

# Find Your Place

In late 2015, I began providing consulting services to NRHA and its charitable arm, what was then called the Reining Horse Sports Foundation. Jump forward a decade, and I've served as the executive director of the Reining Horse Foundation (RHF) for eight years. What a ride! At the beginning of 2025, I can report that much positive has happened, and the future is promising.

Thanks to the work of volunteers, staff, NRHA support and generous donors from around the globe, the RHF is in its best financial position. Following nonprofit best practices and a strategic plan regularly updated by the board of directors, the organization has been on a path of incremental growth in fundraising and core programs. Much like the sport of reining, the RHF is riding a wave of interest, success and momentum that will make an impact for decades to come.

Recently, RHF President Tim Anderson was interviewed about his interest in serving on the RHF board of directors, a role he has had since 2015. "It's really important to be involved in making the world a better place as an individual. When it comes time, get your hands in there and get them dirty and do it, because it will make you a better person, and you'll feel good about it."

Tim's words are personal. One of the steps the board took in 2016 was to implement term limits for RHF leaders. We now have board members whose terms are up after six to 10 years, and Tim's term will end December 31.

Is this scary for the organization? No, because the RHF hasn't sat idly by. We've been identifying new board members and cultivating the next leaders. Ideally, a board has diversity of experience, education, perspectives and even geographic origins. We know there are other reiners out there with the interest, knowledge and passion to help the RHF march into the future. If you have an interest, talk to a board member listed in this monthly column or contact me.

RHF also has been strengthening its connections to tomorrow's leaders. NRHyA activities and youth scholarships are funded through the RHF. NRHyA officers even participate in RHF board meetings and activities.

This is a great time to remind students and adults that the deadline for RHF and RHF Merit Scholarships is March 1. Applications and details can be found at [nrhya.com/scholarships](http://nrhya.com/scholarships). Don't miss out on this opportunity.



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