

Our Mission

The EQUUS Foundation is the only national charity in the United States 100% dedicated to ensuring the welfare of America's horses and fostering the horse-human bond.

Our mission is to protect America's horses, enable as many people as possible to benefit from the horse's unique ability to empower, teach, and heal, especially people with special needs, and educate the public on the importance of the horse-human bond in America today - a bond that has existed for centuries. We believe horses enrich the human body and spirit.



Horses Change Lives!

Horses thrill us as athletes, inspire confidence and teamwork in equestrians of all ages, grace our lives as companions, and perform miracles for people with special needs.

Horses can dramatically improve the lives of people with special needs and allow them to live life as productively and independently as possible, yet equine activities and therapies are only available to a small percentage of people with special needs.

The EQUUS Foundation is dedicated to increasing the number of horses participating in Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies (EAAT) and providing the means for as many people as possible to benefit from the horse's unique ability to empower, teach and heal.

America's Horses Need Our Protection!

All horses, even champions of the racetrack and the show ring, are only one unlucky sale away from abuse, neglect and slaughter.

100,000 of America's horses were transported over the border for slaughter last year. Most were young, healthy, and had untapped potential. None deserved this inhumane end of life.

The EQUUS Foundation is dedicated to increasing the rehoming of America's horses in transition and ensuring that all of America's horses are safe and live in comfort with purpose and dignity.

helping horses
healing people

Where They Go Next Matters — and It's Up to All of Us!

Equine Welfare Network

Connecting equine enthusiasts with equine organizations across America

The Equine Welfare Network connects individuals with equine organizations across America. It consists of the Equine Charity Network and the Equine Education Network.

Equine Charity Network

Our goal is to populate the network with all eligible organizations that are improving the lives of horses and people and build a support base of equine enthusiasts and advocates. There are currently over 1,000 organizations and over 4,000 individuals participating on the Equine Welfare Network.



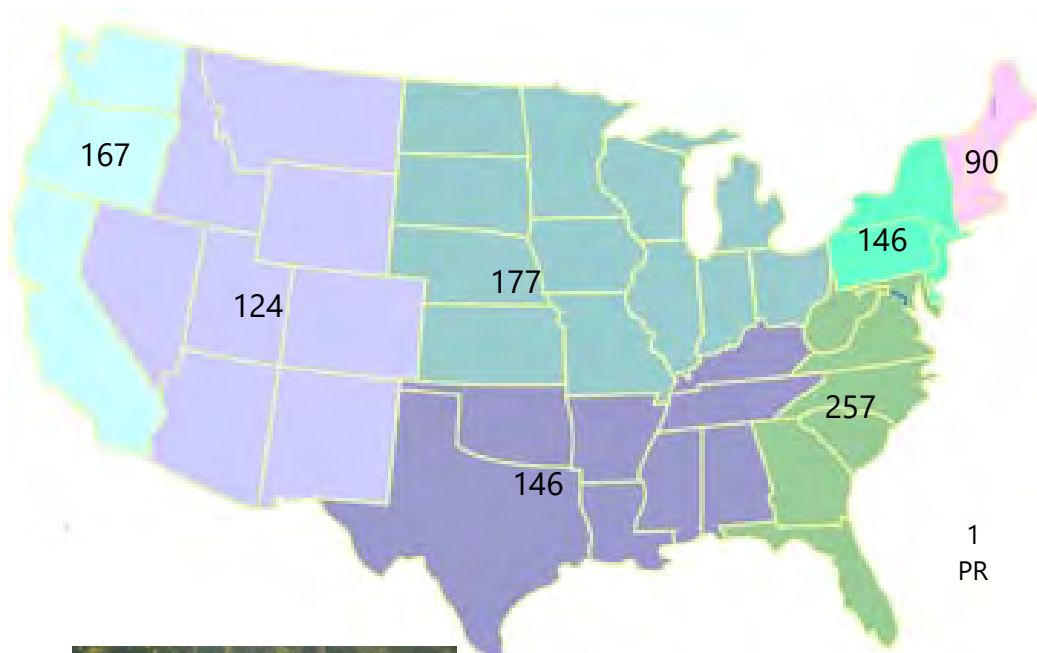
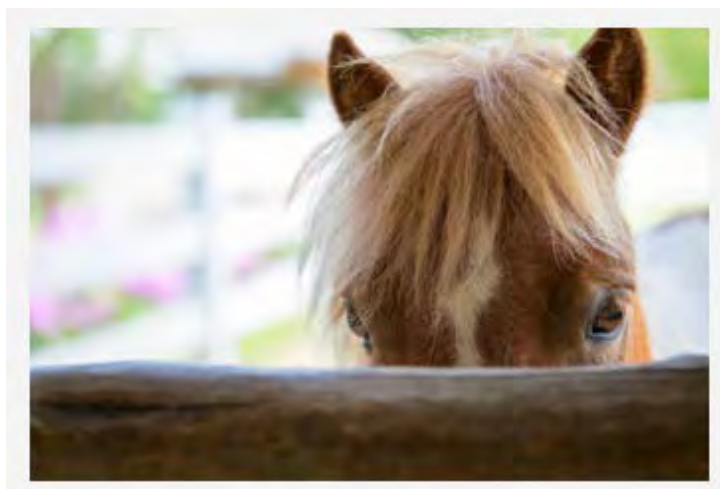
Equine Charity Network organizations may receive distinction as either Alliance Members or Messengers.

