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**TURFWAY PARK GIVES NEARLY \$4,000 to SECOND STRIDE
TO CARE FOR RETIRED HORSES THAT RACED THERE**

CRESTWOOD, Ky. — Turfway Park has given Second Stride \$3,832.58 to pay for the aftercare of 12 retired racehorses that were last stabled at the Florence, Ky., racetrack or ran there during 2011.

Turfway officials sent the money after learning those horses had been cared for by Second Stride after their racing careers were over. All of those horses have been placed in new homes.

“It is wonderful to see how much Turfway cares about its horses. This was not a solicited donation; they came to us,” said Second Stride President Kim Smith. “Caring for and retraining retired racehorses can be very expensive, and we rely solely on donations. To see a racetrack step up, and without being asked, to help ensure a better future for these horses sets an example we hope other tracks will follow.”

Newly named Kentucky State Racing Steward Barbara Borden, a former horse identifier at Turfway, played an instrumental role in the donation. Daniel Bach, Turfway’s Director of Operations, signed the letter with the donation check.

About Turfway Park

Turfway Park offers live Thoroughbred racing during the fall, winter and early spring. The track hosts several graded stakes, including the Grade 3 Vinery Racing Spiral Stakes, a Kentucky Derby prep race, and the Grade 3 Bourbonette Oaks. It also hosts the Kentucky Cup Day of Champions in the fall, which includes the Grade 2 WinStar Kentucky Cup, the Grade 3 Speightstown Kentucky Cup Sprint and the Grade 3 Distorted Humor Kentucky Cup Distaff.

The track, located in Northern Kentucky about an hour and a half from Louisville, also is open all year for simulcast racing from tracks around the country. Admission is free every day except Vinery Racing Spiral Stakes day, and parking is free all the time.

For more information about the track, go to www.turfway.com.

About Second Stride

Based in Crestwood, Ky., Second Stride is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit providing professional rehabilitation, retraining and placement of retired thoroughbred racehorses with a goal of

ensuring healthy and productive lives after the track. It relies solely on donations such as Turfway's to continue its work, and is the only nonprofit for retired thoroughbreds operating in the Louisville area.

With thousands of racehorses born in the United States each year, it is important for them to have a place to go after they leave the track. The way former racehorses are handled and trained their first few months away from the track can influence the opportunities they have for the rest of their lives. Second Stride specializes in giving ex-racehorses the proper care and quality training they need to succeed in something new.

Former Second Stride horses are now competing in dressage, eventing and polo, and are working as search and rescue horses, ranch cutting horses, lesson horses and trail and pleasure horses. Not only have those horses have been helped, many people have benefited by having a great new companion.

Efforts are made to ensure each Second Stride horse and its new owner are a good match, and the owner's intended use for the horse suits its health and capabilities. Adopters are thoroughly screened, and Second Stride follows up to ensure horses are continuing to receive quality care.

Second Stride also works with racehorse owners and trainers and other groups to educate people about the needs of retired racehorses. Program horses have competed in shows while in retraining and appeared at other events to showcase the potential of retired racehorses.

Second Stride's training facility is in Prospect, and it currently is in the process of completing infrastructure on a 103-acre location in Henry County, Ky., to help house more horses at one time in a comfortable environment for their transition from the track to a new career.

For more information on Second Stride, and to see horses currently up for adoption, visit www.secondstride.org.

Second Stride follows American Association of Equine Practitioners guidelines on ethical care for horses.

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