



TEXAS HORSE PARK

*A World-Class Equestrian Center in the Heart of the Nation*

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## **Habitat for Horses and Texas Horse Park Join in Historic Partnership**

Innovative plan benefits rescued horses and members of the South Dallas community

DALLAS, TX and HITCHCOCK, TX, June 12, 2007 (PR NEWSWIRE) — Habitat for Horses, Inc. (HFHI) and Texas Horse Park, Inc. (THPI) announced today their plan to partner in developing a new, state of the art horse rescue facility within the Texas Horse Park.

The plan for the Texas Horse Park includes a world class equestrian competition facility able to host national and international events as well as a community center which will accommodate a school of horsemanship with scholarship riding programs for neighborhood children, therapeutic riding and, now, a 30 stall barn designed specifically with rescued horses in mind.

The rescue barn will be managed by Habitat for Horses and will include amenities such as Intensive Care Unit stalls, an operating room and an office that will allow Habitat staff and veterinarians to remain near their horses at all times. Habitat for Horses will work heavily with law enforcement and Texas A&M veterinarians to get rescued horses well again.

Jerry Finch, President of Habitat for Horses, when asked about the partnership, highlighted the shared goals of the two organizations. "Habitat for Horses and Texas Horse Park both understand the importance of offering a place to rescue and rehab abused and neglected horses."

The two organizations also share the perspective that rehabilitated horses can be of great value to their human caretakers and are developing programs that utilize the horse for the benefit of the rider. Equine Assisted Psychotherapy, for instance, allows horses to aid in the healing of an abused spouse or a neglected child. Habitat's rescue facility at the Texas Horse Park will facilitate these sorts of programs. "Habitat for Horses is excited at the opportunity to use this facility in ways that demonstrate to the equine community the value of all horses including those not capable of being used in other areas of the Horse Park due to age, breed, training or disability," said Mr. Finch.

Chelsea Chapman, Director of Community Partnerships for the Texas Horse Park, also commented on the partnership. "The Texas Horse Park couldn't be more excited to team up with Habitat for Horses. From rehabilitating and retraining rescued horses to witnessing what joy they can bring to children and youth in our area, we are eager to work together for the benefit of the rescued horses and the people of our community."

Currently, both Habitat for Horses and Texas Horse Park are raising capital funds to make this vision a reality. To learn more, visit [www.texashorsepark.com](http://www.texashorsepark.com) and [www.habitatforhorses.org](http://www.habitatforhorses.org).

### **About Habitat for Horses**

Habitat for Horses (HfH) is a not-for-profit equine protection agency committed to the prevention, rescue and rehabilitation of neglected, abused and homeless horses. The largest organization of its kind in North America, HfH operates a rehabilitation ranch in Hitchcock, Texas, as well as a growing network of foster homes throughout Texas, Oklahoma, Florida, Tennessee, and Louisiana. The organization has taken a leadership role in horse protection issues and has been instrumental in developing and promoting legislation to eliminate the slaughter of American horses.

### **About Texas Horse Park**

From its role as an internationally-acclaimed equestrian center to its partnership in the revitalization and redevelopment of southern Dallas, the Texas Horse Park will be a landmark of civic pride and international appeal.