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Brennan Equine Welfare Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation grants the Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center funds in support of the Retire Horse Sanctuary program.

July 2016 (Longmont, CO) – The Brennan Equine Welfare Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation has graciously awarded funds to support the Retired Horse Sanctuary (RHS) at the Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center (CTRC).

The support of the Brennan Equine Welfare Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation signifies that the foundation acknowledges that CTRC provides exemplary care to the horses through our RHS program, as well as equine education and outreach in the community. The horses of the RHS all require specialized care - whether it is pelleted feed, customized prepared mash, additional supplements, or tailored physical care. Consequently, the execution of the RHS produces a significant financial demand and requires intensive resource commitments by staff and volunteers. "It is with great pleasure we are able to assist in this project. We are impressed with the work that you do for the horses that are in desperate need of your care, and are proud to give our support for all you do," stated Linda S Pavey, Founder & Donor Advisor of the Brennan Equine Welfare Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation.

CTRC is honored to be recognized by the Brennan Equine Welfare Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation for the work of the RHS. The Brennan Equine Welfare Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation's support is instrumental in CTRC's continual efforts to bestow quality care and a comfortable environment for every retired horse in the care of the RHS. In addition to preventing the premature euthanasia of these incredible equine "therapists," the RHS helps to educate our 1,000 volunteers, the Colorado horse community, and the public about the unwanted horse issues in Colorado.

The RHS is designed to ensure CTRC's ability to continue to provide the highest quality of care at each stage of retirement for every retired therapy horse at CTRC. With the retired horses' well being as priority, procedures were developed to exceed the recommendations of the American Association of Equine Practitioners for the care of retired horses. In 2012, the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) accredited the Retired Horse Sanctuary. Through a site visit and procedural review, GFAS confirmed that the RHS meets rigorous and peer-reviewed equine care standards. The review also demonstrates our adherence to high standards of organizational sustainability, ethical principles, finances, staffing, education, outreach, security, and safety. GFAS's Deputy Director noted, "We hope to

see more therapeutic programs follow CTRC's example in both their values and in the excellence demonstrated by the quality of their organizational management and their facility." In 2014 CTRC was once again granted Accredited status by the GFAS. For CTRC, success of the RHS project is defined by the ability to provide high-level care for each retired therapy horse. In the long-term, we also hope to be a force for change in regards to the unwanted horse population.

About Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center

The Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center (CTRC) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization devoted to the mission to change the lives of people with disabilities by promoting their physical, psychological, and social well being through equine assisted activities. Since 1980, CTRC, a PATH International Premier Accredited center in Longmont, Colorado, has been a pioneer in the field of Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies (EAAT). Each year we strive to offer premier equine-assisted services programming by personalizing goals, integrating the newest techniques and providing an environment that is not only safe but fosters personal growth, development of skills and overall success. We measure our success only by the success of our riders. In 2015, CTRC provided equine-assisted therapeutic experiences to 496 individuals through our services resulting in 4,862 hours of service. In addition, our Outreach Program served 665 individuals in nearly 200 hours of service. For additional information on Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center, visit www.ctrinc.org

About the Brennan Equine Welfare Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation

Brennan Equine Welfare Fund is a fund-raising, non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Grants from Brennan Equine Welfare Fund are used to serve equine rescue shelters across the country which provide dignity to the final years of aged, injured, abused, starved and slaughter-bound horses, as well as those used in medical experimentation. This fund supports registered, 501(c)3 organizations that specialize in retirement and rehabilitation services and offer a peaceful and permanent sanctuary for these beautiful animals. Shelters which offer carefully scrutinized adoption or re-placement services are also supported. To learn more about the Brennan Equine Welfare Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation, visit <http://www.brennanequinewelfarefund.com/>