

Central Kentucky Riding for Hope presents the 7th annual NIGHT OF THE STARS

March, 18, 2010 – “It's Magic” is the theme of Central Kentucky Riding for Hope's 7th annual NIGHT OF THE STARS on Saturday, June 19 at the Keeneland Entertainment Center in Lexington. The fundraising event includes cocktails, dinner and many exciting opportunities to support CKRH with bidding at silent and live auctions.

“NIGHT OF THE STARS is CKRH’s signature event; it has evolved into cornerstone spring event in Lexington,” says CKRH Executive Director Pat Kline. “The evening offers a glimpse into the unique magic that exists between the children and horses and the tremendous impact of that bond.”

Located at the Kentucky Horse Park, Central Kentucky Riding for Hope is dedicated to enriching the community by improving the quality of life and the health of children and adults with special physical, cognitive, emotional and social needs through therapeutic activities using the horse. Proceeds from NIGHT OF THE STARS help to fund the program, which offers services year-round in its indoor arena.

The live auction, considered to be the highlight of NIGHT OF THE STARS, gives attendees a glimpse into the hearts of CKRH students and their horses complete with elaborate costumes created by Shirley Gentry. The winning bidder for each horse and rider will gain a year’s sponsorship of the horse, along with a commemorative photo and plaque.

Last year, some 500 people attended NIGHT OF THE STARS, which raised more than \$119,000, the third-highest amount in the history of the event. Selling for the top price of \$8,000 was Zippo and her rider, Leah, who showed off their Big Blue spirit as University of Kentucky sports fans. Consigned by Hagyard Equine Medical Institute Foundation, Zippo was purchased by a syndicate organized by Robbie Lyons.

NIGHT OF THE STARS is a popular event in our community and is sold out each year. The silent auction, along with cocktails, kicks off the evening at 6 p.m. and is followed by dinner and the live auction. Tickets are \$100. Sponsorships for the event range from \$1,500 to \$50,000.

For sponsorship and ticket information, contact Pat Kline with CKRH at (859) 231-7066 or via e-mail at Pat@ckrh.org. To learn more about Central Kentucky Riding for Hope, visit www.CKRH.org.

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