Messengers *Ensuring transparency and accountability in how horses are used and cared for*

The Messengers program was established in the Fall of 2013 to recognize organizations on the Equine Welfare Network that demonstrate a commitment to public transparency by their willingness to publish and share extensive data about their programs, horse care practices, and governance.

At the close of the Foundation's 2017 fiscal year, 156 organizations were approved as Messengers.

Only Messengers are eligible to receive financial support from the EQUUS Foundation.



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Alliance

Partnering with national organizations to achieve common goals

The Alliance program was established in 2011 to recognize the contributions of non-profit organizations involved in the equine community whose activities and programs complement and enhance the mission of the EQUUS Foundation.

American Association of Equine Practitioners Foundation	Kentucky Horse Park Foundation
American Hippotherapy Association, Inc.	Maryland Horse Industry Board
American Humane Association	National Association of Equine Affiliated Academics (NAEAA)
American Morgan Horse Association	National Horse Show Association of America
American Morgan Horse Educational Charitable Trust	North American Riders Group
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	PATH International
American Vaulting Association	Pennsylvania National Horse Show Foundation
Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA)	Retired Racehorse Training Project
College Preparatory Invitational (CPI) Horse Show	Right Horse Initiative
Equestrian Aid Foundation	Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA)
Equine Land Conservation Resource	United States Equestrian Federation, Inc.
Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries	United States Equestrian Team Foundation, Inc.
Hampton Classic Horse Show	United States Hunter Jumper Association Inc.
Horses and Humans Research Foundation	United States Pony Clubs, Inc.
Humane Equine Aid & Rapid Transport (HEART)	Unwanted Horse Coalition
Intercollegiate Equestrian Foundation, Inc.	USHJA Foundation
Intercollegiate Horse Show Association	Washington International Horse Show Assn. Ltd.
Interscholastic Equestrian Association	

Equine Education Network *Encouraging the pursuit of careers in the equine industry*

Established in 2015, the Equine Education Network is an online resource of over 200 educational institutions with equine studies and riding programs, including veterinary schools.

Its purpose is to connect individuals interested in pursuing studies and/or careers in the equine industry to the educational institutions with the curricula they seek and direct individuals interested in collegiate riding to the educational institutions with collegiate riding programs.

Champions *Stimulating and rewarding volunteerism*

The EQUUS Foundation launched the CHAMPIONS program in January 2012 sponsored by **Ariat International** to recognize and reward equine volunteer service on behalf of organizations on its network. Individuals achieve Champion status by volunteering a minimum of 24 hours during each calendar year.

The EQUUS Foundation provides scholarships to reward Champions for their volunteer service on behalf of our equine welfare organizations. Seven Champions received scholarships in 2017 based on their volunteer service in 2016.

