

# Why I Give

I can thank — or blame — Rick and Madeline Ramsey and Dan Clark for getting me involved in reining back in the early 1980s when I joined the Ohio Valley Reining Horse Association (OVRHA), which just celebrated its 40th anniversary. During my years at OVRHA, I held several offices, including president.

My membership with NRHA began in 1983. While on the NRHA Board of Directors, I served on several committees, including finance and non pro. You could say my claim to fame is getting two eventual NRHA presidents involved in reining: Rick Clark and my first cousin Bill Bradley. As many will remember, Bill and Diana Bradley were founding donors to the Reining Horse Sports Foundation, which is now the Reining Horse Foundation (RHF). I doubt the founders could envision the impact RHF would come to have on so many.

The RHF mission is, “We honor and care for the reining community.” I believe this goes above and beyond our reining community. It creates an awareness of the needs of all people.

We honor our own through the NRHA Hall of Fame. We ensure our future through scholarships for our future leaders. The Dale Wilkinson Memorial Crisis Fund helps members in times of dire need.

I currently serve on the RHF scholarship committee and chair the Crisis Fund committee. Applications come to the committee anonymously for review. We have solid guidelines we use to determine what to fund for the various losses and needs of NRHA’s members.

I have never seen a more diligent and hardworking group of people than those who volunteer for this committee. They genuinely care about the welfare of others and are good stewards of the available resources. It is so rewarding when we receive messages of appreciation for what RHF has done to support reiners who have experienced significant losses from injury, sickness, floods, accidents, etc.

There’s no way we could accomplish what we do without the support of our donors, as well as the NRHA and RHF boards. I personally appreciate the support of RHF President Tim Anderson, RHF Vice President Clark, longtime RHF supporter and NRHA Vice President Mike Hancock, and the RHF staff, Leslie Baker and Claire Pound.

Donations of all sizes add up for essential support. While I was a bit reluctant to accept the responsibility of serving on the RHF Board and scholarship committee and chairing the Crisis Fund committee, it means a lot to me. Thanks so much for your support of all kinds.

Enjoy the ride!



**Joe Wolfe**  
RHF Board Member

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