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August 2013 Marines Make a Difference for PATH International Equine Services for Heroes

Denver – In 1985, Ronald Reagan, then President of the United States, said, "Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. But the Marines don't have that problem."

Those who work and volunteer at PATH Intl. Centers worldwide don't have that problem either. They know what kind of a difference they make in the lives of 56,000 adults and children with physical, emotional and cognitive challenges.

So what happens when the Marines set PATH Intl. in their sights? You get a film called "Literally Living the Dream" created by a team of active duty Marines (called Team Lele Kawa). The movie is filled with surfing, skating, cliff diving and more as it encourages everyone to live life to the fullest.

The best part is that Team Lele Kawa is donating all proceeds to PATH International Equine Services for Heroes. This initiative assists military veterans through services provided by PATH International members and by providing leadership and guidance for equine-assisted activities and therapies. To accomplish this mission, PATH Intl. Centers connect with Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and Clinics, as well as individual veterans. Veterans of any age can benefit from the program and by being involved with equines.

Staff Sargeant Jeff Caraway, Graphics Chief and member of Team Lele Kawa, reported that after six months of DVD and t-shirt sales, and with almost no advertising, \$1,200 will be donated to PATH International Equine Services for Heroes. (Caraway is the brother of Colt Cumpton, the 2012-2013 President of the Junior Paint Horse Association, who has also named PATH Intl. as the recipient of his "Paint Our Country Proud" campaign.)

If you would like to make a difference in the world, give a donation to help those who have given the most. You can order the DVD, t-shirts or other artwork at <u>www.lelekawa.net</u>.

For more information about PATH International Equine Services for Heroes, visit the website at www.pathintl.org

About PATH Intl.:

Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) was formed in 1969 to promote equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. At

nearly 850 member centers, more than 56,000 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 nearly 52,000 volunteers, 4,232 instructors, 7,503 equines and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at PATH Intl. centers.