Champions are also eligible to be entered in a drawing to win a grant for a charity on the network. Ariat International also donates equestrian apparel that is awarded to Champions by random draw.

2017 Equine Service Scholarship Recipients

Alexa Rennia	Nicole Offason
Grace Hetherington	Kyah Probst

2017 Equine Service Alliance Scholarship Recipients

Cari Farmer (USPC)	Nicole Offason (PATH)
Megann Robinson (US Equestrian)	

2017 Win A Grant Recipients

\$1,500 1 st Place	
Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue, Inc.	
\$1,000 2 nd Place	\$500 3 rd Place
Ride On St. Louis, Inc.	Dream Catcher Stables, Inc.

2017 Ariat Gift Award Recipients

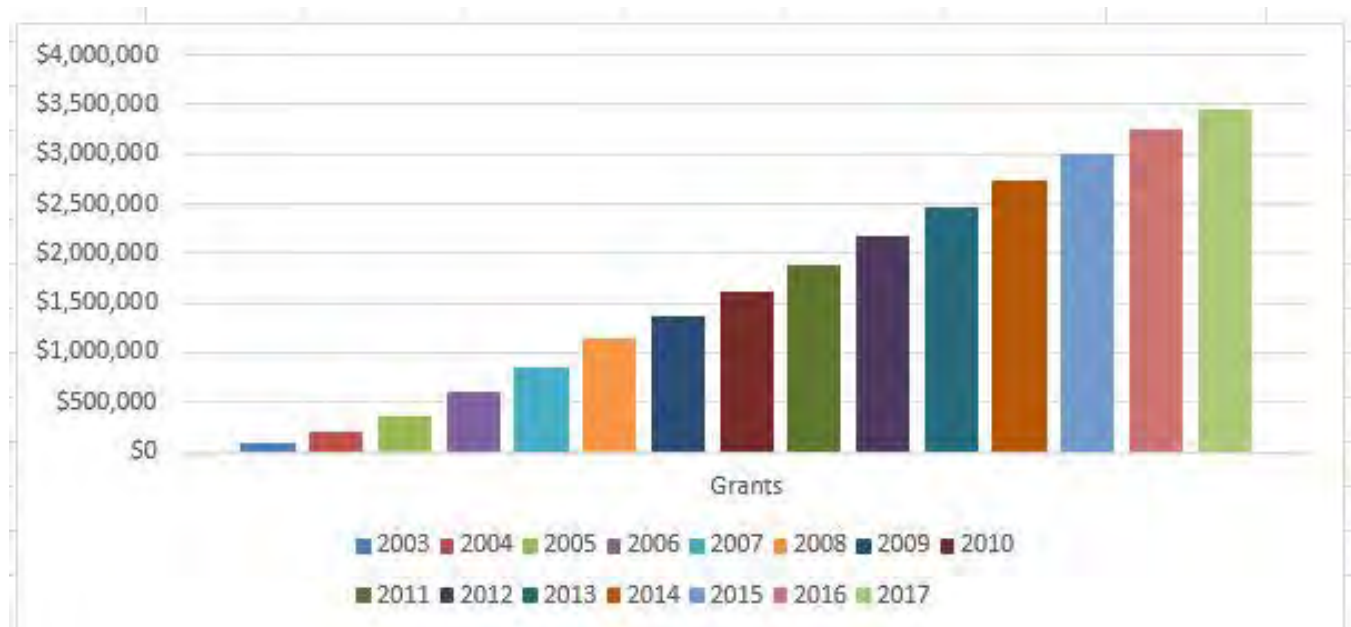
Devyn Barrett	Deb Gibson	Catherine Madden
Nancy Bidlack	Grace Hetherington	Cathie Morton
Terry Blum	Yana Hills	Roxie Nieroda
Stephanie Brake	Laurie Kaiser	Bridget Rogers
Carol Burnell	Adriana Kaplan	Amber Sleeis
Melinda Colonna	Judith Kirby	Tracey Talley
Roberta De Fiore	Linda Lechner	

Grants *Setting standards for horse care and use*

The EQUUS Foundation funds organizations that are either directly involved with horse welfare including rescue, rehabilitation, adoption, foster care, and retirement or organizations that are providing equine assisted activities and/or therapies (EAAT) to the public. Grants are also awarded to specific Alliance members to address issues of common concern, and to promote public advocacy on behalf of horses. Only organizations that are 501(c)(3) public charities and government entities are eligible to receive financial support.

