



## GIVING BACK

Giving to a worthy cause is always a good thing. But, some say that it is the manner in how we give that really makes a difference. The Dreaming Of Three Team is one group of dedicated people that found a way to help those in need through doing what they love the

most, competing on their horses barrel racing or in many other disciplines on horseback.

It all started when Pittsburgh business executive Jackie Harris rose to a challenge that would crush most people. In the fall of 2010 she lost her stepfather to cancer and three months later in 2011 her father passed away from heart disease. Instead of being defeated by this huge loss, she fought back and created the concept of "Dreaming Of Three."



Jackie (left) and Amy, a cancer survivor, attended the rodeo in Denver in January.

Dreaming of Three's name came from dreaming of three fast, tight barrels in order to win money for the charities--the three charities she will be donating her winnings--and also about the three areas she wants to make a difference--1. Donating Winnings. 2. Taking families to rodeos that have a child fighting cancer or heart disease. 3. Allowing others to have their own loved one's initials on her "saddle crosses" so that they can ride with her as well and honor them all as she enters the arena each time.

On these crosses are initials of her own loved ones and friends, family and stranger's loved ones who are fighting, lost the fight or won the fight with cancer or heart disease. Jackie wears these crosses on her saddle honoring all those listed as she enters the arena each time.

She will be donating her winnings to the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and several animal rescues.

Just when Jackie's program was taking off another difficulty jumped in her way. Her horse became injured and was unable to compete. But once again, she rose to the challenge and found other riders willing to carry her flag for charity in the barrel racing circuit. As other riders heard of her efforts they offered to "ride for the cure." Jackie found they all had two things in common, love of their horses and competing and burning desires to help others in need.

Now her team consists of people that are carrying her flags of charity and have added others to the team expanding the amount of beneficiaries to include

other worthy charities. There are also many corporate sponsors who see the value of the Dreaming Of Three vision and are getting behind it. And to show her business acumen she has established an online store where people can show support by purchasing one of the items available, which goes back into Dreaming of Three to take more families to more rodeos.

Jackie stated, "Dreaming Of Three allows me to make a difference in the lives of people who are going through horrible things. I know I am doing the right thing, as one act of kindness causes a ripple effect, with no logical end."

For further information on Dreaming Of Three as a program and their team members you can visit the website at [www.dreamingofthree.com](http://www.dreamingofthree.com)

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## THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS – TAKE THE REINS! WHAT YOU CAN DO TO GIVE STRENGTH TO THE HORSE INDUSTRY

*Press Release - American Horse Council* - You may be surprised to know that there are over 9 million horses in the United States, based on a study done by the American Horse Council entitled the Economic Impact of the Horse Industry on the United States.

The American Horse Council (AHC) is the only organization that represents every segment of that vast horse population. Every day, the AHC communicates with Congress and other federal agencies to ensure that each understands the economic, agricultural, sporting, and recreational importance of the horse industry.

This can be tedious work, but without open lines of communication with our leaders in Washington, D.C. we could lose the ability to enjoy our horses and our work in the industry that we love. We hope that our efforts ensure that these federal officials will support a legislative and regulatory structure for the horse industry that encourages individuals and other entities to support and participate in the horse industry, to invest in our horses, and to sponsor and support our events and activities.

The AHC believes that the more opportunities there are to use horses in various activities, the better the overall health of the industry and those who participate. Our goal is to keep opportunities open so that EVERYONE in the horse industry is able to thrive.

Because we are a not-for-profit organization, we depend on you – a person who is devoted to your horse and to your sport – to help us stand up for our rights as horse enthusiasts. Join the American Horse Council today and help us to help you, your horse, your sport, and your industry!

It is extremely important for everyone in the horse community to present a unified front and show Congress and other federal agencies that the horse industry is not only important to their constituents, but is also a large, economically diverse industry that provides hundreds of thousands of US jobs and billions of dollars in tax revenue. The AHC is the only Washington, D.C. based organization solely dedicated to representing all horses, equestrians, and every segment of the diverse horse community and industry.

The AHC provides many updates on important issues affecting the industry, and explains to its members how they can contact their elected officials to speak up about these issues. By joining the AHC, you give strength to the horse industry's voice.

To learn more about supporting the AHC and becoming a member today visit [www.horsecouncil.org/ahc-memberships](http://www.horsecouncil.org/ahc-memberships).

