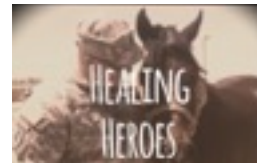


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Overcoming
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VTRC 30TH ANNUAL BENEFIT

As folks arrived on the eve of February 3rd, 2017, to join in sharing the joy and healing that horses bring to the riders at Vinceremos, you could see the sparkle of compassion glimmering in their eyes. Everyone in attendance had something in common, they were all there to contribute to a mission with true heart at its core. Vinceremos has been providing Equine Assisted Therapy + Activities to children and adults with special needs and disabilities for the past 35 years.

On this special night we celebrated our 30th Annual Benefit Auction + Dinner. The event kicked off with the Championship Round of the “Buck Off” Competition, and as the crowd roared and the cheers and laughter filled the tent, there was a feeling of excitement and camaraderie.

At Vinceremos we have 20 Equine Partners, also known as Horses. They facilitate the learning and therapies that we provide to a wide variety of participants. We cater our services to those with special needs, disabilities, veterans of war, and those who have been exploited. We seek to enrich the lives bodies and spirits of those who can benefit from equine assisted activities.

During this annual event, we feature a silent, and a live auction and a horse adoption center. We are so fortunate to have the support of our community, and like Bruce Duchossois always said, “You’re never fully dressed without your sash!” We miss him dearly, but we know that he was with us in spirit!

It was a great pleasure to welcome our very special guest and celebrity hostess Ann Romney, who has also benefited from therapeutic riding during her battle with MS. Ann Romney was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1993, and during her husband, Mitt Romney’s campaign trail, she would visit therapeutic riding centers all over the country. Mrs. Romney



recently visited VTRC and spent time with some of our riders who also face the challenges of MS, but with the aid of their equine partners they are seeing the possibilities that dwell in a brighter future.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS RIDERS Strut Their Stuff!



Cheers to our VTRC Special Olympics Riders who showed true Sportsmanship + Horsemanship and made us all so very proud!

We also thank our dedicated, hardworking and compassionate Volunteers + Staff, we could not do this without you!

ALESSANDRO ALBANESE TRUNKSHOW

Our partnerships in the community are what help Vinceremos to thrive! The support we receive is phenomenal, and we would like to thank them all! Alessandro Albanese sees the value and necessity of the services that we provide. Since we are a 501c3 nonprofit organization, we depend on donors, sponsors, and volunteers to keep our riders riding.

With the proceeds going to benefit VTRC, Alessandro Albanese recently hosted an Open House + Trunk Show on Friday, February 17, 2017, from 2-7pm to showcase his gorgeous collection of equestrian apparel. We are so grateful for his generosity and who doesn't love his equestrian fashion?!



NEW PROGRAMS @ VTRC!

Healing Heroes

We cannot forget our HEROES when they need us the most! When a soldier returns from combat, it can often be very difficult to readjust to society and everyday life. The training and traumas that they experience are life-changing, and require an approach that will make them feel comfortable with receiving help.

When partnered with a horse, there is a certain barrier that is removed between the client and therapist. The horse is a facilitator for the rehabilitation that takes place during the session.



Beautiful Warrior Within



E q u i n e - A s s i s t e d Psychotherapy (EAP) is a form of hands-on learning that allows individuals to reflect and observe through their interaction with horses. The program model is built on the premise that it is the client who best determines the kind of life changes they need to make in order to improve their quality of life.

Vibe Veda, Author, Mind Body Spirit Lifestylist + Reiki Practitioner, alongside Carly

Loor, Equine Specialist, offer a unique opportunity to engage in the intuitive power of the horse and guided discussions to facilitate self-discovery and embrace self-acceptance.

This 6-week workshop provides a practical and inspirational group setting to adult females as a platform for support and motivation in a safe, non-judgmental, rejuvenating environment.

Some of the components of this workshop include: increasing mindfulness and self-awareness, living in the now, applied stress and anxiety relief, identifying solutions, all while gathering in a safe and supportive setting.

