

Why I Give

Your truck breaks down at 3 a.m. in the middle of a 12-hour haul, and a fellow reiner drives hours to bring you their truck to finish your journey while others transport your horses. A trainer with a young family unexpectedly passes away, and other trainers conduct a clinic to raise needed funds. These are just two examples of how the reining community that drew me in seven years ago supports each other.

How would I have guessed that a trail ride in Montana in 2017 would reawaken the wonderful world of horses that consumed my life from age 5 until 20? Who would have known that my quest to find a Quarter Horse would lead me to Thiago Boechat and Trevor Dare — two enduring stewards of community and, thankfully, fixtures in my reining world?

Today, I am blessed to have my life firmly planted among reiners. One horse turned into many, and the excitement has not dulled. I am thankful to be among people from every walk of life who are scattered across the globe. Like others, I was welcomed, and I've never looked back.

Over the last year, I had the privilege of serving on the board of the Reining Horse Foundation (RHF). I have witnessed dedicated, hardworking and smart individuals constantly looking for ways to support this community.

The RHF's core programs include the Dale Wilkinson Memorial Crisis Fund to help NRHA members enduring major hardships, programs to help our NRHyA members with their leadership skills and furthering

their education, and honoring the sport's history through the NRHA Hall of Fame.

The crisis fund is dear to my heart. It reminds me of when, 20 years ago, my family faced the life-jarring diagnosis of kidney cancer in my then-husband, now my amiable ex after 26 years of marriage. With our young children, we were shoved into a terrifying fight for life. We became receivers at that point, needing and relying on others to help get us through. Thankfully, after major surgery and stress-laden years, we put cancer in the rearview mirror, where it remains today.

I learned from this experience that sometimes in life, we find ourselves on the receiving end of helping hands in our community. Other times, we can be givers, able to rally around others.

I hope you will consider being a giver. Every dollar is a meaningful gift and allows the RHF to benefit others. I am forever grateful to this community that helps fill my heart with joy every day.



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RHF board member

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