

# NCHA CHARITIES FOUNDATION

For almost 70 years, the National Cutting Horse Association has preserved western heritage through promoting, preserving and protecting the cutting horse. By providing a venue and platform for people of all walks of life to experience the horse and a sport derived from the ranches of the American West, NCHA has preserved the traditions and values of the western heritage.

The story of the cutting horse and the horsemen and women who carried him from the big pasture to the big screen resonates with people across the globe. Those stories – of the men and women who built an association and of cutting's horses, trainers, owners and breeders – can reach untold numbers of families and individuals who are seeking ways to stray rooted with each other and with the values embodied in the cutting horse.



## Reasons and Opportunities to Give:

**Leave a Legacy** – Donors can leave a lasting legacy by naming their endowed gift after themselves, another individual or a horse.

**Receive Tax Benefits** – Specific tax related benefits include income tax savings through a charitable deduction for the value of a gift, avoidance of capital gains tax on contributions of appreciated securities and other kinds of appreciated property, plus life income for yourself and/or others through life income gifts.

**Education** – Extend the gift of knowledge and opportunity through scholarships, grants and awards to the next generation of leaders in the cutting horse industry.

**Research** – Support the development of facilities and programs at universities and research laboratories to pursue advancements and discoveries that contribute to the overall health, longevity and vitality of cutting horses.

**Promotion** – Help promote awareness, understanding and interest in cutting horses. Help engage thousands of people through the foundation website, 4-H and FFA outreach programs, demonstrations, clinics, youth leadership development, classes and more.

**History & Preservation** – Contribute to a special reserve that provides dependable immediate funds to assure the NCHA Foundation has the resources it needs to meet unforeseen challenges and opportunities.

**Crisis Funding** - Assist NCHA families in times of crisis.

NCHA Charities has provided over \$2,400,000\* in scholarship funds to children of NCHA members and \$270,000\* from the Crisis Fund to assist NCHA families in times of need.

## There are eleven individual funds available to provide financial-aid scholarships to NCHA youth.

Your contributions to any one or all of these Scholarship Funds to provide annual scholarship awards will be greatly appreciated.

- Trey Shelton Memorial Scholarship fund
- Vicki Bush Memorial Scholarship fund
- Gordon O. Glasmann fund
- Cody L. Branch Memorial Scholarship fund
- Robyn Creacy Memorial Scholarship fund
- E.L. "Ned" Hunt Memorial Scholarship fund
- Grant A Finley Memorial Scholarship fund
- Harold Armstrong, Inspirational Award (w/ACHA)
- John Roberts & Cole McGee Memorial Scholarship fund
- Legends Scholarship fund
- Los Encinos Ranch Scholarship fund



The CIA was founded in 1982 after the death of Vicki Bush, wife of cutting horse trainer Jimmy Bush, who lost her courageous battle with cancer. This tragic loss sparked the need for charity and assistance in the cutting horse industry. The NCHA Charities Foundation had already been established following the tragic death of young Trey Shelton, son of long time NCHA member Ralph Shelton. The two causes joined forces and became known as the National Cutting Horse Association–Cutters In Action Foundation, or CIA.

The CIA's top priorities are the education of our youth and assistance to the NCHA families in times of crisis. There are a total of eleven memorial scholarship funds awarding twenty plus scholarships to the youth in order to help ease the financial burden of costly educational institutions. The CIA Crisis Fund was also established to assist individuals and families in time of need.

The CIA has been a tremendous help to many of the NCHA members. Scholarship funds of over \$2,400,000\* have been awarded to children of NCHA members and \$270,000\* from the Crisis Fund has been used to assist NCHA families in times of need. Help from this fund is available to NCHA members in accordance with criteria established by the Foundation.

The CIA needs continuous support to help insure other members' assistance when needed. There are several ways you can be supportive of the CIA and its purpose. The CIA relies on a significant amount of its annual revenue from the membership dues. Memorial gifts and tribute gifts can also be made in honor of your friends and families. The family member or friend is advised of the gift given in their behalf. All dues and other contributions to the Cutters In Action are tax deductible. Please join today and give the needed support to both our youth and our friends in time of need.

Contributions should be made to the NCHA Charities Foundation indicating the Fund or Funds to receive credit.

Mail to: 260 Bailey Ave, Fort Worth, Texas 76107

\*\*\* This is a 501(c)(3) foundation and contributions are tax deductible. \*\*\*

**Every NCHA and NYCHA member is cordially invited to become a member of the Foundation and/or to work with Cutters In Action.**

Contact any of the following for more Foundation/CIA information:

For information on youth scholarships, please contact the NCHA Youth Department at 817-244-6188 ext. 126

For more information about Crisis funding, please contact **ANNE RIDDLE** at 580-662-2180 or 580-465-7365.

For an application, please contact Shana Veale with the NCHA at 817-244-6188 ext. 156.

All communications (written and oral) will be kept confidential.

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