# Why I Give

s a reining family, we are incredibly blessed. I'm constantly reminded of so many who graciously give to help others. Whether for a crisis or simply a hand up, you are quick and generous in your response.

With 2022 in our rearview mirror, we can reflect on what a year it was and prepare for the momentum that 2023 is already bringing! Last year was phenomenal for the Reining Horse Foundation (RHF). While we saw many crises, we were happy to be able to help alleviate stress and hardship for fellow reiners during hard times.

This year, we anticipate more generous levels of grants available through the RHF's Dale Wilkinson Memorial Crisis Fund. It is so important to me to know that when NRHA members face their hardest times, they have access to funds that can help see them through day-to-day life.

As announced during the 2022 Sliders' Night Out presented by Toyon Ranch, the RHF Board of Directors has committed up to a quarter-million dollars earmarked for core programs. We're just awaiting formal announcement of what that looks like moving forward. Rest assured, there is a lot of work going on.

Over the last five years, donations to the RHF have allowed us to increase Crisis Fund grants, and increase the total number and the value of scholarships the RHF awards to our hardworking reining youth. I feel as though without contributing to our youth, their

future involvement in our sport will diminish.

While there is no better time to be in the reining industry, it is important to remember where we came from. That is why keeping the Hall of Fame going is critical. By inducting new members every year — from stellar horses to individuals who have given NRHA their all — we are committed to celebrating our sport's history and keeping it alive.

These are some of the reasons why I believe it is important to give to the RHF. Every dollar makes a difference. There is no amount too small. I remind you to look at what the reining community has brought to your life and encourage you to help make a difference for others.

Wishing you all the best in 2023!



Chloe Lawrence
RHF Secretary/Treasurer

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



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