



Waiting ...
For the show to begin!

Iowa Youth Benefit Saddle Club **Announces Beneficiaries, Past & Present**

by Kathy Krukow

As dawn approached on Sunday, June 14, 2009, members of the **Iowa Youth Benefit Saddle Club** cheered when trailers began arriving on the show grounds, as the day had begun with a serious threat of bad weather. But this day, the sun would truly shine, and shine on a child in need, as the show would benefit St. Jude's Children Hospital, as well as a state and a local charity. The 2009 show owes its success to all who helped: Black Hawk Creek Saddle Club, *Apples 'n Oats* magazine, judge Brandy Neidert, Craig and Terri Strien, Hy-Vee, and to the exhibitors, sponsors and parents.

2007 marked the Iowa Youth Benefit Saddle Club's first open charity horse show. To date, thousands of dollars have been donated to various state local charities, as well as to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Each year two or more charities are selected as beneficiaries of the club's fund raising efforts. St. Jude remains the national charity for 2010; Seeds of Hope was selected as the state charity, and several local food pantries in the Cedar Valley Area will receive proceeds from the show.

Charities are selected on need and personal recommendation. With

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unemployment at an all time high thousands of children go to bed hungry at night right here in the Cedar Valley. Some families are no longer able to provide adequate food and shelter. Each day hundreds of families receive assistance from local food banks, with the numbers increasing daily. We sometimes forget the needs of others as we go about our daily lives, children who are victims of abuse, hunger and those suffering from cancer. These are not the things childhood memories should be made of, and it is for this reason that IYBSC members continue fund raising efforts.

It's hard to imagine spring is only two months away as we struggle with cold temperatures, snow, icy roadways, temperamental vehicles, and frozen water supplies. But to the Iowa Youth Benefit Saddle Club it is a time to plan for the 2010 charity fund raising events.

First will be a **Horseman's Clinic to be held April 25**, at the National Dairy Cattle Congress Grounds, located in Waterloo, Iowa. The event is open to all ages and skill levels. Participants can register to win a new 15" English Saddle at the clinic.

Next, **June 13 will mark the fourth Annual Iowa Youth Benefit Saddle Club Show** to be held at the Silver Spur Arena located at 3574 West Shaulis Rd, Waterloo, Iowa. All proceeds will be donated to charity. New attractions for this show include a celebrity lead line class, featuring state and local celebrities. In addition, trick rider Tina Bates will be performing during the noon break. A new 16" Sho Me Western Saddle, donated by a generous member, will be awarded at the show. The club is still accepting lead line participants. If anyone would like to see their boss or a co-worker ride a horse for charity, contact show chairs: Kathy Krukow at 319-276-3494 or Rachael Lampson at 319-885- 6370 for more information.

Additionally, a **Fun Show** is being planned for a later date.

The club would like to extend a special invitation to all to attend one or more of our fund raising activities, for the child you help today may change the world tomorrow.

Additional information is available on line at www.iowayouthbenefitsaddleclub.com