The EQUUS Foundation has developed one of the most comprehensive and impartial verification processes to inspire donor confidence in the charities that receive financial support each year. The needs of the organization, the merits of the organization's programs, services, and activities and the organization's operating budget are carefully evaluated. The number the recipients and the amount of the awards are based on the amount of funds raised by the EQUUS Foundation over the course of the year.

The EQUUS Foundation awarded over \$200,000 this year to organizations operating at the highest standards for horse care and use and for programs where it is needed most.



2017 Grant Recipients

All About Equine Animal Rescue
 Amazing Grace Equine Sanctuary, Inc
 Animals as Natural Therapy
 Appalachian Therapeutic Riding Center
 Beyond The Roses Equine Rescue & Retirement
 Blue Rose Ranch, Inc.
 Brook Hill Farm
 Buffalo Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc.
 CANTER California
 CANTER Michigan
 Central Kentucky Riding for Hope, Inc. (CKRH)
 Charleston Area Therapeutic Riding, Inc.
 Colorado Horse Rescue
 Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center
 Days End Farm Horse Rescue
 Draft Gratitude
 Dream Catcher Stables, Inc
 Endeavor Therapeutic Horsemanship, Inc.
 Equine Rescue and Adoption Foundation
 GALLOPNYC
 Green Chimneys Children's Services, Inc.
 H.O.R.S.E. of CT, Inc.
 Healing Arenas, Inc.
 Healing with Horses Ranch
 Hearts & Horses

Hearts Therapeutic Equestrian Center
 Heavenly Horse Haven
 High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, Inc.
 Hoofbeats Therapeutic Riding Center
 Horse and Hound Rescue Foundation
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 Illinois Equine Humane Center, NFP
 JoyRide Center, Inc.
 Kentucky Equine Humane Center
 Little Britches Therapeutic Riding
 Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue, Inc.
 Maker's Mark Secretariat Center
 Manes & Motions Therapeutic Riding Center
 Maryland Horse Industry Board
 Missouri Forget Me Not Horse Rescue & Sanctuary
 Mitchell Farm Equine Retirement, Inc.
 Nature's Edge Therapy Center
 New Beginnings Thoroughbreds, Inc
 New Canaan Mounted Troop, Inc.
 Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program
 Omega Horse Rescue & Rehabilitation Center
 PA Racehorse Rehoming, Rehabilitation & Rescue
 Pegasus Therapeutic Riding Academy
 Pennsylvania National Horse Show Fdn.

People & Animal Learning Services (PALS)
 Prancing Horse, Inc.
 Ray of Light Farm
 Red Clay Ranch Equine Rescue & Sanctuary
 ReRun
 Ride On St. Louis, Inc.
 Riding To The Top Therapeutic Riding Center
 Rising Starr Horse Rescue
 Rocking Horse Ranch Therapeutic Riding Program
 S.T.A.R. Ranch
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 Santa Ynez Valley Therapeutic Riding Program
 Sarasota Manatee Association for Riding Therapy (SMART)
 Second Chances Equine Rescue Inc
 Special Equestrians
 Special Equestrians, Inc.
 Standardbred Retirement Foundation
 Sunset TRP Inc, DBA Whispering Manes
 Therapeutic Riding Center
 Thoroughbred Placement Resources, Inc.
 White Bird Appaloosa Horse Rescue
 Windridge Therapeutic Equestrian Center
 Wings of Eagles Ranch

Horse Whisperers

The Horse Whisperers is our named grant program for a special group of people and organizations with an extraordinary kinship with horses. The program is for donors who are inspired by the magical and powerful impact horses have on our lives.

