

Common Ground

As horse people, I am sure we all hope this is an announcement for a new coffee shop opening at an arena you're showing at soon! Coffee plays a significant role in our daily lives during long hours at shows, and it is something that we have in common as riders, grooms, trainers, owners and even spectators.

All of these people are represented and impactful in fundraising and recognition through the Reining Horse Foundation. They also are potential recipients of generous giving by the reining horse community.

There are several fundraising activities conducted by the RHF. These include such things as the NRHyA Buy-A-Pro Auction; Raise a Million Auction at The Run For A Million; and Sliders' Night Out presented by Toyon Ranch at the NRHA Futurity.

It might surprise you that a simple \$10 donation once a year as can be just as important as showcase events. The Power of \$10 program is a voluntary option you will find on the show bill at select shows. In 2024, donors contributed \$43,000 to RHF. If every NRHA member donated just \$10 a year, that would total \$150,000.

Sliders' Night Out highlights NRHA Hall of Fame members and other honorees. The event and live auction raised \$140,000 last year. The NRHyA Buy-A-Pro Auction just raised \$13,000 as a result of reiners taking advantage of our amazing professionals donating their time for personal lesson packages. The Reiners Club is an opportunity to

gift \$100 or more, a giving program supported by generous and loyal donors. Reiners Club donors are recognized in the NRHA Reiner magazine and on the RHF website.

Thanks to all of these programs and generous gifts from individuals and corporations, the RHF is making a greater impact on the reining community. In 2024, RHF awarded a record amount of crisis fund grants to reiners in immediate need of assistance, and the grant levels are higher than ever. In 2025, RHF will offer more - nearly \$90,000 in youth scholarships, the highest in history!

These events and programs are instrumental to the mission of raising money to care for and honor our reining community. I hope you can see that opportunities are available for everyone in the reining community to make a difference.

We share common ground. Odds are we are standing side by side in the coffee line needing a boost to get through the day and move forward together!



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