

## **EVENING AT WINSTAR FARM WITH COACH STOOPS SET FOR AUCTION AT CKRH'S 10th NIGHT OF THE STARS**

*Telephone bids accepted for live auction items during June 15 fundraiser*

**Lexington, KY – (June 4, 2013)** – A one-of-a-kind experience – a stay at WinStar Farm featuring dinner with University of Kentucky head football coach Mark Stoops – will be auctioned to the highest bidder at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual NIGHT OF THE STARS, the gala fundraiser for Central Kentucky Riding for Hope (CKRH), on June 15 at the Keeneland Entertainment Center in Lexington. CKRH is a 32-year-old program based at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington that offers a variety of equine-assisted activities and therapies for people of all ages.

“Black & White Gala” is the theme of this year's NIGHT OF THE STARS, which includes cocktails, dinner and silent and live auctions. The event begins at 6 p.m., and individual tickets are \$125.

“CKRH has a wonderful facility thanks in large measure to the people and organizations who supported the first NIGHT OF THE STARS in 2004,” said CKRH Executive Director Pat Kline. “The perception in 2013 might be that we have finished our fundraising work, but this is not the case. We are challenged every day to develop programs that benefit our community, and we must continually raise funds to ensure their future. The help we receive at NIGHT OF THE STARS is paramount to our continued success.”

WinStar Farm, one of the Thoroughbred industry's most successful breeding and racing operations, has donated one overnight stay at its charming guest house on the farm's peaceful 1,864 acres of quintessential Bluegrass horse country. The package includes a private tour with the management team and see stallions, broodmares, foals and yearlings, as well as dinner with Coach Stoops and guest that will be prepared by Apiary and owner/chef Cooper Vaughn, a graduate of the prestigious Le Cordon Bleu.

This package is for up three couples, six individuals or a family and can be arranged within 1 year of purchase. Arrangements are subject to mutually agreeable dates between WinStar Farm, Coach Stoops and the highest bidder. The value of the package is \$1,600.

**People who cannot attend NIGHT OF THE STARS but still want to bid on items in the live auction may do so but are asked to register by submitting their bid and their credit card information via email or phone to Vickie Parker at CKRH at [vickie@ckrh.org](mailto:vickie@ckrh.org) or (859) 231-7066. The deadline to register is 4 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, June 13.**

Other live auction items are:

- ✦ Artistic Faceted Multi-Stone Necklace and Earrings. This is a beautiful 14-karat gold set of necklace and earrings. The necklace boasts a large green amethyst briolette surrounded by a cluster of aquamarine, pink topaz, moonstone, garnet and ruby. Complimentary earrings highlight a blue-green fluorite briolette surrounded by apatite, citrine, green emerald, garnet and ruby. Th is a unique work of art that can be worn everywhere. Donated by Mind's Eye, the item is valued at \$720.
- ✦ Mark Kidd Portrait Experience. Mark and Stella Kidd, nationally known image makers located in Central Kentucky, will create a portrait experience for a family or individual in the studio, at

home or on location. From this, a portrait will be created in any size up to 30"X40" in natural color, watercolor or oil, as shown in the example. Pets, including horses, may be included as well as other activities, hobbies and vices. The value of the experience is up to \$4,500 depending on the size and finish the winning bidder selects. Donated by Mark Kidd Studios, the item is valued at \$4,500.

- ⤴ Grand Teton Ski Condo Stay. A maximum of 8 guests may enjoy a 7-night stay from January 25-February 1, 2014, in a 3-bedroom unit at the Teton Club, located slope side at the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort in Teton Village, WY. This ski-in, ski-out condo is in the center of Teton Village. The unit has a gourmet kitchen, fireplace and access to the spa, fitness center, outdoor Jacuzzis and WiFi/Internet access. Great restaurants are within walking distance. This package is part of a trade with a therapeutic riding program in Jackson Hole, Wyo. CKRH is offering a stay at the Gratz Park Inn with tours of WinStar Farm and Darley. What a great way to help two programs! Donated by Janet and Bob Whitmire, this item is valued at \$7,875.
- ⤴ Custom Made Dog House. This wonderfully crafted dog house is a perfect fit for horse country and beyond. Hand made specifically for NIGHT OF THE STARS by talented volunteer David Schneider, it measures 4'X3'X4'. Donated by CKRH and Dave Schneider, this item is valued at \$500.
- ⤴ "Working Man" Original Oil Painting. A handsome draft horse in full harness is featured in this framed 20"X16" oil on linen by noted local artist Kelly Brewer. She donated the item, which is valued at \$1,650.
- ⤴ Presentation of CKRH students and horses wearing elaborate themed costumes created by Shirley Gentry. The highest bidder for each horse will gain a year's sponsorship of that horse, along with a commemorative photo and plaque.

Silent auction items include a bottle of Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve 20-year-old bourbon; halters worn by such famous as Bernardini, Cigar, Distorted Humor, Malibu Moon, Nureyev, Street Cry, Super Saver, Tapit, Tiznow, War Front and Zenyatta; lower-arena tickets to a UK men's basketball game; use of prominent boxes at Churchill Downs and at Keeneland; art and photography; items for children; items for home and office; Chinese antiques; jewelry; tickets to family-friendly attractions; gift certificates to popular area restaurants and businesses; items for equestrians; and a wide range of unique keepsakes.

NIGHT OF THE STARS relies on a group of invaluable sponsors that to date comprises:

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**About CKRH**

*Central Kentucky Riding for Hope, founded in 1981, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the community by improving the quality of life and the health of people of all ages with special physical, cognitive, emotional and social needs through therapeutic activities with the horse. A PATH Int'l Premier Accredited Center, CKRH offers year-round activities, including Therapeutic Riding, Hippotherapy, and a program for military service members, veterans and their families. CKRH also hosts The STABLES, an innovative program for students in Fayette County Public Schools. To learn more, visit [www.CKRH.org](http://www.CKRH.org) and find CKRH on Facebook.*

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