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**ACTION REQUESTED**

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**BACKGROUND**

The annual “Give to the Max” day is on November 14, 2013; Truhagen Ranch is conducting a Pony Express donation run. The Pony Express will start at the Coborn’s parking lot and travel along Highway 12 to the Delano American Legion. The Party will start will 6 to 8 horseman with one horseman carrying the traditional mail saddle bag that holds the pledge sheets. A single horseman will then depart from the American Legion and travel via Pony Express to Red’s Café’ in Montrose and continuing unto Waverly, Howard Lake and ending in Winsted. Ms. Phillips has indicated that the Wright County Sheriff’s Mounted Patrol has been asked to participate. The Itinerary and other flyers are attached for your review. The following “you tube link” has been provided as additional information,  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sh5F5C23Nzc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sh5F5C23Nzc). Candy Phillips will be present to answer questions regarding the Ride

**FUNDING**

none

**ATTACHMENTS**

Rides to the Rescue flyers
Truhaven Ranch “Ride To The Rescue” Itinerary—November 14, 2013

All times are approximate

1. 8 am Meet at Coborn’s in Delano. Meet and Greet, pickup mail

2. 9 am head out as a group of riders along Hwy. 12 1.5 miles to the Legion

3. 9:30 am – Rider leaves the legion for Montrose. (6.9 miles)

4. 10:15 am, arrive at Red’s Café

5. 10:15-11 am, Meet and Greet, pickup mail

6. 11 am - Rider leaves for Waverly (3 miles)

7. 11:15 am, arrive at Waverly Café/Mark’s Service Station

8. 11:15-12 noon, Meet and Greet, pickup mail

9. 12 noon - Rider heads for Howard Lake (5 miles)

10. 12:30 pm Arrive at The Country Store

11. 12:30—1:15 pm, Greet and Greet, pickup mail

12. 1:15 pm, Rider leaves for Winsted (8 miles)

13. 2 pm, arrive at Roadhouse Coffee Shop

14. 2 pm—2:45 pm, Greet and Greet, pickup mail

15. 2:45 pm, Riders leave for Truhaven Ranch (1.5 miles)

16. 3 pm, arrive at Truhaven Ranch

17. 5 pm, Drawing for Gift Card Winners
A TRULY UNIQUE HAVEN FOR EQUINES AND HUMANS
COMMITTED TO EDUCATION.
4 HOOVES AND 2 HEELS AT A TIME.
Make a donation to TRUHAVEN RANCH at GiveMN.org from November 1st to November 14th, then drop this card into one of our Pony Express Relay Station mailboxes for a chance to win a $50~$100 Gift Card (three drawings).

Our Pony Express riders will pick them up on November 14th on our "Ride To The Rescue" for TRUHAVEN RANCH.

Relay Stations and Pickup Times:
- Coborn’s in Delano ~ approx. 8:00am
- Red’s Cafe in Montrose ~ approx. 10:15am
- Waverly Cafe/Tesoro in Waverly ~ approx. 11:15am
- Country Store in Howard Lake ~ approx. 12:30pm
- Roadhouse Coffee Shop in Winsted ~ approx. 2:00pm

DRAWING WILL BE AT TRUHAVEN RANCH AT 5PM. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.
A Truly Unique Haven For Equines and Humans

MISSION
To facilitate the humane care and treatment of equines through rescue and education;
To create and sponsor at-risk youth programs using rescued equines.

PLEASE JOIN US
The generosity of people like you enables us to maintain and grow this Unique Haven for Both Equines and Humans.

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Founder and Executive Director, Candy Phillips has been in the equine industry all her life. She saved pennies to buy her first pony at age 4½ and began training ponies for her uncle at age 10. She has spent decades amidst horses learning their behavior and psychology. A competitive, open minded rider with a thirst for knowledge, Candy has pursued and excelled in a variety of equine venues.

Many horses and youth have gotten a second chance thanks to Candy's skill and understanding. As a troubled youth herself, Candy recognized early on the healing ability of equines. As she raised two of her own children, her youngest sister and a step-son she made equines available to numerous young people along the way. These youth stayed out of trouble as they were cleaning stalls, riding and showing with Candy. Many of these youth still have horses and are now passing that love of horses on to their own children and others.

Candy stopped working professionally with horses in 2005, going back to college for an accounting degree. After riding as a hobby for a couple of years, Candy realized that she needed to use her equine knowledge to make a difference for equines today.

In 2009 Candy took over an equine boarding operation in Winsted, MN. She planned to start training horses and giving lessons, focusing on getting back to the basics of horsemanship through trail riding and trail course work. Several people at the stable shared her philosophy of horsemanship and Truhaven Ranch was born.

Truhaven Ranch filed for non-profit status in 2010 as we officially opened our doors to rescued equines, at-risk youth and all others needing a haven from the stress of modern living.

We started small, taking in 2-3 rescues at a time for rehabilitation and training. Today we house over 40 head of unwanted equines at Truhaven Ranch. These equines come from a variety of backgrounds, and all have stories to tell. Some suffer from abuse, neglect and starvation. Others are surrendered by owners who could no longer care for them. Some are donated to our youth program; all are in need of care and compassion.

Equines coming to Truhaven Ranch undergo an evaluation to determine health and rehabilitation needs, then start training. After a few months most of the equines are ready for approved adoptive homes. In extreme cases of starvation and neglect or abuse, 3-6 months or more of special care may be required. Some will continue to have special needs. Our crew of trainers, farriers, veterinarians and volunteers help get these animals on their way to leading useful lives. Those unable to find homes receive assistance through our Sponsor/Foster Programs.

"Saving just One horse Will not change The world .... But surely it Will change The world..... For that one horse."

Banjo - a 2011 humane case rescue.
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“RIDES TO THE RESCUE!”
From COBORN’s in Delano to TRUHAVEN RANCH

GIVE TO THE MAX DAY
NOVEMBER 14 2013

To Donate:
GiveMN.org (Truhaven Ranch)

Riding Schedule and Route:
truhavenranch.org