

THE HORSE'S VOICE

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QUOTABLES

Looking into the eyes of the horse, we see two stories. First we see the story of the animal, a species that persevered over thousands of years. But as we look deeper, we see the story of its soul, individual to each and every horse, and telling of the struggles, small and large, each has gone through. *Katie & Sarah (right photo)*

My daughter interned with you several summers ago. It was a special time for her. As I don't want Christmas to be all about stuff, I am making gifts to charities and good causes for my children instead. So I enclose a check for your work as a gift in honor of Emily! I know you will use it well and I think it will mean a lot to her. PS—Emily is now living in Colorado and waiting to hear if she got into Vet School at CSM for Fall 2012. Wish her luck!

Paul Cotran

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

2011 was another amazing year at Crane Mountain Valley Horse Rescue, Inc., thanks to the generous support of friends like you. We are very excited to share with you the highlights of our recent accomplishments.

In this issue, we recognize our 2011 donors. It gives us great pride to share that seventy percent of our donors have been giving consecutively for 3 or more years, and 1 in 5 has been giving since we opened our doors a decade ago. You are our inspiration. It is your growing support and loyalty that makes our work possible.

We are also proud to share that The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) awarded us a \$4,000 grant for quarantine paddock fencing. We do not receive annual support from the ASPCA, but like other recognized animal welfare organizations, we are eligible for grants through their application process. CMVHR was selected from nearly 100 applicants because of our commitment to horses (page 4).

We also received a small grant through Stewart's Holiday Match for our work with



CMVHR fundraiser in Connecticut

children under age 18. Stewart's is a regional convenient store chain that matches their customers' holiday generosity and whose foundation gives away over \$1 million annually to organizations that benefit youth.

On the topic of youth, in 2011 we had the pleasure of meeting two inspirational young women from Connecticut (above photo) who visited the farm with their parents. Sarah and Katie raised money for CMVHR through the sale of lemonade, brownies, cookies and jewelry — all handmade by them. Their parents matched the funds they raised, doubling the impact of their hard work. When we asked Katie and Sarah if they would like to provide a

quote for our newsletter, they offered some inspirational words. (left sidebar).

When it comes to the equine lives your support helped to save — Silver, Zephyr and Mazy all found new homes. And, Huey, who was adopted 8 years ago, was featured in the March/ April issue of *American's Horse* magazine for his participation in the 2011 New York State Special Olympics Equestrian Event (page 2).

We hope you enjoy reading about the efforts your support makes possible. Thank you for teaming up with us to help make this world a better place — one life at a time.

Eddie Mrozik

SECOND CHANCE

Zephyr (right), Mazy, and Silverado (below) have all been given a second chance thanks to the generous support of friends like you. Because we work hard to find the right home, not a quick one, each horse had been with CMVHR for several years. Caring for and loving them while they are here makes it a bitter-sweet moment to let them go, but making new friends in their adoptive parents and seeing the horses happy in their new lives make it all worth it.

Silver was rescued from slaughter and had several very important jobs while at CMVHR. Silver taught children and adults the basics of riding a horse. He was our spokes-horse at several benefit trail rides and he is very likely one of the most photographed horses in the Adirondacks. People would pull off the



Santa Silver goes home for the holidays



Zephyr (right) and his new friend Solie

road by his paddock to capture a picture of him against the farm's backdrop. He didn't mind because he's a ham for the camera. He is seen here sporting his Santa hat in anticipation of going to his new home for the holidays.

Silver was the second horse adopted from CMVHR by 4-M Farms, a wonderful teaching facility in East Greenbush, NY. Repeat adoptions are not uncommon, and are a testament to our reputation and commitment to mission. In his new life, Silver is still giving selflessly to others. He is instilling confidence in kids in a riding lesson program, in addition to bringing great joy for one very special adult whose love of horses started later in life. She has one word for life with Silverado: *magical*.

BARREL RACER TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS



"You don't throw a whole life away just 'cause he's banged up a little." *Tom Smith from the movie Sea Biscuit.*

Shades of Hue aka "Huey" came to us after a tragic accident halted his barrel racing career. He required tendon surgery to repair the injury and was adopted by our friend, Mary, whose husband, Tim is our farrier extra-ordinaire. That was 8 years ago. Today, Mary uses Huey in her therapeutic riding program. Kevin, one of his riders says; "riding (Huey) makes me feel relaxed." Huey and Mary participated in the 2011 New York State Special Olympics Fall Games Equestrian Event. Their story was featured in the March/April 2012 issue of *America's Horse*, a publication of the American Quarter Horse Association. We are so proud of you Huey and Mary—you are making a difference.

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"The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is deeply honored to be able to grant to Crane Mountain Valley Horse Rescue, Inc. the amount of \$4,000. It is a pleasure to be among your current supporters", says Jacque Schultz, Senior Director, Community initiatives, ASPCA.

Ms. Schultz said CMVHR was one of almost a hundred applicants for the grant, and as a first time applicant, we were recognized for how much work and dedication we have for our horses.

Founded in 1866, the ASPCA works to rescue animals from abuse, pass humane laws and share resources with shelters nationwide. It is an honor and a privilege to have the backing of the ASPCA, an internationally recognized animal welfare organization. In addition to the 2011 grant, in 2008, we were nominated for an ASPCA Lifetime Achievement Award, another amazing endorsement of our work by this incredible Association.

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Hi Nancy and Eddie—Great to hear from you as always, and thanks again for your year-round efforts! In this age of greed and gluttony and Black Friday frenzy, it's so refreshing to hear about folks helping out something other than their own bottom lines and their own vanity. If people just took a fraction of their Black Friday spending and put it toward some less-fortunate creatures, it would teach us all a lesson in humility and thankfulness for what we have, instead of envy for all the ephemeral crap we don't have. All the best—HK—(loyal supporter since 2003)