



CKRH Announces 11th NIGHT OF THE STARS

Sponsorships available for gala fundraiser featuring dining and entertainment

Lexington, KY – (March 14, 2014) – Central Kentucky Riding for Hope, named the recipient Commerce Lexington’s Small Business Award in the nonprofit division, has announced details for NIGHT OF THE STARS ‘14, its signature fundraiser on June 21 at Keeneland’s Keene Barn & Entertainment Center.

“The Enchanted Garden” is the theme of the event, which features cocktails, dinner, Silent and Live Auctions and a performance by the high-energy show band Encore. The highlight is the presentation of CKRH students and horses wearing elaborate themed costumes created by volunteer Shirley Gentry. The highest bidder for each horse gains a year’s sponsorship of that horse, along with a commemorative photo and plaque.

“This will be the 11th NIGHT OF THE STARS, and those who attend year after year and first-time guests tell us the event is the most unique combination of dining and entertainment they have experienced in the Lexington area,” said CKRH Executive Director Pat Kline. “NIGHT OF THE STARS showcases CKRH, our horses, our volunteers and our students, and guests go home knowing the program is making a difference in many lives.”

Each year at NIGHT OF THE STARS, at least one group of friends and business associates get together to form a syndicate to purchase a horse in the Live Auction. That way, members of the group share the cost of the purchase while they share the rewards of helping CKRH.

“We encourage people to form syndicates to bid on the horses,” Kline said. “NIGHT OF THE STARS is really fun when groups of people share the excitement of the evening.”

Live and Silent Auction items include trips; paintings and photography; furniture; Chinese antiques; jewelry; tickets to special events and family-friendly attractions; halters worn by famous Thoroughbreds; children’s clothing and toys; gift certificates to popular area restaurants and businesses; items for equestrians; items for the home and garden; and a wide range of unique keepsakes.

John Nicholson, retiring executive director of the Kentucky Horse Park, is the honored guest of NIGHT OF THE STARS. Doug High, an anchor with WTVQ, will serve as emcee of the event. Former University of Kentucky basketball star Josh “Jorts” Harrellson, now playing in the NBA, is the celebrity guest.

Tickets for NIGHT OF THE STARS are \$125 each, and a variety of sponsorships are available. For more information about sponsorships, reservations and donations to the Live and Silent auctions, visit www.ckrh.org/nos or contact CKRH.

About CKRH, recipient of Commerce Lexington's Small Business Award in the nonprofit division -- 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 a number of 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, "Like" CKRH on Facebook and follow us on Twitter (@CKyRH).

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