



Rick Herrema Foundation and Carolina Horse Park Foundation Announce Exciting Partnership

Raeford, NC, November 6, 2019 - The Rick Herrema Foundation and the Carolina Horse Park Foundation are proud to announce a partnership promoting Rick's Place, a 50-acre interactive greenspace 5.5 miles from Ft. Bragg, NC, that serves the Military Family. The Carolina Horse Park and Rick's Place will work together to promote interactive outdoor activities within the Sandhills region. This partnership will jointly leverage the opportunity to reintegrate service members and their families through volunteerism, recreational activities and retreats to best support the many military families in our region.

In 2006, Sergeant 1st Class Richard J. Herrema died during an Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment, but his legacy and generous spirit will live on through Rick's Place. When the leaders involved with the 50- acre greenspace were searching for a name for the outdoor recreation center where soldiers could reconnect with their families between deployments, the Rick Herrema Foundation was the only choice. He is remembered by friends and family as a positive, selfless and energetic man. The most important things in his life were his family and his faith.

"The Carolina Horse Park is honored to partner with the Rick Herrema Foundation on this important initiative," said Jane Murray, Executive Director of the Carolina Horse Park. "Outdoor activities, volunteerism and the Military Family are all very important to this area and we can't think of a better way to celebrate them than with this partnership."

Rick's Place shares these sentiments as they look to build a strong relationship with the Park.

"We at Rick's Place are deeply grateful for the gift of our partnership with the entire team at the Carolina Horse Park," said Allegra Jordan, Executive Director of the Rick Herrema Foundation. "Military families are often constrained from interactions with

animals, especially horses, due to families' mobile and frugal lifestyles. Yet we know and have seen how horses help us show up to life - mind, body and soul - like few creatures can. Our partnership with the CHP team will help bring the magnificent presence of horses to more military families in a way that works for military families."

The Carolina Horse Park and Rick's Place look forward to bringing our communities together through recreational, equestrian and educational events.

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