHA Hall of Fame.

In addition to volunteering at TRFAM for the RHF, I also volunteer as a Board member for my local affiliate — the Southeastern Reining Horse Association. I can tell you that ANY help at the affiliate level is welcome! Help hand out towels at the gates, restock water or hand out prizes ... just step up! The adage “many hands make light work” is so true!

Some of you may feel you’re too small to make a difference, but every moment you help at a show and every penny you give provides someone an opportunity to rest easier. I encourage you to reach out and help at the local level, as well as for the RHF, NRHA and NRHyA.

It has been said, “If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in bed with a mosquito.” Join me in being a mosquito, and let’s see how much we can accomplish!



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