Horse Whisperer grants may be named by the donors in honor of a family member, friend, associate, or in the memory of a loved one or a loved equine companion.

Michele E. Arnhold Memorial Horse Whisperer Grant

Established in 2008 by the family of Michele E. Arnhold in memory of her life-long passion, her pursuit of excellence, and her commitment and contribution to the equestrian sport.

2017 Recipients

GALLOPNYC, Brooklyn, NY
High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, Old Lyme, CT
New Canaan Mounted Troop, New Canaan, CT

Daniel D. Barkan Memorial Horse Whisperer Grant

Established in 2013 by the family of Daniel D. Barkan, a quiet philanthropist and gentleman, in memory of his life-long love of horses.

2017 Recipients

Brook Hill Farm, Forest, VA
ReRun, East Greenbush, NY

Richard L. Parish Memorial Horse Whisperer Grant

Established in 2014 by the family of Richard L. Parish in recognition of his leadership and dedication for over 45 years to the causes supported by the Richard Laurence Parish Foundation.

2017 Recipients

Charleston Area Therapeutic Riding, Johns Island, SC
Green Chimneys Children's Services, Brewster, NY
Kentucky Equine Humane Center, Lexington, KY



Elaine Enick Memorial Horse Whisperer Grant

Established in 2017 in memory of Elaine Enick by her family and friends in recognition of her pursuit to find happiness and joy in everything and her enduring love of horses.

Horse Whisperer Memorial Annual Fund

Memorial Donations are recognized as Horse Whisperers in the year in which the donation is made.

September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017

Accalia Hope Sullivan
Addie
Ann D. Griggs
Becca Weissbard
Blush
Daryl Lansdale
Denise Lisac
Don Eriksen
Emily Catherine Diehl Schlenker
Gerald Brennan
Ginger
Holmdel Dolly
James Douglas Vere Nicoll
Joan Wallyn
Molson
Oscar
Philip D. Sullivan
Red
Robert (Bobby) Redmon
Sueanne Fulton

Awards *Celebrating the magic and impact of horses in our lives*

"Horses are embedded in our culture and our memories. They have served as our partner throughout the history of civilization - in war, commerce, agriculture, and entertainment.

Of all the animals that have naturally come from the wild, there are very few that have shown any disposition to tolerate man and live with him on the terms we impose. Beyond the horse's athleticism, grace and power and his contributions to human well-being, the horse's inner self, his spirit, and his sweet and generous nature is astounding. He is a giving creature who asks for nothing and carries out his duties without reward.

Countless people experience the fulfillment of spending their days around horses. This is one of the best ways to use one's time on earth.

Let us protect and honor these wonderful creatures to the best of our ability."

Joe Fargis, 1984 individual and team Olympic Gold Medalist in show jumping on accepting the US Equestrian Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014.

Suzanne Marquard

2017 Humanitarian Award Recipient

The EQUUS Foundation and US Equestrian joined together in 2009 to establish the EQUUS Foundation Humanitarian Award to celebrate the humanitarian achievements made by a member of the equestrian world. The recipient may select an equine charity on the EQUUS Foundation Equine Welfare Network to receive a \$5,000 grant from the EQUUS Foundation.



Left to right: Chrystine Tauber, President, United States Equestrian Federation, Suzanne Marquard, Board Chair, GallopNYC, and Lynn Coakley, EQUUS Foundation President.
Photo: Adam Brennan - www.picturesbyab.com.

Dancer

2017 PATH Intl. Equine of the Year

The EQUUS Foundation sponsors the PATH Intl. Equine of the Year Award to honor the equine that best defines the heart and soul of Equine-Assisted Activities & Therapies (EAAT). The horse is inducted into the Horse Stars Hall of Fame, and the owner may select an equine charity on the EQUUS Foundation Equine Welfare Network to receive a \$1,000 grant from the EQUUS Foundation.

