

"Ensuring excellence and changing lives through equine-assisted activities and therapies"

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## AjPHA President's Service Project Benefits PATH Intl.

**Denver**—The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) office in Denver, CO, had visitors on January 18 as Colt Cumpton, the American Junior Paint Horse Association President, his mother and two younger brothers presented PATH Intl. CEO Kay Green with a beautiful horse statue. (To see a close-up of the statue, visit <a href="www.ajpha.com">www.ajpha.com</a> and click on Presidential Project.) Colt is donating the funds raised through the AjPHA Presidential Service Project "Paint Our Country Proud!" to PATH International Equine Services for Heroes.

PATH International Equine Services for Heroes 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 International 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.

In addition to therapeutic riding, PATH International Centers offer a number of therapeutic equinerelated activities, including hippotherapy, equine-facilitated mental health, carriage driving, interactive vaulting, competition, ground work and stable management.

Visit the <u>PATH International Equine Services for Heroes page</u> to learn more or contact <u>Corey Campbell</u>, (800) 369-7433, ext. 104. <u>Click here</u> to find a PATH International Equine Services for Heroes Center near you.

If you would like to join Colt in his project to "Paint Our Country Proud!" and help our service personnel, visit <a href="https://www.givingfirst.org/coltcumpton">https://www.givingfirst.org/coltcumpton</a>.

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## About PATH Intl.:

Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.), formerly NARHA, was formed in 1969 to promote equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. At more than 850 member centers, more than 54,000 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. 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 45,000 volunteers, 4,300 instructors, 6,300 therapy horses and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at PATH Intl. centers.