



### Grant Application

Today's Date <b>3/25/2022</b>	Name of 501 (c)(3) Organization <b>Kentucky Race Track Chaplaincy Inc.</b>		
Year Established <b>1987</b>	Amount Requested <b>\$ 12,000</b>		
Name of Executive Director <b>Dan Fick, President and CEO</b>			
Mailing Address <b>P.O. Box 324</b>			
City <b>Simpsonville</b>	State <b>KY</b>	ZIP <b>40067</b>	
Farm/Facility Name <b>Christ Chapel at Churchill Downs (one of 5 tracks served)</b>			
City <b>Louisville</b>	State <b>KY</b>	ZIP <b>40208</b>	
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City <b>Louisville</b>	State <b>KY</b>	ZIP <b>40208</b>	
Contact - Name and Title <b>Sharilyn Unthank, Donor Relations Coordinator</b>			
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Please provide a response to each question below:

Brief Mission Statement

Our mission is to nurture the spiritual and material needs of all people in the horse racing industry and their families through Christian ministry.

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

This grant would enable the Kentucky Race Track Chaplaincy to support Thoroughbred health and welfare through two educational offerings:

**SEMI-ANNUAL BILINGUAL SEMINARS ON HORSE CARE**

We will offer one two-day seminar at Churchill Downs in May or June in cooperation with Kentucky HBPA and Churchill Downs. And we will offer another in the fall at a different Kentucky track. Dr. C. Reid McLellan will lead these hands-on seminars, using materials developed by college professors with over 60 years combined experience in horses, racing and teaching with contributions from veterinarians, farriers, equine dentists and human health and safety professionals. Programs are designed to provide knowledge and skills training that will enhance the ability of grooms and other equine care workers to care for their horses.

**SEMI-ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Our chaplains enact our mission and educational offerings, and they need continued professional development to equip them for the many challenges of the job. The needs of backside workers can be overwhelming. In addition to the challenges all of us routinely face, backside workers face a disproportionate number of additional challenges, including but not limited to substance abuse, physical needs, interpersonal difficulties, emotional issues, spiritual concerns, and immigration issues. Ministering to individuals who are dealing with these kinds of issues requires specialized skills. To equip our chaplains with those skills, we hold weekly video-conference meetings with the team from five racetracks discussing programs and counselling that can be applied to serving workers at the tracks and training centers. Additionally, we have started a bi-annual two-day continuing education program led by experts to optimize the counseling and service skills of our staff.

**GOALS AND TIMELINE**

1. Train 25 workers in horse care at Churchill Downs in May or June, 2022.
2. Train 25 workers in horse care at Ellis Park in August 2022 and/or Keeneland in October 2022.
3. Train 7 chaplains in September 2022.
4. Train 7 chaplains in February 2023.

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

Not applicable

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

Major contributors to KRTC in 2021 included 8 individual donors/couples; Caldwell Tanks, Inc; Carson-Myre Charitable Foundation; Christian Word Ministries, Inc; Churchill Downs; Edwards Moving & Rigging, Inc.; Hope 4 All; Marshall Family Foundation, Inc; National Christian Foundation Kentucky; Race Track Chaplaincy of America, Inc.; Thoroughbred Charities of America; and Winchester Place Thoroughbreds, LLC.

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

The Kentucky Race Track Chaplaincy engages in educational efforts at two levels: horse racing industry workers and the public.

We work to support the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of workers in the horse racing industry at the five tracks listed above as well as at farms, training centers, and neighborhoods near each. This includes both educational efforts directly in horse care and horsemanship, as well as in areas such as health, English as a second language, art, cooking, family relationships, and Christianity.

Our board and staff work intentionally to educate the public about our work, our mission, and the horse racing community and industry to new people. We speak at churches across Kentucky and at group meetings such as Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, Zanta Club, etc. Our goal with this work is to increase awareness, recruit volunteers, and solicit donations of supplies or funding. We also reach people through social media. And we work with local journalists to share stories in printed newspapers, online news sites, and television.

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 first two articles are a good reflection of the work we do on the backside. The third is a remembrance of Jockey Larry Melancon, who helped establish the chaplaincy at Churchill Downs. The remainder are press releases promoting various events. Links to the articles are included.

