

--- Name of 501(c)(3) Organization ---

Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, Inc.

--- Today's Date ---

03/27/2021

--- Year Established ---

1983

--- Amount Requested ---

\$10,000

--- Name of Executive Director ---

Patricia E. Stickney

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<http://www.trfinc.org>

--- Farm/Facility Name ---

Chestnut Hall

--- Farm/Facility Physical Location (City, State) ---

Prospect, KY

--- Farm/Facility Mailing Address ---

2800 Mayo Lane
Prospect, KY
40059

--- Brief Mission Statement ---

The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation (TRF) is the largest and oldest Thoroughbred sanctuary organization, which has saved thousands of former racehorses from abuse, neglect and slaughter since its founding in 1983. The TRF has, in line with its mission of "Horses Helping Humans," found homes for horses that have trained for new careers and, through TRF's adoption, foster and sponsorship programs, went on to live productive, happy lives.

There are other TRF horses, however, that may not be suitable for adoption because of age or infirmity. These horses, which otherwise would be discarded, not only have a guaranteed home with TRF, but are used in the TRF's Second Chances/Groom Elite programs at correctional facilities in Kentucky, New York, California, Maryland, Illinois, Florida and South Carolina to give vocational instruction in horse care and stable management to student/inmates. Recently, a TRF Second Chances Youth Program was launched in Ocala, Florida.

--- In brief, what is your proposed use of the grant you are applying for? Please include 3 to 5 goals you expect to achieve with the funding. ---

The TRF would use the TERF grant to establish the 30-acre Chestnut Hall as an open farm and educational center for the people of Louisville, KY, particularly the disadvantaged youth in that area. The TRF's plan is to bring 10 Thoroughbred horses to live at Chestnut Hall and for them to interact with the public.

As has been the history of Second Chances, the Chestnut Hall plan is to allow humans to connect with these former racehorses and to show that these horses are intelligent, eager to learn and a far cry from the misconception that all Thoroughbreds are difficult and temperamental.

A goal of equal importance is to provide access to former racehorses to Louisville's disadvantaged youth. Although they live in the heart of the Bluegrass State's horse country, these youths do not have the opportunity to interact with horses. Establishing Chestnut Hall would not only provide such an opportunity, but provide a path to understanding love, compassion, mutual trust and respect for others.

Additionally, Chestnut Hall would be used educate the general public, of which many may have little knowledge about what happens to these horses when they can no longer compete on track. Ultimately, this would lead to fewer cases of neglect, abuse and even slaughter of these animals.

--- If you received a grant from TERF (Thoroughbred Education and Research Foundation) previously, please describe how those funds were used. ---

The TRF received funding from TERF in 2020 to implement the TRF's Second Chances/Groom Elite program at correctional facilities around the country (Kentucky, New York, California, Florida, Maryland, Illinois and South Carolina); however, because of COVID-19 restrictions at these facilities --and in many cases, complete lockdowns -- the TRF did not use all of its funding.

--- Please list the other organizations or major contributors that have provided funding to your organization within the last calendar year. ---

Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation

2020 Major Donors

Donor Name Gift Name Amount

Margaret Weygand (Estate of) Bequest \$ 38,050.23

New York State Thoroughbred Breeding & Dev Fund General Donation \$ 13,000.00

Grum, Mary Major Gift \$ 15,000.00

R.S. Evans Foundation Inc. Major Gift \$ 50,000.00

Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance Grant \$ 169,458.50

Raymond G & Diana M Roy Charitable Foundation Inc Major Gift \$ 10,000.00

C.F. Pollard Foundation Inc./Carl Pollard Major Gift \$ 20,000.00

Alice K. Turner Foundation Inc. Major Gift \$ 20,000.00

Klarman, Seth and Beth Major Gift \$ 35,000.00

Frazier, Sandra Major Gift \$ 10,000.00

Mars, Jacqueline Major Gift \$ 10,000.00

Thoroughbred Education and Research Foundation Grant-Second Chances \$ 10,000.00

Florida Thoroughbred Charities, Inc. Lowell - Grant \$ 78,000.00

Jockey Club (NY) Grant \$ 150,000.00

Mackay, Patrick and Elise Major Gift \$ 17,009.60

Saylor, Paul Major Gift \$ 10,000.00

Thoroughbred Charities of America Ltd. Grant \$ 21,250.00

Mary K. Oxley Foundation Major Gift \$ 10,000.00

Santulli Family Foundation Major Gift-Hay Drive Matching Gift \$ 60,000.00

Audrey Love Charitable Foundation Major Gift \$ 10,000.00

Ayotte, Cynthia Blackburn - Retired Horse \$ 23,000.00

West Virginia Breeders Classics Ltd. Major Gift \$ 10,000.00

Schwab Charitable Fund General Donation \$ 10,000.00

Laurie Landeau Foundation Major Gift \$ 10,000.00

Stenbeck, Sophie Major Gift-Veterinarian Fund \$ 75,000.00

Singer Family Foundation Major Gift \$ 10,000.00

Southwind Stables Inc Major Gift \$ 15,000.00

--- Please describe your charity's public education/research efforts. ---

The TRF's marketing and public education efforts include: print and on-line appeal to its donor base; Open Houses at the TRF's Summer Farm in Saratoga Springs, NY; educational seminars in collaboration with the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs, NY; the annual Horse Show at the Blackburn Correctional Facility in Lexington, KY (which was held as a live virtual event in 2020 because of the pandemic); tour and educational tours with local 4-H groups in Saratoga Springs, NY; attending and supporting Saratoga PLAN events to promote land conservation and community education; organizing Spring and Fall Open Houses at TRF Second Chances in Sykesville, MD; working with New York's racing community and racing organizations to promote job options for graduates of TRF's Second Chances program at the Wallkill Correctional Facility near New Paltz, NY; educational booth at equine events including Equine Affaire in Ohio and Massachusetts; Retired Racehorse Project Thoroughbred Makeover; NYRA Community Booth at Saratoga Race Course.

