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Kids & Horses Foundation Celebrates its Inaugural Year

Caledon , Ont. (FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE).....For the past year, thanks to the efforts of a new foundation, an increasing number of kids in Peel Region have been experiencing the excitement of being involved with horses for the first time.

The Kids & Horses Foundation, founded in September of 2005, is a non-profit organization located in Caledon, Ont. dedicated to making this connection with horses a reality for children whose families lack the necessary financial means.

The goal of *Kids & Horses Foundation* is to help educate motivated kids, watch them flourish, grow and experience the true magic that interacting with horses can provide. “Experienced horse people know first hand that horses are good teachers” Foundation President Robin Ogilvie says. “We are seeing obvious evidence that learning good horsemanship provides long term life benefits for these children. These benefits include learning discipline, building self confidence, patience, respect and trust.”

The *Kids & Horses Foundation* pays for a series of structured riding lessons and educational riding camps. “It’s wonderful to see and hear the sense of achievement and increased self esteem that these children demonstrate after participating in the programme.” Programme Liaison Dianne Susin adds.

“...We had a contest and one of them was a bridle race, for the first time I won a contest...This camp has been the best experience of my life.” says Victoria, aged 12.

The Foundation also has established the *Kids & Horses Scholarship*, which is awarded to a graduate of the program wishing to pursue college level studies, leading to a career involving horses. The Foundation is very proud of the first winner, whose scholarship will help cover the cost of attending a college-level veterinary technician program.

Kids & Horses Foundation is funded through a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and through the generosity of private individuals and local businesses. Exciting fundraising events are planned for the coming months these include “High Tea at High Noon”, a unique fashion show experience November 1st, and an extravaganza fundraising sale later in the year.

Any and all donations are appreciated, and 100% of monies donated are used for the children. For more information, please contact the Kids & Horses Foundation at (905) 880-8711 or by e-mail at info@kidsandhorses.ca

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