- "A Ministry of Presence." SECC Unleashed. March/April 2022. Volume 1, Issue 2. <https://www.southeastchristian.org/unleashed-digital/recognizing-the-unnoticed>
- "The Latino immigrants who make the Kentucky Derby tick." The Guardian. May 1, 2021. <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2021/may/01/churchill-downs-louisville-kentucky-horse-racing-immigrants>
- "'Courage Personified': Remembering Late Jockey Larry Melancon." Paulick Report. March 26, 2021. <https://paulickreport.com/news/people/courage-personified-remembering-late-jockey-larry-melancon/>
- "KY Race Track Chaplaincy Schedules Race For Grace." BloodHorse. January 19, 2022. <https://www.bloodhorse.com/horse-racing/articles/256226/ky-race-track-chaplaincy-schedules-race-for-grace>
- "Kentucky Race Track Chaplaincy Race for Grace to Be Held May 2." Thoroughbred Daily News. January 19, 2022. <https://www.thoroughbreddailynews.com/tag/kentucky-race-track-chaplaincy/>
- "Kentucky Race Track Chaplaincy Schedules Race For Grace On May 2." Paulick Report. January 10, 2022. <https://paulickreport.com/news/kentucky-race-track-chaplaincy-schedules-race-for-grace-on-may-2/>
- "Golf Tournament to Benefit Belterra Park Chaplaincy." Thoroughbred Daily News. June 2, 2021. <https://www.thoroughbreddailynews.com/golf-tournament-to-benefit-belterra-park-chaplaincy/>
- "'Race for Grace' event to benefit backside ministry." By the Record, Archdiocesan News, April 21, 2021. <https://therecordnewspaper.org/race-for-grace-event-to-benefit-backside-ministry/>

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

1. The Kentucky Race Track Chaplaincy has the trust of members of the horse racing industry. Both frontside and backside workers know that our chaplains care about their well-being as people with lives both at work and outside work. Our involvement with the two-day bilingual seminars on horse care and horsemanship will increase the events' persuasiveness among backside workers as being good for both workers and horses.
2. Furthermore, healthy people treat animals well. Training our chaplains to care for people facing a disproportionate number of challenges in life - including but not limited to substance abuse, physical needs, interpersonal difficulties, emotional issues, spiritual concerns, and immigration issues - will help our chaplains improve the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of backside workers, which will improve the care of thoroughbred horses across Kentucky.
3. Finally, our chaplaincy team is bilingual, which means that they can serve nearly all horse racing industry workers, whether those workers speak English or Spanish.

Space for Additional Information and Notes

Dear TERF Board,

During my nearly 50 years in the horse racing industry, I have learned that continuing education is one of the keys to success. On behalf of the KRTC Board, I respectfully request a grant of \$11,500 to improve horse care through continuing education. From the standpoint of the care of the horse, what can have a more immediate effect than the Groom Elite Program training the grooms on horsemanship, proper care and monitoring the wellness of their horses? The same holds true for the continuing education of our Chaplains and ministry staff. Learning never stops and we can never learn enough.

Thank you for considering this proposal. If approved, I look forward to the opportunity to partner with Dr. Scott Palmer and Herb and Ellen Moelis again for the benefit of the horse racing industry.

Warmly,

Dan Fick

Board President and CEO

Please List Your Organization's Officers and Their Titles.

1. Dan Fick, President, retired horse racing executive
2. Anthony Estes, Vice-President, retired Senior Vice President of Brandeis Machine & Supply
3. Polly Dunlavy, Secretary, lifetime family affiliation with Thoroughbred horse racing
4. Gene Snowden, Jr., Treasurer, retired President and COO of Brandeis Machine & Supply

Per an email with Beth Harper Briglia, Program Administrator for TERF at the Chester County Community Foundation on 3/23/22, we are sharing full, personal contact information for our Board of Directors' officers below. For the remaining eight Directors, we will provide city, state, and the KRTC office phone number. Our Board's officers are the designated spokespersons for the KRTC Board, so if you need to reach the other Directors, feel free to contact the officers, or the KRTC office. Thank you for your flexibility on this matter.

Please list the organization's board of directors or trustees including names, addresses, work and home telephone numbers. Please use additional space if needed.

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Name Craig Wiley		
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Please list names and, briefly, the duties of volunteers and paid employees in your organization. Also, provide salaries paid to directors and employees if applicable. Please use additional space if needed.

Name Jesús Amaya - Ellis Park and Kentucky Downs Chaplain	Salary \$16,900
Duties This part-time chaplain position is responsible to provide a ministry of presence to the race track workers through daily walks in barn areas and regular office hours. Services include weekly worship, Bible studies, prayer circles, outreach ministries, and community events for clothing, food, and recreation. The chaplain networks with churches and civic organizations to develop support and participation, participates in Board meetings, provides reports of activities, and performs other duties as requested. The chaplain fulfills the vision, mission and values of KRTC, ensuring that the functions are inter-denominational and consistent with the Statement of Faith of the Chaplaincy.	

