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THOROUGHBRED CHARITIES OF AMERICA AWARDS \$597,258 IN GRANTS

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA) announced today grants totaling \$597,258 have been awarded to 82 Thoroughbred industry-related non-profits that work to uphold TCA's mission.

TCA distributes grants to several categories of Thoroughbred industry related nonprofits including rescue, rehabilitation and adoption organizations as well as education and backstretch programs, therapeutic riding programs and research organizations. Grant applications for the 2013 grant cycle will be available on www.tca.org in early January.

"TCA is thrilled to once again assist so many charities that are doing such great work", said TCA President Dan Rosenberg. "TCA's grants wouldn't be possible if not for the generosity of our many donors and supporters; we are extremely grateful for their support."

Over the past 22 years TCA has distributed grants to more than 200 charities that work to fulfill TCA's mission.

TCA formally affiliated with the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) in 2008 and is now the charitable arm of the organization. TCA's affiliation with TOBA has allowed TCA to further expand its national reach and provides the continuity needed to carry on its mission into the future. TCA's mission is to *provide a better life for Thoroughbreds, both during and after their racing careers by supporting retirement, rescue and research and by helping the people who work with them.*

TCA's primary fundraiser is its annual Stallion Season Auction held each winter in Lexington, Ky. Donations to TCA are always accepted and can be made in the form of cash donations or as donations in lieu of flowers, birthday gifts or other occasions. To make a donation please visit www.tca.org.