For More Info, Please Contact: info@vinceremos.org



VOLUNTEER @VTRC

Our Volunteers are one of our greatest assets at Vinceremos, and we truly could not provide the joy and healing of horses to our community without the devotion of time, energy and love from our amazing volunteers!

If you feel that you could lend a hand and would enjoy spending time at Vinceremos sharing the healing power of horses with our riders, please contact: info@vinceremos.org

VINCEREMOS' BUCK OFF

Real Bucking Deal Earns Top Honors in Floridian Community Bank "Buck Off" Championship That Benefits Vinceremos Therapeutic Riding Center

The Real Bucking Deal showed who was boss as they captured first place in the exhilarating, crowd-pleasing Floridian Community Bank "Buck Off" Championship that benefitted Vinceremos Therapeutic Riding Center.

Their victory on Friday night (Feb. 3) at International Polo Club concluded the largest tournament in the eight-year history of the mechanical bull-riding competition.

The Real Bucking Deal, sponsored by Nadine Allen and Sanjiv Sharma, finished with 296 points. The final used the Nations Cup format, as one rider for each of the four teams made up one round.

Every team had one rider thrown by the bull, adding tension to the spine-tling competition.

After a first-round 0, Matt Goodman and Donnie Mills each scored 98 points for the Real Bucking Deal and crowd favorite 10-year-old Trent Ferreir, riding the anchor leg, clinched the victory in style with a perfect 100.

The costumed Floridian Community Bank Night Racers, dressed in NASCAR-like driving suits and helmets, finished second with a 288, highlighted by Shah Quereshi's perfect 100 on the anchor leg with a "hands free" ride.

Palm Beach Equine Sports Complex was third with 280, led by Sam Walker's 98, and The Tackeria, the youngest team in the competition with Kristos Magrini, Oliver Firestone, Christian Weisz and Harrison Azzaro, finished fourth with 278.

Celebrity judges for the final were Mike Smith and PJ Risvi Taylor Doebler and Juliet Reid.

The Floridian Community Bank "Buck Off" kickstarted the 30th Annual Vinceremos Dinner and Benefit Auction, whose theme "Come One, Come All" celebrated the triumphs of man and his horse while highlighting the importance and generosity of the community in the center's success. The gala was hosted by Mrs. Ann Romney.

Vinceremos is a world-class non-profit therapeutic riding center which has helped hundreds of riders with varying physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities. The Vinceremos facility, which includes a large, covered arena, is located in Loxahatchee, directly behind Palms West Hospital.

In addition to title sponsor Floridian Community Bank, major sponsors include Palm Beach Equine Clinic, Tito's Vodka, Nadine Allen and Sanjiv Sharma, Discount Dirtworks, Palm Beach International Academy, Equestrian Division -- Marshall & Sterling Insurance, Laas Equestrian Real Estate, Envision LLC and Carl Schacter with Northwestern Mutual.

Floridian Community Bank has sponsored the "Buck Off" since its inception. This action-packed competition has grown every year, attracting more teams and more spectators. The bank has a history of community service and civic commitment with Vinceremos and other organizations in Palm Beach County.

The Floridian Community Bank "Buck Off" is organized by Equestrian Solutions (www.equestriansolutions.com). Equestrian Solutions professionally handles all aspects of the event, including the promotions and social media, as well as inviting teams and securing the celebrity judges, to benefit Vinceremos Therapeutic Riding Center (www.vinceremos.org) is a non-profit organization that provides equine assisted therapies for persons with varying physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities, founded in 1982.



At the Buck Off final last Friday, top, Christian Weisz. Above, Shah Quereshi wowed the crowd with his "hands-free" ride for a perfect 100. Below, The Tackeria team: Kristos Magrini, Oliver Firestone, sponsor Jesse Coppola, Harrison Azzaro, Christian Weisz. Left, Mike, Amy and Allie Azzaro watching the action.



VTRC BENEFIT



Shot Gun Start | \$600 / Foursome | Includes Awards Luncheon

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! COME HORSE-A-ROUND & MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

7:30am Registration + Breakfast, 8:30am Shotgun Start, 12:30pm Lunch + Awards

CALL 561 792 9900 to register for play!