Name Keren Jemima Davila Suarez - Women's Ministry Director	Salary \$22,256
Duties This part-time Women's Ministry Director position is responsible to provide a ministry to female race track workers and female partners of race track workers. This includes daily office hours, weekly visits in the barn areas, weekly worship services, Bible studies, prayer circles, outreach ministries, and community events. The position networks with the racetrack administration, area churches, and civic organizations to coordinate activity and develop support, participates in Board meetings, provides reports of activities, and performs other duties as requested. The Women's Ministry Director fulfills the vision, mission and values of KRTC, ensuring that the functions are inter-denominational and consistent with the Statement of Faith of the Chaplaincy.	

Name Joseph Del Rosario - Churchill Downs Chaplain	Salary \$53,664
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Duties

This full-time chaplain position is responsible to provide a ministry of presence to the race track workers through daily walks in barn areas and regular office hours. Services include weekly worship, Bible studies, prayer circles, outreach ministries, and community events for clothing, food, and recreation. The chaplain networks with churches and civic organizations to develop support and participation, participates in Board meetings, provides reports of activities, and performs other duties as requested. The chaplain fulfills the vision, mission and values of KRTC, ensuring that the functions are inter-denominational and consistent with the Statement of Faith of the Chaplaincy.

Name

John (Scott) Neal - Director of Development & Communications

Salary

\$48,000

Duties

The full-time Director of Development and Communications collaborates closely with the President, Board of Directors and Donor Relations Coordinator to raise funds for KRTC. This position is responsible for fundraising initiatives, special fundraising events, grant proposals, marketing, and public relations. The Donor Relations Coordinator is an assistant to this position and they often complement one another in their donor development efforts. This position fulfills the vision, mission and values of KRTC, ensuring that the functions are inter-denominational and consistent with the Statement of Faith of the Chaplaincy.

Name

Sharilyn Unthank - Donor Relations Coordinator

Salary

\$20,602

Duties

The part-time Donor Relations Coordinator collaborates with the Board of Directors and Director of Development and Communications to initiate and maintain regular communications with donors, prospective donors, industry personnel and in-kind contributors. Principal duties center around regular, intentional communications utilizing the telephone, US mail, email, social media and in person encounters. Other duties may be assigned that are related to KRTC events, outreach and ministry. This position is an assistant to the Director of Development and Communications. This position fulfills the vision, mission and values of KRTC, ensuring that the functions are inter-denominational and consistent with the Statement of Faith of the Chaplaincy.

Name

Pavel Urruchi - Belterra Park and Turfway Park Chaplain

Salary

\$56,264

Duties

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Name Erica Williamson - Children's Ministry Director	Salary \$22,256
Duties This part-time Children's Ministry Director position is responsible to provide a ministry to the children of race track workers. The primary purpose of this position is to develop and administer creative age-appropriate bible teaching that engages the children in learning. The position networks with the racetrack administration, area churches, and civic organizations to coordinate activity and develop support, participates in Board meetings, provides reports of activities, and performs other duties as requested. The Children's Ministry Director fulfills the vision, mission and values of KRTC, ensuring that the functions are inter-denominational and consistent with the Statement of Faith of the Chaplaincy.	

Name Rich Gimmel - Director of Ministry Staff	Salary \$0 (volunteer)
Duties This part-time volunteer position is responsible to supervise the ministry staff in order to advance the mission and vision of the ministry. This includes aiding their personal development, enhancing accountability, and providing periodic retreats, seminars, conferences or other training and guidance designed to help the individual ministerial staff member grow personally and professionally.	

Name Daniel Hatfield - Volunteer Lead Chaplain	Salary \$0 (volunteer)
Duties This part-time volunteer chaplain position is responsible to provide a ministry of presence to the race track workers at Churchill Downs and to serve as a coach and mentor to the other ministry staff.	

Additional regular volunteers:

- Gail Kirchner, all purpose and meals
- Sue Bove, all purpose and meals
- Richard Cherry, Clothing Closet and food
- Tina Bowser, Clothing Closet and food
- Polly Dunlavy, Clothing Closet and food
- Melissa Goode, Clothing Closet and food
- Marty Way, Clothing Closet Coordinator
- Paula Gunn, Clothing Closet
- Cathy Milam, Clothing Closet
- Jeff Hardin, Clothing Closet
- Denise Hardin, Clothing Closet
- Jan Oster, Clothing Closet
- Colin Tanner, Worship
- Jamie Antonio Garcia, Worship
- Angel Lopez, Worship

- Paul Davies, Translation/Worship
- Delores Gilmore, food
- Patricia, Worship
- Collin, Worship
- Edith, Worship
- Collin, Youth Ministry
- Bryan, Youth Ministry

**Attachments:**

- IRS Letter
- Project Budget
- KRTC Funding Sources

**References:**

Please feel free to contact the Officers of our Board of Directors. Additional references are available upon request.

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