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WHITE HORSE AWARD AT LONE STAR PARK

Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie will host the Race Track Chaplaincy of America's White Horse Heroes Luncheon as one of its special events in conjunction with the Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships there on October 30.

The White Horse Heroes Luncheon, set for Thursday, October 28 at the Dallas area track, features the presentation of the RTCA's annual White Horse Award to the one backstretch or racing farm worker determined to have performed the most heroic act in behalf of human or horse.

WinStar Farm co-owner, Kenny Troutt, instituted the award and White Horse Fellowship members, made up of major RTCA supporters, elect the final nominees and winners.

"I attended the first White Horse Award presentation at Santa Anita last year and I can honestly say it was one of the most moving and inspirational events I have seen," said Lone Star Park President, Corey Johnsen, a Magna Entertainment Corporation Vice President and a personal White Horse Fellowship member. "I applaud Kenny Troutt and all the other sponsors. Lone Star Park is proud to host the second presentation and I hope the attendance doubles."

The White Horse Award winner earns a \$5,000 cash prize, a limited-edition White Horse bronze statue and other gifts and prizes. The top four nominees earn expense paid trips to the Breeders Cup races and related events. The day will also be set aside to honor backstretch workers across America. RTCA Chaplains at other tracks hold corresponding White Horse Hero Luncheons, during which the contribution made to the racing industry by its workforce is noted and workers can watch live as their peers are honored in Texas.

Former Southern California exercise rider, Leigh Gray, won the 2003 winner for pulling up a team of runaway carriage horses at Santa Anita and also convincing local veterinarians to perform pro-bono surgeries on injured horses she later placed with equestrian riders. She is credited with saving the lives of at least 50 thoroughbreds.

The RTCA sanctions and oversees 48 chaplains who serve at 76 tracks and training centers across the nation.

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