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### **Nominations are in Progress for NARHA's Prestigious 2009 Regional and National Awards**

All participants at NARHA centers are unique and deserve recognition, but as we all know, some just shine. So every year NARHA celebrates some especially outstanding equestrians, equines, instructors and volunteers. Right now NARHA centers all over North America and beyond are nominating their own special equines and people.

Since nominations close on June 15<sup>th</sup>, members, and participants alike are working with center leaders to make sure their special people and equines are not left out.

All winners will be recognized at the 2009 NARHA National Conference and Annual Meeting Awards Banquet in Fort Worth, Texas: Saturday November 21.

NARHA's annual award descriptions and nomination forms are now on the 2009 NARHA National Conference web page.

[www.narha.org/Conference/2009/Conference2009AwardsNominations.asp](http://www.narha.org/Conference/2009/Conference2009AwardsNominations.asp)

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#### **About NARHA:**

*NARHA was formed in 1969 as the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association to promote equine assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. At almost 800 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 riding, 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 30,000*



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*volunteers, 3,500 instructors, 6,300 equines and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at NARHA centers.*