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Pennsylvania National Horse Show Foundation Awards Grants Funds Benefit Southeast PA Therapeutic Riding Organizations

Harrisburg, PA—August 31, 2014— The Pennsylvania National Horse Show Foundation recently announced the recipients of this year's grant program. The foundation awarded a total of \$15,000 to 19 organizations that provide therapeutic riding and horse rescue programs.

The PA National Horse Show Foundation also continued its long-standing support of the Harrisburg Kiwanis Youth Foundation with an additional \$15,000 grant, which will be used to benefit local youth organizations.

This year's grant recipients include organizations which provide equine therapy for people with disabilities, as well as programs that aide in the care and rescue of horses in need. A complete listing of organizations receiving funds can be found online at www.PAnational.org/our-foundation/.

Southeastern Pennsylvania organizations receiving money from this year's distribution include Hope Springs Equestrian Therapy, Chester Springs; Sebastian Riding Associates, Collegeville; Equi-Librium, Nazareth; Ivy Hill Foundation, Perkasie; Special Equestrians, Warrington; and Quest Therapeutic Services, Inc., West Chester.

According to Liz Shorb, President of the Pennsylvania National Horse Show, "The Pennsylvania National Horse Show Foundation is proud of the continuing support we are able to give to deserving organizations that make a difference in the lives of special needs children and provide much needed care for neglected and abandoned horses." Since its inception in 1945, the Pennsylvania National Horse Show Foundation has donated close to \$2 million to charitable organizations. This year, funding was distributed to organizations in seven states including Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, New York, Texas, New Jersey and West Virginia.

The Pennsylvania National Horse Show (PNHS) is one of the largest indoor horse shows in the U.S., hosting horses and competitors from across the country with 20,000 spectators attending from the Mid-Atlantic region. With over 1,400 qualified horses competing for \$485,000 in prize money, the show features Hunter and Jumper competition and the \$85,000 Grand Prix de Penn National. The ten day event is held annually in October at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center in Harrisburg, PA. Proceeds from the event benefit community equine and youth programs. This year's event will be held October 9-18. Show details and a complete schedule is available at www.PAnational.org.