

Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International

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## PATH Intl. Horse Expo Is Exciting Finish to Educational Conference

**Denver** – Be part of the revolution at the 2016 PATH Intl. Conference & Annual Meeting, November 2 - 5, 2016, in the Revolutionary City, Williamsburg, VA. This conference, presented by title sponsor Purina, is the premier event in the equine-assisted activities and therapies field, and you won't want to miss a single moment. We are excited about the number of educational sessions the conference offers. The keynote address on Thursday with Col. Gregory Gadson, decorated Army veteran, actor and motivational speaker, will have all of us shouting a hearty "Huzzah!"

The culmination of the conference is the PATH Intl. Horse Expo at Dream Catchers at the Cori Sikich Riding Center, a PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center in Toano, VA, Saturday, November 5. Featuring hands-on demonstrations, the horse expo brings to life lessons learned in sessions throughout the week. PATH Intl. Certified Master Instructor Sandy Webster's natural horsemanship and herd dynamics will show attendees how to transform program horses' behavior and effectiveness, while interactive vaulting movements--on the barrel and the horse-demonstrate how this can be incorporated into a center's programs. Sessions with veterinarians will help attendees evaluate their program equines and keep them healthy and happy.

A highlight of the horse expo will be a session with Michael Richardson of Restoration Ranch. A jeep accident when he was in his early 20s changed Michael's life. For the past 30 years, he has shared the lessons he has learned as a paraplegic to overcome the most difficult challenges. His work led him to work with veterans and their families to reintegrate into civilian life. Michael will give a riding demonstration during the lunch break.

Early registration is currently offered online on the <u>conference page at www.pathintl.org</u>, as well as more information about conference sessions (click on the registration book), the Williamsburg Lodge and things to do in the Revolutionary City. The early registration discount ends September 16, so register now and discover for yourself why everyone is talking about the revolutionary power of the horse to change lives.

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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 877 member centers, more than 62,000 children and adults—including 5,500 veterans—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, groundwork 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, 4,846 instructors, 7,546 equines and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at PATH Intl. Member Centers.