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Certified Horsemanship Association International Conference Wrap-Up and a Big Thank You to Silent Auction Participants, Vendors and Conference Attendees

(October 2016) – It's official. The Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) International Conference is over, after five fun-filled educational days at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Attendees came from all over the United States and Canada and as far away as Hawaii, Alaska, California, Oregon, Florida, Manitoba, Alberta, and Ontario. CHA would like to thank conference attendees and sponsors for helping make it another successful event for CHA. CHA also offers a special thank you to Middle Tennessee State University for hosting and sharing their facilities and wonderful horse herd.

As always, the CHA International Conference had a jam-packed schedule so that attendees could learn as much as possible about horse care and management, equine welfare, teaching techniques, tack and equipment, how to improve upon one's riding skills, and more. Some of the most popular events were the hands-on mounted workshops and the NRHA Ride a Reiner event.

CHA would like to thank all of the companies and individuals that made generous donations for the silent auction and to all of the enthusiastic bidders. CHA's Silent Auction ran from Thursday morning into Saturday night's Annual Awards Banquet. A saddle that was generously donated by Tim Alderson, of Pine Cove Camps in Tyler, Texas, was also raffled off. The lucky winner was Amy Barkley Carey.

This is just a few of the wonderful companies who made donations for the silent auction and the vendors that helped to make the 2016 CHA International Conference a success: American Paint Horse Association, American Quarter Horse Association, Arabian Horse Association, Banixx Horse and Pet Care, Bitless Bridle, Equine Office, Free Ride Western Safety Stirrup, National Reining Horse Association, Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association, RevitaVet, Schleese Saddlery and many more!

The silent auction benefits CHA's Scholarship Fund, which is a program that helps new riding instructors become certified so that they can continue providing safe, effective, and fun instruction to adults and children. It's an important endeavor that helps with CHA's mission

of certifying riding instructors who have met stringent certification standards set forth by the association.

CHA looks forward to seeing everyone in 2017 at the next CHA International Conference, which will be a momentous event since it will be part of CHA's 50th Anniversary. Please join us at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington October 26 – 29, 2017.

For those companies wishing to have a presence at next year's event, please contact CHA at office@CHA-ahse.org or call 859-259-3399.

CHA Instructors Change Lives Through Safe Experiences with Horses. The purpose of CHA is to promote excellence in safety and education for the benefit of the horse industry. CHA certifies instructors and trail guides, accredits equestrian facilities, publishes educational manuals, produces educational horsemanship DVDs and YouTube Safety shorts, and hosts regional and international conferences. For more information on the largest certifying body of riding instructors and barn managers in North America, Certified Horsemanship Association, please visit www.CHA-ahse.org or call 859-259-3399. To find a certified horseback riding instructor or accredited equine facility near you, visit www.CHAINstructors.com.

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