Katarzyna Dembek

DVM, MS, DACVIM, Ohio State University 2017 EQUUS Foundation Research Fellow

The American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) Foundation and the EQUUS Foundation joined together to establish the EQUUS Foundation Research Fellows program in 2011 to emphasize the importance of equine research, to reward researchers for their contributions, and to meet the increasing need to train future equine veterinary researchers.

The recipient receives a \$5,000 scholarship for conducting equine research plus a \$500 stipend to assist with travel to the AAEP Convention.

Maryland Horse Discovery Center Network 2017 Washington International Horse Show Klinger Perpetual Award Recipient

The EQUUS Foundation presents the Washington International Horse Show Klinger Perpetual Award for Honor and Service to recognize a horse, individual or organization each year that best demonstrates the values of honor and service as embodied by Klinger. The recipient may select an equine charity on the EQUUS Foundation Equine Welfare Network to receive a \$1,000 grant from the EQUUS Foundation.

Horse★Stars HALL OF FAME

The Horse Stars Hall of Fame was established in 2013 as a joint effort of the EQUUS Foundation and US Equestrian to celebrate the extraordinary talent of horses and the magical bond between horses and people; share the stories of their athletic and humanitarian feats; and build a more informed and compassionate America that values the impact of horses in our lives.

The inductees include stellar, accomplished athletes selected by US Equestrian and horses selected by the EQUUS Foundation that have had or are having a life-changing or inspirational impact on the public. These are the ten horses inducted in 2017.



Dancer
2017 Inductee & PATH Intl. Equine of the Year



Billy White Shoes



GTR Patricks Vindicato.
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New this year . . .

Meet our EQUUStars

Our EQUUStars are select, iconic and inspirational equestrians with a following who work with us to motivate fellow equestrians and horse lovers to take action for horses in fun and creative ways and become horse protectors.



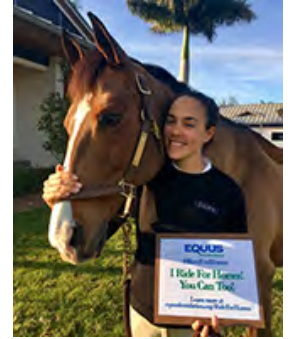
Hayley Barnhill



Georgina Bloomberg



Jennifer Gates



Brienne Goutal-Martreau



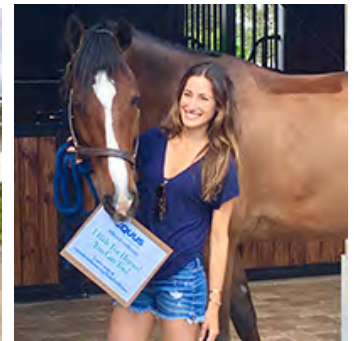
Clementine Goutal



Paige Johnson



Ariana Rockefeller



Jessica Springsteen

Equine Adoption Events

The EQUUS Foundation participated at the 2017 Hampton Classic as the presenting sponsor of the equine portion of the 7th Annual Hampton Classic Animal Adoption Day on Monday, August 28, 2017. The EQUUS Foundation also held Equine Adoption Events at the Old Salem Spring Horse Show on Sunday, May 21, 2017, Fairfield County Hunt Club June Benefit Horse Show on Thursday, June 22, 2017, and at the Gold Cup on September 17, 2017.



These events promote horse protection and the timeless bond horses have with people and showcase adoptable horses and adoption opportunities.

EQUUS Foundation EQUUStars, Georgina Bloomberg, Jennifer Gates and Brienne Goutal-Martreau, and Clementine Goutal, joined us to passionately speak out for horses across the United States whose lives depend on new chapters and opportunities.

Annual Giving & Event Contributors

The EQUUS Foundation wishes to express its appreciation to individuals and organizations supporting our mission through annual giving and event attendance. None of our efforts would be possible without the many individuals and organizations that contribute so generously to ensure the well-being of horses and foster the horse-human bond.

