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March 2011 NARHA Hires New Sponsorship/Development Manager

Denver – NARHA, formerly North American Riding for the Handicapped Association, has hired Megan Ream as its Sponsorship/Development Manager. Megan will be responsible for building partnerships with sponsors, exhibitors and corporate members and relationships with individual donors, foundations and the philanthropic community.

Megan most recently was the campaign account manager for the Metro Denver Combined Federal Campaign, the largest workplace giving compaign in Colorado. Prior to that, Megan was the development manager for Big City Mountaineers. There, she led organizational fundraising efforts and created and managed grant writing processes, and created and managed the direct-mail program.

Megan earned an M.A. degree in philanthropic studies from Indiana University's Center on Philanthropy and a Masters in international studies in philanthropy and social entrepreneurship from University of Bologna in Italy.

NARHA is pleased to have Megan on board and knows our sponsors, exhibitors, donors and members will find her knowledgeable and caring to work with.

If you have any questions on how to support changing and enriching lives through the promotion of equine-assisted activities and therapies, contact Megan at mream@narha.org or (303) 452-1212, ext. 107.

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<u>About NARHA</u>:

NARHA, formerly North American Riding for the Handicapped Association, was formed in 1969 to promote equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. At more than 800 member centers, a total of 42,000 children and adults find a sense of independence through involvement with horses. These member centers range from small, one-person programs to large operations with several certified instructors and licensed therapists. In addition to therapeutic equitation, a center may offer any number of equine-assisted activities including hippotherapy, equine-facilitated mental health, driving, interactive vaulting, trail riding, competition, ground work, or stable management. Through a wide variety of educational resources, the association helps individuals start and maintain successful equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. There are more than 24,000 volunteers, 2000 instructors,



5,700 therapy horses and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at NARHA centers.