



Dear Potential Sponsor:

Refuge Services of Lubbock, Texas provides equine therapy services to children and adults with special needs and disabilities, at-risk youth, and veterans on a weekly basis. The mission of Refuge Services is to provide a therapeutic setting for physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech-language therapists, or licensed mental health professionals to come together to incorporate horses into their treatment plan.

Refuge Services Inc. is a public, non-profit organization established in 1999 to provide services to the whole person: body, mind and spirit. Refuge Services Inc. provides Hippo-therapy (*H*), Therapeutic-riding (*TR*), Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (*EAP*), and Veteran programs to approximately 160 clients and their families per week.

On April 28, 2018, Refuge Services will host our Annual “**Boots and Buckles**” Benefit at the Bayer Museum of Agriculture. Last year, we raised approximately \$56,000 with about 250 in attendance. Being met with much enthusiasm, we anticipate 2018 to be no less. Our fundraising goal for 2018 is \$80,000 for scholarships. This is an important event! Many children and families depend on our services. Being a non-profit organization, donations are tax deductible. Refuge is looking for businesses that want to partner with us to help raise funds for children with disabilities to experience the freedom and joy of walking for the first time with the help of their horse friend. Donations also help veterans transitioning back into civilian life. Here is a testimonial from one of our veterans...

“For someone in the military like me, it is hard to swallow my pride and say I need help. This was a safe environment to open up, and talk. Sometimes the horses talked for me and helped show me the path to help my marriage.”

Attached is a sponsorship form that explains partnership opportunities more extensively. This is a great advertising opportunity. This event will be advertised via social media, television, internet, radio, paper, and posters in public locations. We anticipate a full house at 300 to be in attendance. There will be dinner by Top Tier Catering and live music by Brazos West throughout the evening. Live auction & silent auction items are being secured daily. We guarantee a great evening!

For more information about our services check out our website at www.refugeservices.org and email me or call me at (806)790-6664 to discuss this possibility further. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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