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Lifesavers Wild Horse Rescue Receives \$100,000 Grant From The DJ&T Foundation

(Lancaster, CA) – Lifesavers Wild Horse Rescue has received a \$100,000 grant from the DJ&T Foundation. Bob Barker, well-known television personality, established the DJ&T Foundation in 1995. The Foundation's goal is to fund low cost spay/neuter clinics and voucher programs as a way to help relieve animal over population. When DJ&T Foundation heard about the work that Lifesavers Wild Horse Rescue does to protect our Nation's horses they felt it was a worthy cause to support. "I am so grateful to Mr. Barker and the DJ&T foundation for recognizing the value of our horse rescue and care programs and our Horse Inspired Growth and Healing programs by giving us this generous grant that has helped us to continue this amazing work" said Jill Starr, Director and Founder of Lifesavers.

Lifesavers Wild Horse Rescue, known as Lifesavers, Inc. is a 501(c)(3), was founded in 1997 by Jill Starr. The mission is to prevent American mustangs and domestic horses from being abused, abandoned, neglected and ultimately sent to slaughter through rescue, adoption, sanctuary, education and horse inspired growth and healing programs. Since its inception, Lifesavers has saved over 1000 horses headed to slaughter.

Their main location is a 46 acre ranch in Lancaster, California. They also have two sanctuary properties in Twin Oaks, California. The Born to Be Wild Horse Sanctuary sits on 160 acres of beautiful wilderness in Kern County. Tashunke Wakan (the Sacred Horse in Lakota) has 485 acres and is located nearby. The sanctuaries allow many of the mustangs, those who are un-adoptable or not well-suited to life in captivity, to live out their lives in an environment that is as close as possible to freedom on the range. As the need to save wild horses grows, Lifesavers has placed 150 wild horses on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota and has partnered with the Firelight South Ranch in Alpine, Texas.

Recently, Lifesavers Inc. has partnered with the Wounded Warrior Project, (www.woundedwarriorproject.org) to provide a wild horse gentling boot camp where veterans, suffering from PTSD and other physical and emotional traumas, learn to gentle wild horses. "This unique program we call Horse Inspired Growth and Healing (H.I.G.H.) goes beyond the typical equine therapy program by inspiring growth and healing for our wounded soldiers and wild horses" said Suzi Landolphi, Vice President on the Board of Directors.

Lifesavers also offers cutting edge outreach programs for at risk youth, substance abuse and corporate team building. Natural horsemanship and gentling workshops are offered at the ranch as well.

Lifesavers Wild Horse Rescue offers tours, sponsorship opportunities and relies heavily on donations from the general public and volunteers to help save and care for our countries living legends, wild horses. For more information about how you can get involved visit www.wildhorserescue.org or call them directly at (661) 727-1205.

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