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## PATH Intl. Celebrates Its 2015 International Award Winners

**Denver**—The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) Award Winners were honored November 6, 2015, at the annual PATH Intl. Awards Banquet, an exciting and much-anticipated highlight of the 2015 PATH Intl. Conference, Annual Meeting and Horse Expo, held this year at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel in Cleveland, OH. (Each region has the opportunity to nominate individuals and equines; the winners of the equestrian and region awards were announced in July.) Anticipation was high as attendees waited for the award winners to be announced. The night was a celebration of the people who exemplify the best of the wonderful population of equestrians, certified professionals, veterinarians, volunteers and equines who work together to change the lives of people who live with physical, mental, emotional and learning challenges.

The following people received 2015 PATH Intl. Achievement Awards:

James Brady Lifetime Achievement Award: Meggan Hill-McQueeney, Region 7, BraveHearts Therapeutic Riding & Educational Center, a PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center (PAC), Harvard, IL

**PATH Intl. Equine of the Year Award** (co-sponsored by Purina and The Equus Foundation): Phantom, Region 5, Bethany's equine & Aquatic TS, Inc. (BEATS), Canton, GA

**PATH Intl. Certified Professional of the Year:** Patrick McKevitt, Region 7, BraveHearts Therapeutic Riding & Educational Center, a PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center (PAC), Harvard, IL

**PATH Intl. Volunteer of the Year** (sponsored by AIM/Equine Network): Caroline Black, Region 2, Endeavor Therapeutic Horsemanship, Inc., Bedford, NY

**PATH Intl. Veterinarian of the Year** *(sponsored by Luitpold Pharmaceuticals)*: Dr. Andrea McGowan, Region 7, Main Stay Therapeutic Farm, a PATH Intl. PAC, Richmond, IL

**PATH Intl. President's Award:** Jody Enget, Pikes Peak Therapeutic Riding Center, a PATH Intl. PAC, Elbert, CO

**Volunteer Leadership Award: Programs and Standards:** Asa (Ace) Raymond, Region 4, New Beginnings, Therapeutic Riding, Inc., a PATH Intl. PAC, Bowling Green, KY

**Volunteer Leadership Award: Education:** Cathy Languerand, Region 1, Shepard Meadows Therapeutic Riding Center, a PATH Intl. PAC, Bristol, CT

<u>Click here</u> for more information on these winners as well as all the region winners.

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#### 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 866 member centers, more than 61,000 children and adults may find improved health, wellness, fun 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 more than 55,000 volunteers, 4,666 instructors, 7,672 equines and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at PATH Intl. Member Centers.