

Off We Ride

Here's to great health and great horses in 2025.

A new year brings new goals and renewed enthusiasm at the Reining Horse Foundation (RHF). It also brings hello to new beginnings and farewell to the outgoing directors. For 2025, we say goodbye to Jamie Walters, João Marcos, Mark Blake and Geir Ramleth. These four have given their time, ideas, donations and strong support to RHF. We say a unified, "Thank you. We appreciate you, and happy trails."

We say hello and welcome to Diana Duffey, Jesse Boyd and Mike Hancock. These three were strong supporters of RHF before joining the board. Mike will hold the ex officio seat of NRHA president. Mike has served RHF in several positions, including past chairman of the Scholarship and Crisis Fund committees, as well as president in 2011 and 2012.

Diana and her husband, Vince, have been generous donors and supporters. Jesse and his partner Sierra Littrell, owners of Elite Equine Spa, have donated 10% of their spa receipts at many shows, including the 6666 NRHA Derby presented by Markel and the NRHA Futurity.

This year will provide RHF with the challenge of sustaining our Crisis Fund grant levels and scholarships, while making sure our resources are secure. We will need to develop new fundraising ideas while our existing ones mature, and some of them phase out. Our board has been creative with fundraising activities, and I am confident we will continue in this direction of innovative ideas.

Successful fundraising for the

Foundation has allowed us to serve our reining community more effectively in times of crisis. We have increased the grant amounts substantially. There is more work to be done here. We need to continually evaluate our impact on applicants. The scholarship program also needs to be reviewed and improved. We have increased the number of scholarships we are granting, as well as the dollar amounts awarded, and want to see this program continue to flourish.

This is a great time to be part of the reining community. Never has our sport seen such growth in entries, purse sizes and number of shows. These times have also been exciting for our Foundation and its ability to fulfill its mission. It is also not time to rest on our laurels.

The Foundation's success remains in our members' hands. If you have an idea for fundraising, please share it by calling or sending an email. As always, we are looking for new, ambitious, passionate members for our board.

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