Additionally, Second Chances/Groom Elite teaches student/inmates at correctional facilities about equine care and stable management. Upon successful completion of the comprehensive course, graduate receive a certification as proof that they are qualified to work in the horse industry.

--- Please describe any publicity your charity has earned within the last calendar year. Copies of news articles or a brief summary of news coverage are acceptable. ---

The most recent and exciting news for the TRF was February's launch of its Second Chances Youth Program at the Center for Success and Independence (CSI) adjacent to the Lowell Correctional Institute in Ocala, Fla. Lowell is home to the TRF's only Second Chances program exclusively for women. The women from Lowell have no contact with the youths, but they maintain the grounds, bring the horses over and back for the lessons and even built the barn. Their story was widely told throughout the state. The Lowell program is a great source of pride for the Second Chances women. In November, 2020, the TRF announced that it had received the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) Accredited Status to its Second Chances Program at the Lowell Correctional Institution and the Eastham Sanctuary Farm in Virginia. The TRF is currently working with GFAS to get like accreditation for its other Second Chance facilities.

Because of COVID-19, the TRF took to social media to create its own publicity in 2020. These included the podcasts "'In the Money" by handicappers Peter Thomas Fornatale and Jonathon Kinchen; "Going In Circles" by trainer Chuck Simon and "Off Track" by New York Racing Association analyst Maggie Wolfendale-Morley. More examples of 2020's publicity may be found here: <https://www.trfinc.org/blog/>

--- List 2-3 things that distinguishes your organization and why TERF should fund this proposal. ---

The TRF is the oldest sanctuary organization for Thoroughbred racehorses. Once a horse becomes a member of the TRF herd, it has a home for life. The importance of this was demonstrated during the pandemic, when people who had adopted a TRF horse could no longer afford its keep. Those horses returned to the TRF herd.

The TRF is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit and 100 percent of its funding comes from the generosity of individuals who were educated in why the TRF is needed. Since its founding in 1983, the TRF has successfully brought former racehorses in need of a decent home together with inmates in need of a path to re-enter society as a productive member. It has successfully provided both group with a "second chance." The TRF is in line with TERF's desire to support programs that focus on equine education.

--- Space for Additional Information and Notes ---

As there was a lack of space, please note this additions to TRF paid staff:

Cheryl Tanner, Office Manager, HR/Accounting Assistant (\$45,700); Julia Christensen, Development Assistant (\$43,680); Bill Yousavage, Operations and Data Base Assistant (part time, \$23,432); Farm Managers Aimee Leach (\$42,000, oversees 86 horses at Eastham and Windbrook Farms, VA); Alyssa Haney (\$43,260, oversees 32 horses at Vandalia (ILL) Correctional Facility); Kelsey Kober (\$16,224 stipend; oversees 50 horses at Walkkill (NY) Correctional Facility); Assistant Farm Managers, part time at \$15/hour: Brittany Brill and Elizabeth Dalton (Eastham and Windbrook Farms, VA)

--- Please list your Officers with their Titles ---

Patrick Mackay, President
Paul Saylor, Co-Treasurer
Larry Holmes, Co-Treasurer
John B. Cannie, Esq., Secretary
Leonard C. Hale, Director
Nicholas Meittinis, DVM, Director
Anita Motion, Director
Suzie O'Cain, Director
Sarah Stein, Director
Maggie Wolfendale-Morley, Director
Patricia E. Stickney, Executive Director

--- 1. Name - Job Title ---

Patricia E. Stickney, Executive Director

--- 1. Salary ---

\$54,000

--- 1. Duties ---

Responsible for oversight of \$2.2 million organization and 550 Thoroughbreds. Oversees herd, farms, development, Human Resources, Finance and Administration. Liaison with Board of Directors and its committees.

--- 2. Name - Job Title ---

Kim Weir, Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving

--- 2. Salary ---

\$72,100

--- 2. Duties ---

Responsible for maintaining donors and cultivating donor relations for major gifts above \$5,000 and educating donors and supporters about planned giving options.

--- 3. Name - Job Title ---

Jessica Paquette, Director of Development and Communications

--- 3. Salary ---

\$61,800

--- 3. Duties ---

Responsible for the annual fund, including all print and on-line appeals, social media, events, public relations and communications.

--- 4. Name - Job Title ---

Chelsea O'Reilly, Program Development Manager

--- 4. Salary ---

\$42,000

--- 4. Duties ---

Responsible for oversight and expansion of TRF Second Chances Program. Provides fund-raising support to advance the Second Chances programs.

--- 5. Name - Job Title ---

Sara Davenport, Herd Manager

--- 5. Salary ---

\$53,045

--- 5. Duties ---

Responsible for oversight of farms and herd. Responsible for periodic inspection of all farms, assistance with grant writing, adoption and intake process and tracking all adopted horses throughout their lives.

Additionally, Julia Christensen, Development Assistant (\$43,680); Bill Yousavage, Operations and Data Base Assistant (part time, \$23,432); Farm Managers Aimee Leach (\$42,000, oversees 86 horses at Eastham and Windbrook Farms, Virginia); Alyssa Haney (\$43,260, oversees 32 horses at Vandalia Correctional Facility, Illinois); Kelsey Kober (\$16,224 stipend; oversees 50 horses at Walkill (NY) Correctional Facility; Assistant Farm Managers, part time at \$15/hour: Brittany Brill and Elizabeth Dalton (Eastham and Windbrook Farms, Virginia)