

Giving Does Good

Having been a member of the Reining Horse Foundation (RHF) board of directors since 2018, I truly enjoy this philanthropic part of my life. I like giving back to the community that has done so much for my family and me. It's exciting to share what RHF is doing and let others know how to get connected.

As one of the younger members of the board, I like encouraging youth and young adult reiners to support RHF. Giving doesn't need to be complicated, and it doesn't only mean donating dollars. There are many ways for you to get involved!

Consider holding a creative fundraiser at an affiliate show, clinic or your barn. The Greek storyteller Aesop once said, "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

When a group gets together to give a little, it adds up to mean a lot. One example is the Michigan Reining Horse Youth Association, which donates a portion of its annual fundraiser to RHF. That's a super way to teach the next generation.

For my fellow non pros, check at your workplace to see whether your company has an employee giving program for donating with pre-tax dollars. The organization might even offer a program to match the amount of your gift.

Let me remind you of a few program details. Both RHF Crisis Fund grants and scholarships are available internationally. That means we have a global footprint. Reiners help reiners around the world.

I've served on several RHF

committees. A majority of RHF's work — including new initiatives and program expansions — is accomplished at the committee level. I can assure you that board leaders take our volunteering seriously and work to be good stewards of donors' financial gifts while fulfilling RHF's mission.

I am proud of our recent ability to award larger grants through the Dale Wilkinson Memorial Crisis Fund. When reiners fall upon hard times, we can be there as a helping hand. I am also hopeful that RHF will continue expanding the scholarship program as it has recently to help more youth with their education.

Here's a seed I want to plant for everyone who has ever received an RHF scholarship: Get established in your careers and then give back to RHF. This circle of philanthropy will do your heart good.

Everyone involved in this sport can give something. Many of you do, and for that, you have my gratitude.



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