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## **SOUTH FLORIDA SPCA HORSE RESCUE'S "A DAY AT THE RACES"**

HOMESTEAD, FL - The South Florida Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Horse Rescue (SFSPCA) is delighted to announce its annual fundraiser "**A Day at the Races**" will be held at **Gulfstream Park Racing and Casino on Sunday, December 14, 2014**. A festive atmosphere will prevail as guests enjoy a lavish buffet luncheon in a private area of Gulfstream's signature restaurant Ten Palms and an exciting afternoon of horse racing, along with a chance to buy raffle tickets for fun prizes and to bid on incredible silent auction items. Over 400 guests are expected to attend.

A Day at the Races will be emceed by **WSVN-7 reporter Kevin Ozebek** who became aware of SFSPCA's work when covering the dramatic rescue of eight horses, mostly off-the-track Thoroughbreds, this past summer.

Philanthropist, international equestrian and Chesapeake Petroleum board chair **Victoria McCullough** will be honored at the event with the **South Florida SPCA Horse Rescue Award for Excellence in Equine Protection** for her extraordinary efforts to protect U.S. equines from slaughter and abuse. **Florida Congressman Mario Diaz Balart and Miami Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle** will also be recognized by SFSPCA for their support of equine welfare issues.

### **EVENT DETAILS**

**TIME:** Check-in begins **11:30am**; first post time is **12:35pm**

**TICKETS:** \$65 per person (open seating), or \$600 for a Table for 8. Purchase individual tickets, tables and sponsorships online **by December 5 at [www.helpthehorses.org](http://www.helpthehorses.org)**.

**Ticket purchases may also be mailed by December 1 (details on website).**

***Note: Advance ticket sales only, no tickets will be sold at the door.***

**TICKETS INCLUDE:**

- Unlimited buffet luncheon with multiple carving stations, salad bars, lunch entrees, pastas, desserts and more; one glass of wine, coffee and tea.
- Air-conditioned trackside seating
- Daily race program
- \$2 betting voucher per person

**ATTIRE:**

Upscale casual (no jeans).

Laurie Waggoner, SFSPCA founder and director of ranch operations said of the event and its location at Gulfstream, "We're extremely excited about having A Day at the Races at Gulfstream Park. Obviously the venue is gorgeous, but most importantly, Gulfstream Park and its owner, The Stronach Group, have implemented the strictest standards for humane treatment of Thoroughbreds both during their racing careers and in retirement through the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) and Florida Thoroughbred Retirement and Adoptive Care (TRAC) programs. By working together, we better the lives of many horses."

Proceeds from A Day at the Races ticket sales, sponsorships, silent auction and raffles benefit South Florida SPCA Horse Rescue, and a portion of the proceeds from race sponsorships will be donated to the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund (PDJF). For more information contact event chair Kathleen Monahan at 786-351-2632 or [kathleenm@12thwardproductions.com](mailto:kathleenm@12thwardproductions.com).

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