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April 2015 International Coach and Educator Jackie Stevenson to Speak at PATH Intl. Conference

Denver—The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) is proud to offer many excellent educational opportunities and inspiring events to attendees of the PATH Intl. Conference. This year, PATH Intl. is pleased to announce that Jackie Stevenson will be the keynote speaker at the PATH Intl. Conference and Annual Meeting, presented by title sponsor Purina, November 4-7, 2015, in Cleveland, OH. Jackie will speak at the luncheon on November 5 and then will be featured in a special workshop session at the PATH Intl. Horse Expo November 7.

Jackie's talk, "Someday We'll Live Like Horses," will focus on the successful engagement with people and horses that depends on the inner qualities of awareness, attention and intention. This workshop offers experiential learning focusing on the inner place from which we operate within the teaching, coaching and counseling relationship. "Horses have thrived for over 60 million years by trusting their inner wisdom, adapting quickly to rapid change, living in harmony with their environment and by working together," says Jackie. "Entering the world of horse and herd we can better focus on what is most essential for us at the present moment."

Horses challenge us to be our best, and attendees of Saturday's workshop will take away five key competencies learned from our equine partners, including inclusivity and mutuality and developing an authentic inner presence. "Horses invite us to be our authentic selves. In the presence of horses we can learn about respect and trust, confidence and courage, positive regard and love."

Jackie is the founder and CEO of Spirit of Leadership LLC, providing coaching, leadership and team building training and seminars to corporations and nonprofit organizations. She specializes in unique coaching sessions, leadership and team building rtreats through experiential learning with horses and nature. Jackie teaches at Case Western Reserve University Weatherhead School of Management Executive Development Program, the School of Applied Social Sciences and the ICF Gestalt Institute of Cleveland Coaching Program. She is on the Weatherhead School of Management coaching staff and is a Board Certified Coach. She has facilitated this training throughout the United States and in Israel, England and Belgium.

The PATH Intl. Conference is packed with many educational, entertaining and provocative sessions. Registration will open in early July, so mark your calendar now for this outstanding event. Visit the <u>PATH Intl. Conference page</u> for details.

About PATH Intl.:

The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International[®] (PATH Intl.[®]) was formed in 1969 to promote safety and optimal outcomes in equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT) for individuals with special needs. At 852 member centers, more than 58,000 children and adults may find improved health, wellness and a sense of pride and independence through involvement with horses. Therapeutic horsemanship at member centers may include hippotherapy, equine-facilitated mental health, driving, interactive vaulting, trail riding, competition, ground work and stable management. Through a wide variety of educational resources, the association helps individuals start and maintain successful EAAT programs. There are nearly 53,000 volunteers, 4,544 instructors, 7,733 equines and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at PATH Intl. Member Centers.