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Jessica Ernst	Layla Kurbanov	Patricia Sanger	
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Coco Fath	Todd, Leslie & T.J.	Kathleen Schwencke	
Bonn Jaki	Latchford & Jean Wilson	Callie Seaman	
Holly Field	Andrew Laude		
Annabelle Filler			

Donations in Kind

Aiken Horse Park Foundation	The Clothes Horse	Hunt Ltd	Reflections Photography
Amazing Spaces LLC	Country Heir	Imperial Dental Associates, PC	Ridgefield Equestrian Center
American Gold Cup	Devon Horse Show & Country Fair	JODS	Royal Pet Club
Back in the Saddle	Pamela Einarsen Photography	JOTT USA	Sailor - Sailor
Barbara's Visions	Winter Equestrian Festival	Katharine Page	Salamander Resort & Spa
Baymar Farms Inc.	Equine Design Photography	Kennedy Equine Transport	Satin Wellness
Belfield Farm Show Management	Fab Finds by Sarah	Lake Placid Horse Show Association	SEL Photography
Bio One, Inc.	Fairfield County Hunt Club	Langer Equestrian Group, Inc.	Skiffingtons
Blenheim EquiSports	Mr. & Mrs. Andrew J. Flower	Flora Levin, MD	SKINCARE by Kristen A. Evans
Kelly Bohnenberger	Fox Lea Farm Inc.	Maffitt Lake Equestrian Center, LLC	Southbound Show Management, Inc.
Bradford Renaissance Portraits	Gardnertown Farms	Margaret Bondy Interiors	Stepping Stone Farm, Inc.
Brave Horse Show Series	Geoff Tischman Photography	Masterson Equine Services	Swan Lake Horse Shows
Brownland Farm, LLC	Grand Prix Tutoring	Montauck Tackle Company	Thunderbird Show Park
Buffalo International Horse Show	Great Lakes Equestrian Festival	Morrissey Management Group	TKEQtheshop.com
Callari Auto Group	Great Southwest Equestrian Center	New Canaan Mounted Troop	Tryon Horse Shows LLC
Camelot Events	Greyhaus Literary Agency	Old Salem Farm	Turner & Co.
Capital Challenge Horse Show	Hampton Classic Horse Show	Ox Ridge Hunt Club	Twin Lakes Farm
Chagrin Valley Hunter Jumper Classic	Hansen & Hansen	Pennsylvania National	Vermont Summer Festival
Chase Meadows Farm	HITS, Inc.	Phelps Media Group	Zephyr Farm Inc.
Classic Company Ltd.	Hunter Jumper Association of Michigan	Pin Oak Charity Horse Show	
		Progressive Showing Jumping	

The EQUUS Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors representing a cross-section of the equestrian community, including supporters, participants, and professionals.

The EQUUS Foundation also does business under the name Horse Charities of America. Information about Horse Charities of America and the EQUUS Foundation is available at two identical website addresses, equusfoundation.org and horsecharitiesofamerica.org. Donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

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Financial Statement for the Year Ending August 31, 2017

Total Income		\$405,707
Program Expenses	(\$431,636)	
Fundraising Expenses	(\$44,585)	
Management Expenses	<u>(\$29,797)</u>	
Total Expenses		(\$506,018)
Net Ordinary Income		(\$100,311)
Unrealized Loss /Investments		\$0
Net Income		(\$100,311)
Beginning Net Assets		\$404,173
Ending Net Assets		\$302,268

A Brief History

The EQUUS Foundation, Inc., was incorporated in the state of Connecticut and established as an IRS tax-exempt 501(c)(3) public charity in August 2002 so that the donations raised in association with the 2003 Fairfield County Hunt Club June Benefit Horse Show in Westport, Connecticut, could be awarded to several local horse charities instead of just one.

The first grants were awarded in August 2003 to seven locally based charities. In 2005, the Foundation sponsored another event, this time in Wellington, Florida, which allowed us to increase the number of grant awards.

In 2011, the EQUUS Foundation transitioned from being all-volunteer to appointing the founder, Lynn Coakley, to the staff position of President. Since that time, the EQUUS Foundation has expanded its programs and now awards grants to charities across the United States.

What started locally has now become a nationwide effort to keep America's horses safe and to ensure that they have loving homes where they can thrive and have opportunities to share their unique abilities with people.

Thank You!