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Thinking About Adding Equine Programs for People with Challenges?

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Denver—If you are thinking about adding a program of **equine assisted activities and therapies** (EAAT) to the offerings of your equestrian center, or if you have already begun, you won't want to miss "Basics and Beyond," a four-hour session offered on November 19, 2009 at the 2009 NARHA National Conference and Annual meeting in Fort Worth, Texas.

Program participants will find out what it takes to run a successful EAAT Program. They will learn how to construct a business plan, find the right board members and introduce and convince prospective donors of the value of their ideas.

The presenters include

- Nichola Redmond, executive director of Somerset Hills Handicapped Riding Center, a NARHA Premier Accredited Center in Oldwick, NJ
- Karen Kersting, executive director of UpReach TRC, Inc., a NARHA Premier Accredited Center in Goffstown, NH
- Barbara Ford, founder, executive director and head instructor at EQUI-KIDS TRC, a NARHA Premier Accredited Center in Virginia Beach, VA
- Brian Miller, a NARHA Certified Registered Level Instructor as well as president and cofounder of New Horizon Ranch in Rantoul, KS
- Sara Qua, director of development at High Hopes TRC, Inc, a NARHA Premier Accredited Center in Old Lyme, CT

To learn more and to register online for the 2009 NARHA National Conference and Annual Meeting, November 18–21 in Fort Worth, Texas, visit the 2009 conference pages at www.narha.org



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About NARHA:

NARHA was formed in 1969 to promote equine assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. At over 700 member centers, a total of 42,000 children and adults find a sense of independence through involvement with horses. These member centers range from small, one-person programs to large operations with several certified instructors and licensed therapists. In addition to therapeutic equitation, a center may offer any number of equine assisted activities including hippotherapy, equine facilitated mental health, driving, interactive vaulting, trail riding, competition, ground work, or stable management. Through a wide variety of educational resources, the association helps individuals start and maintain successful equine assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. There are more than 24,000 volunteers, 2000 instructors, 5,700 therapy horses and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at NARHA centers.