



Hogan Foundation of Love

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(Newbury Park, CA) On Valentine's Day, we're all reminded to acknowledge our special some ones; however, at the Hogan Family Foundation, every day is a day of love. Through the Foundation's canine and equine rehabilitation and rescue programs, individuals in assisted living facilities, abused women, disadvantaged children, and homeless adults all feel the love.

The Hogan Family Foundation works with a number of organizations in the area to enhance their programs and to spread the joy. One such effort involves Love on a Leash, which helps provide comfort and companionship to patients in hospitals, nursing homes, and other institutions through the use of "Therapy Dogs."

The Foundation's Vice President Glenn Hogan takes his own, specially-trained dog to visit seniors in the community. He says positive, therapeutic responses of the elder citizens are "nothing short of astounding," as they seem to come to life when his dog enters their rooms. He notes that some of those he sees fondly recall their childhood pets, which is "emotionally uplifting and puts big smiles on their faces."

The Foundation's horse rescue program that operates out of the Foundation's Rancho St. Francis facilities near its headquarters in Newbury Park is another love connection that reaps big benefits. Hogan explains, "The formerly mistreated horses are greeted on a regular basis by individuals who have also experienced their share of bad situations in their pasts. Abused and neglected children, homeless adults, and battered women from various organizations come here to care for and appreciate the horses. On both sides of the saddles, genuine warmth and affection are shared among all of the participants-equine and human."

Hogan, says, "These programs are truly circles of love. The animals we have rescued are in great need of love, as are the individuals coming to care for them. It is heart warming and very gratifying to see the positive responses from both the animals and those reaching out to them. Also, to bring some joy to 'shut-ins' is extremely satisfying. We are very fortunate to experience Valentine's Day every day in so many ways."

For more information on current programs operated by The Hogan Family Foundation, go online at www.hoganfoundation.org. For volunteer opportunities in your community, visit www.volunteermatch.com. # # #



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