



*“Ensuring excellence and changing lives through equine-assisted activities and therapies”*

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**Partnership Fosters Awareness of EAAT and Funds for PATH Intl.**

**Denver—**

This spring, the American Competitive Trail Horse Association (ACTHA) partnered with the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) to hold Shamrock PATH events around the country. Through these competitive events, ACTHA donated \$3 per rider to PATH Intl. In total, PATH Intl. has received \$2,743.80.

PATH Intl. was formed in 1969 to promote safety and optimal outcomes in equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. The association certifies professionals and accredits centers that each year help more than 56,000 children and adults with physical, cognitive and emotional challenges find strength and independence through the power of the horse.

Currently 850 member centers offer therapeutic riding and other therapeutic horsemanship activities, including hippotherapy, equine-facilitated mental health, carriage driving, interactive vaulting, trail riding, competition, ground work and stable management. Through a wide variety of educational resources, and under the direction of the *PATH Intl. Standards for Certification and Accreditation*, the association helps individuals start and maintain successful programs. There are nearly 52,000 volunteers, 4,232 instructors, 7,503 equines and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at PATH Intl. Centers.

If you would like to be involved with PATH Intl. and help foster horse-human partnerships in the future, please call Megan Ferry at (303) 452-1212, ext. 107 or visit [www.pathintl.org](http://www.pathintl.org).