

## Behind The Fence: Helping Ex-Race Horses

### Brennan Equine Welfare Fund Offering 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Matching Gift To Help Horses Like “Wind Water” and “Dashboard Drummer”



“Wind Water” and “Dashboard Drummer” behind fencing provided by a grant from Brennan Equine Welfare Fund

So, whatever happens to Thoroughbred horses after they run in the Kentucky Derby? The Breeders Cup? What about horses who run in lesser known races? Did you ever wonder this? It is true that a Thoroughbred’s future can be quite uncertain unless he/she is a famous horse that can be retired to the breeding shed to help produce future prospects. Thoroughbred rescue and retirement facilities are one lucky place a horse can retire to after his or her racing career is over. And, much is needed beyond just food and water. Safe and strong fencing to house and contain the horses is imperative.

Brennan Equine Welfare Fund (BEWF) was happy to award a grant this year to Equine Encore Foundation in Tucson, Arizona to help fund a project of new and expanded fencing. With this, they are able to contain the horses at their facility safely and are able to admit more retirees. The strong pipe fencing, that will support the weight of a horses knocking into it, replaced wire fencing. New pipe gates completed the project.

Two beneficiaries of the project are “Wind Water” and “Dashboard Drummer”. “Wind Water” is a 12-year old California-bred horse who had an illustrious career at the track with total winnings of over \$840,000. He won many stakes races in his career. His pasture-mate, “Dashboard Drummer” is 13-years old and was Oklahoma-bred. He won stakes races from NY to FL and earned more than \$500,000.00 in purse money while making lots of fans. When noticed that he was running in lower level races that he had previously, race fans, with the help of some in the industry, made arrangements to claim him and have him shipped to Equine Encore Foundation. Both horses are getting excellent care in their retirement.

Brennan Equine Welfare Fund is a fund-raising, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that was established in 2000 at the Greater Cincinnati Foundation by Linda Pavey in honor and memory of her horse, “Brennan”, also an off-the-track Thoroughbred. Grants from Brennan Equine Welfare Fund are used to serve equine rescue shelters across the country that provide dignity to final years of aged, injured, abused, starved and slaughter-bound horses, as well as those used in medical experimentation. Brennan Equine Welfare Fund supports registered, 501(c)(3) organizations that specialize in retirement and rehabilitation services and offer a peaceful and permanent sanctuary for these beautiful animals. Shelters that offer carefully scrutinized adoption or replacement services are also supported.

If you would like to honor a special person or equine that has touched your life, or are interested in year-end giving ideas, a charitable donation to Brennan Equine Welfare Fund would be honored. You can be assured that any gift you make will help provide grant funding for special equines in need just like “Wind Water” and “Dashboard Drummer” for years to come. Any contribution to Brennan Equine Welfare Fund is tax deductible and 100% goes towards the horses.

Linda will be personally offering a \$5,000 (five-thousand dollar) matching gift through December 31, 2014. Your donation will have double the power to offer a second chance to equines in need as all personal donations will be matched dollar-to-dollar until \$5,000. is realized. Checks may be made out to The Greater Cincinnati Foundation (make sure to write “Brennan Equine Welfare Fund” on the memo line) and mailed to The Greater Cincinnati Foundation, 200 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. For more information or to donate online, please visit <http://www.brennanequinewelfarefund.com> or call Linda Pavey at (513) 561-5251.